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**Volume IV, Number 2
Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
October 14, 2010**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President K.M. Isaac and roll was taken.

Those whose names are **grayed** out below were absent.

Levent Acar, Baojun Bai, S.N. Balakrishnan, Jerry Bayless, Gretchen Brockfeld, Brenden Burke, W.J. Charatonik, Michael Davis, Cassie Elrod, Fikret Ercal, Bill Fahrenholtz, Mark Fitch, Daniel Forciniti, Ron Frank, Steve Grant, Barbara Hale, Lance Haynes, Patrick Huber, Wayne Huebner, K.M. Isaac, Kurt Kosbar, Bih-Ru Lea, Sanjay Madria, Jim Martin, Julia Medvedeva, Glenn Morrison, Mark Mullin, Keith Nisbett, Ken Ragsdell, Robert Roe, Pericles Stavropoulos, Trent Watts, Klaus Woelk, Paul Worsey, Chengshan Xiao

The following substitutions were noted: Robert Schwartz for Chancellor Carney and Kent Wray

The September 16, 2010 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

II. Campus Reports and Responses

a. President Report – K.M. Isaac

President Isaac reported on retirement benefits, system award policies, and President Forsee's visit to campus.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/presidentreports/KMIsaac.10.14.10.pptx>

President Isaac made a request to the Faculty Senate to allow a change to the agenda to consider a motion from the Public Occasions Committee. There were no objections.

b. Public Occasions Committee – David Westenberg

The Public Occasions Committee made a motion to approve the Homecoming dates of October 7-8, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. Administrative Report – Vice Provost Schwartz for Chancellor Carney III

There is a town hall meeting with President Forsee on November 2, 2010, 1:00-3:00 PM, St. Pat's A&B, in the Havener Center.

President Forsee will be giving the commencement address on December 18, 2010.

d. Administrative Report – Vice Provost Schwartz for Provost Wray

Vice Provost Schwartz gave reports on the offices of Academic Affairs, Global Learning, Graduate Studies, International Affairs, Sponsored Programs, Undergraduate Studies, and Enrollment Management.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultyenate.mst.edu/documents/provost/DrWray.FS.Report.10.14.10.pptx>

e. Staff Council Report – Jessie Singleton

No report.

f. Student Council Report – Nick Wilson (substitute for Pres. Michael Schwartz)

Funding for the Direct Student Fund (DSF) is scheduled for October 26, 2010.

The student interest survey will be released soon.

Two resolutions were passed by the Student Council. 1) Approved to decouple the UM IT fee and 2) Will add gender identity to the non discrimination clause.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultyenate.mst.edu/documents/studentcouncil/Student.Council.FS.Report.10.14.10.pptx>

g. Council of Graduate Students – Vishwanath Gandikota

No report.

III. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

a. RP&A – Michael Schulz

Michael Schulz reported the need to replace open representative slots on the Curriculum, Administrative Review and Student Affairs Committees.

RP&A nominated Dr. Scott Grasman for the vacant position on the Curriculum Committee. Michael Schulz asked for other nominations but none was given.

A motion to approve Dr. Scott Grasman as a representative on the Curriculum Committee was passed unanimously.

RP&A nominated Dr. Francisca Oboh-Ikuenobe for the vacant position on the Administrative Review Committee. Michael Schulz asked for other nominations but none was given.

A motion to approve Dr. Francisca Oboh-Ikuenobe as a representative on the Administrative Review Committee was passed unanimously.

RP&A nominated Dr. David Pommerenke for the vacant position on the Student Affairs committee. Michael Schulz asked for other nominations but none was given.

A motion to approve Dr. David Pommerenke as a representative on the Student Affairs Committee was passed unanimously.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/rpa/reports/RPA.Schulz.10.14.10.pptx>

b. Curricula Committee – Keith Nisbett

The Missouri S&T Campus Curricula Committee recommend that the curriculum changes and degree proposals be approved. There were 2 Degree Changes (DC), 7 Course Changes (CC) and 2 Experimental Course (EC) forms.

A motion to approve the submitted forms as posted on the web was passed unanimously.

Details can be found at the following links:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/curricula/Curricula.10.14.10.pdf>

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/curricula/Curricula.Slides.10.14.10.pptx>

c. Budgetary Affairs – Barbara Hale

Barbara Hale provided an informational report with respect to the overall budget.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/bac/BAC.10.14.10.pptx>

d. Personnel – S.N. Balakrishnan

S.N. Balakrishnan gave a report to respond to the referral from RP&A asking to explicate the ramifications of defined benefits versus defined contribution plans.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/personnel/PersonnelCommitteeRpt.10.14.10.ppt>

IV. Old Business

a. Update on UM system awards – M. Schulz

M. Schulz provided an RP&A update regarding the UM system awards. A motion was passed at the September 2010 Faculty Senate meeting to convey its recommendation to IFC that the system awards should be focused on the main responsibilities of the faculty. RP&A received notice that the recommendations of the committee that were discussed at the September 2010 IFC meeting would be implemented. A thorough vetting of the committee's recommendations did not take place.

V. New Business - None

The meeting was adjourned at 14:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James Martin, Secretary