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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
April 26, 2018

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani. Roll was called by Secretary Steven Corns. Those whose names are **grayed** out below were absent.

Brent Unger, (Jerry Cohen for) Audra Merfeld-Langston, Mark Mullin, David Westenberg, (Langtao Chen for) Craig Claybaugh, (Richard Hall for) Fui-Hoon Nah, Parthasakha Neogi, Jee Ching Wang, Jeffrey Winiarz, **Klaus Woelk**, Mark Fitch, Jianmin Wang; Wei Jiang, (Michael Gosnell for) Chaman Sabharwal, Michael Davis, Levent Acar, (Ali Hurson for) James Drewniak, Kurt Kosbar, Maciej Zawodniok, Steven Corns, Steve Raper, K. C. Dolan, Sarah Hercula, , Norbert Maerz, David Wronkiewicz, Kathleen Sheppard, **Wayne Huebner**, **David Van Aken**, Akim Adekpedjou, Martin Bohner, S.N. Balakrishnan, **Umit Koylu**, Ashok Midha, Gearoid MacSithigh, **Otis Register**, Shoaib Usman, Paul Worsey, Dan Waddill, Ulrich Jentschura, Amber Henslee

II. Approval of Minutes

Two corrections to the draft March 22, 2018 minutes were submitted via email prior to the meeting: Levent Acar was incorrectly marked absent and it was pointed out that Michael Bruening was not in attendance at the meeting. Therefore, the motion to suspend the order of the day was amended to say “The motion was seconded.” The minutes of the March 22, 2018 meeting were approved as corrected.

III. Campus Reports

A. Staff Council

Mr. John Cook reported that Staff Council held an open forum earlier in the day for staff to voice concerns or ask questions. He also stated that the Staff Council Employee Scholarship would be live on the Staff Council website by June 15, Staff Day is scheduled for May 30, and the Activity Analysis Advisory Committee full report is expected later this month.

Details of the report are available at the following link:
[StaffCouncil.4.26.18](#)

B. Student Council

Ms. Madison Moore reported that Student Council has selected the Executive Board and officers for 2018-19 have been installed. She stated that they are working on a fundraiser for the Student Emergency Fund to be held in the fall. Goals for the new year will focus on improving mental health on campus and seeing the completion of the Fitness Center project.

Details of the report are available at the following link:

[STUCO.4.26.18](#)

C. Council of Graduate Students

Mr. Palasch Bhowmik reported that there were 72 participants in the Graduate Showcase held the day before this meeting, with prizes in the amount of \$3,000 being awarded. He went on to say that a decision regarding summer research fellowships and travel grants will be announced by the Graduate Office soon. Mr. Bhowmik said that the course content for the proposed Inter-disciplinary course has been prepared and discussions are ongoing regarding online video content and options for delivery. A “Dual Campus Degree Program” is also being explored with our Physics Department.

Details of the report are available at the following link:

[CGS.4.26.18](#)

IV. President’s Report

Professor Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani reported on the Board of Curators’ meeting held on the S&T campus on April 12 and 13. She stated that the IFC met with the Board on April 12 to discuss faculty professional development and the Research Board. S&T Faculty Senate hosted breakfast for the Board on April 13. The theme was “Elevating Missouri Through Research and Education”. Drs. Joe Stanley and Stuart Baur spoke about their outreach activities through Project Lead the Way. Brad Ziegler, a Ph.D. student in Computer Engineering, spoke about his journey back to Rolla and James Bahm, a B.S. student in Technical Communication spoke about the role of the Writing Center in his education. CRR 340.070 – Faculty Leave and CRR 280.040 – Student Involuntary Health Leave of Absence were both approved at the April Board meeting. Critical discussion on April 13 was on the University Task Force. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on June 21 – 22 in Columbia.

Dr. Sedigh Sarvestani said that the Intercampus Faculty Council met on April 20. She added that three curators will be invited to the May 17 meeting. Current initiatives include review of policies related to NTT faculty and to evaluation of teaching. Initiatives proposed for future consideration are review of grievance policy and resolution procedures, and review of joint appointments.

In campus news, Dr. Sedigh Sarvestani reported that the final draft of the Strategic Plan is due in June. The search committee has made recommendations for the Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies. The Academic Program review, led by John McManus, is ongoing; the final document is being revised based on input from departments and will be submitted to System on April 30. President Choi participated in a fireside chat hosted by Chancellor Maples on April 18. She went on to extend congratulations to Dr. Kathryn Northcutt and Ms. Meg Brady, who were named Woman of the Year and 2018 recipient of the Advocate Award. Nominations for S&T faculty representative to UM System's Total Rewards and Advisory Committee are due April 30. Finally, the General Faculty meeting and committee elections will be held May 1, at 4 P.M. in 125 Butler-Carlton Hall.

Professor Sedigh Sarvestani mentioned that ongoing Faculty Senate initiatives include review of the bylaws, development of procedure for creation and alignment of academic departments, and the investigation into the solar house sale, which will be discussed during the Budgetary Affairs Committee report.

Dr. Sedigh Sarvestani stated that several issues have been referred for consideration, including the possible addition of a fall break before Thanksgiving, disability support policies and practices, potential exclusion of courses taken elsewhere from a student's GPA, and budgetary affairs related topics.

Details of the report are available at the following link:

[President.Report.4.26.18](#)

V. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Curricula

Professor Tom Schuman presented the Curricula Committee report stating that the Curricula Committee met on April 4 to review five degree change requests, nine course change requests, and three experimental course requests.

