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**Volume III, Number 1
Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
September 24, 2009**

I. In Memoriam and Moment of Silence for Professor Don Myers

Lance Haynes gave a reflection of Don Myers life and how he valued and contributed to the Faculty Senate. Everyone stood for a moment of silence for Professor Don Myers.

II. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President Doug Carroll and roll was taken.

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

Levent Acar, Baojun Bai, S. N. Balakrishnan, Gretchen Brockfeld, Brenden Burke, Michael Davis, Fikret Ercal, Bill Fahrenholtz, Mark Fitch, Daniel Forciniti, Ron Frank, Steve Grant, Barbara Hale, Richard Hall, Lance Haynes, K. M. Isaac, *Morris Kalliny, Kurt Kosbar, Ray Luechtefeld, Ronaldo Luna, Sanjay Madria, Jim Martin, Michael Meagher, Julia Medvedeva, Scott Miller, Ilene Morgan, Mark Mullin, Keith Nisbett, Ken Ragsdell, Robert Roe, Frank Blum for Pericles Stavropoulos, Richard Stephenson, Trent Watts, Klaus Woelk, Paul Worsey, and Chengshan Xiao.*

The following substitutions were noted: Frank Blum for Pericles Stavropoulos

The June 18, 2009 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

III. Election of 2009–10 Faculty Senate Officers

Doug Carroll, President of Faculty Senate, presented a slate of officer candidates for the 2009-10 Faculty Senate nominated by RP&A. The following slate was **accepted** unanimously:

President – Michael Schulz
President Elect – K. M. Isaac
Secretary – Neil Book
Parliamentarian – Michael Davis

IV. New President

Doug Carroll introduced newly-elected President Schulz and presented him a gavel.

V. Presentation of Plaque to Past President of Faculty Senate

The following resolution was **passed** unanimously:

FS0910res-1:

Whereas Professor Douglas R. Carroll has served the Missouri University of Science & Technology Faculty Senate since 2006 as Parliamentarian, Secretary, and President;

Whereas, as an Officer of the Faculty Senate, Professor Carroll has demonstrated thoughtfulness, fairness, and willingness for compromises in these positions;

Whereas, under Professor Carroll's leadership the first Special Program was fully established, revised tenure & promotion rules were passed, and revisions of the bylaws were submitted to the University of Missouri System;

Whereas Professor Carroll has, in spite of enduring long travel distances in order to combine his duties as a program director in Springfield with his service to the Faculty Senate in Rolla, maintained a positive attitude and good humor through these times;

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the Missouri University of Science & Technology does hereby sincerely thank Professor Carroll for many jobs well done and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

Adopted this 24th day of September, 2009 at the meeting of the Missouri University of Science & Technology Faculty Senate.

VI. Election of 2009-10 IFC and MAFS Representatives

Michael Schulz presented a slate of candidates proposed by RP&A for the 2009-10 Intercampus Faculty Council and Missouri Association of Faculty Senates. A motion to accept the following representatives was **passed** unanimously.

Intercampus Faculty Council Slate (IFC)

Doug Carroll, Michael Schulz, K. M. Isaac

Missouri Association of Faculty Senates Slate (MAFS)

K. M. Isaac and Alternate Michael Schulz

VII. Campus Reports and Responses

a. President Report – Doug Carroll

Doug Carroll thanked the Faculty Senate for electing him to serve as President and reflected on actions taken such as rewriting the bylaws, eliminating the Dean positions, changing the name of the university, and rewriting the tenure regulations during the past year. He spoke about the “New Reality” in higher education and what the faculty can do to help the university during this reform.

b. Administrative Report – Vice Provost Schwartz for Chancellor John F. Carney III

Board of Trustees meeting held in September was very productive. Good input during the SWOT analysis from the trustees to the Chancellor.

The 6th annual Gala was most successful with a record attendance of 153 people. Wayne (CE '67) and Gayle Laufer pledged \$3.4 million to establish an endowed chair in energy.

The S&T capital campaign is now over \$190 million toward the \$200 million dollar goal. Our endowment generates ~\$600 thousand each year that goes into our annual budget.

The new Fitness Center will be open in about one week.

Enrollment is now at 5500 undergraduates and 900 graduate students. Enrollment is up about 7 percent. A capacity study is underway.

Research activity was good last year with \$42.57 million dollars in awards. Research expenditures were \$38.08 million and the overhead return was \$6.95 million dollars.

c. Administrative Report – Vice Provost Schwartz for Provost Wray

Vice Provost Schwartz gave reports on the offices of Academic Affairs, Office of Graduate Studies, and Global Learning.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/DrWray.FS.Report.09.24.09.ppt>

d. Staff Council Report – Wade Jadwin

Wade Jadwin is the new President for Staff Council. The staff is now using the Telepresence room located in the Library to cut down on travel costs to attend Intercampus Staff Advisory Council meetings. An open forum was held on September 21st for staff to review the results from the Staff Council survey. New Staff Council members and officers were installed and a Charitable Awareness campaign will be active again this year. The key focus this year will be to implement professional opportunities for staff.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/Staff.Council.09.24.09.pptx>

e. Student Council – Paul Voss

Student Council has established an ad-hoc committee to determine if a “free speech zone” is needed on campus.

Faculty Senate has the option to use the Student Council survey if items requiring student input is needed.

The Recognized Student Organization (RSO) committee is in need of faculty members.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/Student.Council.FS.Report.09.24.09.ppt>

f. Council of Graduate Students – Ravi Akella

The council met September 10th and had a panel discussion on graduate studies.

The key panelists were Drs. Schwartz, Krishnamurthy and Allada. Graduate students had a chance to interact and learn about different aspects of graduate life on campus.

The council is working on outreach to the graduate community on campus and several social events are planned.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/CGS.09.24.09.ppt>

VIII. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

a. RP&A – Election of Representatives to Faculty Standing Committees

Election of Standing Committees

RP&A proposed a slate of candidates for the 2009-10 Academic Freedom and Standards, Administrative Review, Budgetary Affairs, Curricula, Facilities Planning, Honorary Degrees, Library and Learning Resources, Personnel, Public Occasions, Student Affairs, Student Awards and Financial Aids, Parking, Security and Traffic Committee, and Student Scholastic Appeals.

Academic Freedom and Standards

A motion to accept the following representatives was **passed** unanimously. Lance Haynes, Dick Dubroff, Paul Parris, Mark Schlesinger, and Anne Cotterill

Administrative Review

A motion to accept the following representatives was **passed** unanimously. Don Sharpsteen and Ralph Wilkerson

Budgetary Affairs

A motion to accept the following representatives was **passed** unanimously. Pericles Stavropoulos, Shari Dunn-Norman, Ken Ragsdale, and Al Crosbie

Curricula

A motion to accept the following representative was **passed** unanimously. Ray Luechtefeld

Facilities Planning

A motion to accept the following representatives was **passed** unanimously. John Sheffield, Klaus Woelk, Badrul Chowdhury, and Ron Bieniek

Library and Learning Resources

A motion to accept the following representatives was **passed** unanimously. Michael Bruening, Hong Sheng, Gearoid MacSithigh, and Alexey Yamilov

Personnel

A motion to accept the following representatives was **passed** unanimously. Chariklia Sotiriou Leventis, Tsegai Isaac, Badrul Chowdhury, and S. N. Balakrishnan

Student Affairs

A motion to accept the following representatives was **passed** unanimously. Steve Raper and Robert Landers

Student Awards and Financial Aids

A motion to accept the following representatives was **passed** unanimously. Joshua Rovey, Mark Mullin and Robert Roe

Parking, Security and Traffic Committee

A motion to accept the following representatives was **passed** unanimously. Dev Niyogi, Norman Cox, Cassie Elrod, Don Hagen, Jack Morgan, Jerry Tien, and Arindam Banerjee

Student Scholastic Appeals

A motion to accept the following representatives was **passed** unanimously. Bill Fahrenholtz, Ron Frank, and James Martin

b. Curricula Committee – Keith Nisbett

The Missouri S&T Campus Curricula Committee recommend that the curriculum changes and degree proposals be approved. No major disagreements were found. There were 7 DC, 21 CC and 10 EC forms.

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

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/Curricula.09.24.09.pdf>

c. Public Occasions – No Report

d. Academic Freedom and Standards

The Academic Freedom and Standards Committee was asked to review the proposed Campus Assessment Plan. The Committee found no problems or issues

and recommended the Faculty Senate endorse the proposed Campus Assessment Plan.

A motion to approve the endorsement of the Proposed Campus Assessment Plan passed unanimously.

e. Facilities Planning – K. Woelk

The Facilities Planning committee evaluated the new Master Plan for Missouri S&T. This plan will be presented to the Board of Curators at their next meeting.

A motion to approve the endorsement of the new Master Plan for Missouri S&T was passed. (2 opposed/2 abstain)

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/FP.09.24.09.pptx>

IX. Old Business

Chemistry BS Degree – K. Woelk

The Chemistry Department requested putting the non-ACS Certified BS degree on “inactive status”. This was tabled in a previous Faculty Senate meeting.

A motion to take the request of placing the non-ACS BS degree on “inactive status” off the table passed unanimously.

The Chemistry Department has two BS degrees (certified and non-certified). There was discussion regarding the “inactive status” as opposed to “delete”. Inactive status will allow the department to re-instate the degree easier.

A motion to approve the request of placing the non-ACS BS degree on “inactive status” passed unanimously.

X. New Business and Announcements

Grievance Resolution Panel - G. Gelles

S&T has joined a pilot program with UMKC and UMC that is testing a streamlined process to handle grievances. A request was made for applicants willing to serve as the two faculty representatives on the Grievance Resolution Panel. One applicant will be elected to a two-year term and a second to a one-year term on the panel. The faculty representatives will join the administrative representative, Vice Provost Collier, who is serving a three-year term on the panel.

The meeting was adjourned at 15:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Neil Book, Secretary