Motion: The Curriculum Committee moves for Faculty Senate to approve the DC and CC form actions.

Professor Mark Fitch moved to strike CHEM ENG 2100 from the approval list, citing that the proposed change would impact the number of hours in one of the environmental engineering degrees. Further discussion revealed that striking this course change would impact other degree changes proposed and would also impact the printing of the course catalog.

The motion to strike CHEM ENG 2100 from the list of approved course changes did not pass.

With no further discussion, the original motion to approve the course and degree

change forms passed.

Details of the report are available at the following link:

[CCC.Report.4.26.18](#)

[FS.Slides.4.26.18](#)

B. Budgetary Affairs

Professor Mark Fitch reported that the Budgetary Affairs Committee (BAC) continues to work through the various referrals they have received, which were listed in the presentation. He added that no significant changes in the information known about the current and next fiscal year budget have been shared with the BAC.

Professor Fitch then discussed the referral pertaining to the Solar House sale, which focused on three areas including statements that rumors indicated that the highest offer was not accepted, a claim that members of the student team and faculty advisors were not included in the decision, and claims that donated components may have been sold as part of the house in violation of donor requirements. He then discussed the results of the BAC investigation into each of these areas.

The discussion continued with questions and comments from several faculty. Professor Fitch concluded that much of the information regarding the research impact is contradictory. He also indicated that they are still waiting on some information from Vice Chancellor Cuba Plain, but the BAC feels they have addressed the questions referred to them.

Details of the report are available at the following link:

[BAC.Report.4.26.18](#)

C. Administrative Review

Professor Ali Hurson extended thanks to all those faculty who filled out the Administrative Review questionnaires and, also, Cheryl McKay, for her assistance. He presented statistical information about the response rate, broken down for each administrator who was reviewed. He outlined that the next steps include sharing the results with Senate officers, with each individual who was reviewed, and with the Provost.

Details of the report are available at the following link:

[ARC.4.26.18](#)

D. Rules, Procedures and Agenda

Professor Tom Schuman instructed the Senate on procedures for nomination and voting for the committee elections for AY2018-2019. He then proposed the following slate of Faculty Senate Officers for next year:

Past President, Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani
President, Michael Bruening
President-Elect, Steven Corns
Secretary, Steve Raper
Parliamentarian, Richard Dawes

No nominees were submitted from the floor. The slate of Faculty Senate Officers as proposed by RP&A was approved.

Dr. Schuman stated that by Faculty Senate Resolution, the President, Past President, and President-Elect are the campus representatives to Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC).

The results of the committee elections are as follows:

Academic Freedom and Standards

Mingzhen Wei, Patrick Huber, Jag Sarangapani, Akim Adekpedjou, and Patrick Taylor
(2 year terms)

Administrative Review

Ian Ferguson, Melanie Mormile (2 year terms)

Budgetary Affairs

Bih-Ru Lea, Bruce McMillin (2 year terms)

Campus Curricula

Ashok Midha (2 year term)

Facilities Planning

Kim Kinder, Greg Gelles (2 year terms)

Honorary Degrees

John Hogan, Doug Ludlow, Kamal Khayat, and Dan Lin (1 year terms)

Intellectual Property/Tech Transfer

Baojun Bai, Jonathan Kimball, Greg Gelles (2 year terms)

Library and Learning Resources

Gary Mueller, Diana Ahmad, Jun Fan, Ricardo Morales

Personnel

Wan Yan, Partho Neogi, Dan Lin (2 year terms)

Student Affairs

Patrick Huber, Jeff Winiarz, Yishu Zhou, Peizhen Zhu (1 year terms)

Student Awards and Financial Aids

Kurt Kosbar, Kathleen Sheppard, K.C. Dolan (2 year terms)

Grievance Resolution Panel

Kathryn Northcut, Jennifer Leopold (3 year terms)

Grievance Oversight Committee

Ali Hurson (3 year term)

Parking, Security, and Traffic

Levent Acar, Ashok Midha, Kim Kinder, George Markowsky (2 year terms)

Student Scholastic Appeals

Dave Westenberg (2 year term)

Missouri Association of Faculty Senates representatives

Michael Bruening - member, Steven Corns – alternate (3 year terms)

For information only, the following representatives have been selected by departments to serve on the following committees:

Discipline Specific Curricula Committees (DSCC)

Petra DeWitt, Daniel Forciniti, Stuart Baur, W. Eric Showalter, Mark Fitch, Daniel Tauritz, Kelvin Erickson, Steve Raper, Ralph Flori, Mark Schlesinger, Lokesh Dharani, Kwame Awuah-Offei, Joshua Schlegel, Tom Schuman, Kelly Liu, Akim Adekpedjou, Barry Flachsbart, Michael Davis, Merilee Krueger

Information Technology/Computing

Mohsen Asle Zaeem, NassibAouad, Andy Eckert, Jee-Ching Wang, Carla Bates

Tenure (Policy)

Jerry Cohen, member; Lance Haynes, alternate (ALP)

Ron Frank, member; Dev Niyogi, alternate (BioSci)

Richard Hall, member; Fiona Nah, alternate (BIT)

Daniel Forciniti, member; Douglas Ludlow, alternate (ChemE)

Nuran Ercal, member; Chariklia Sotiriou-Leventis (Chemistry)

Jianmin Wang, member; *Alternate to be named* (CArE)

Daniel Tauritz, member; Dan Lin, alternate (CS)

Eun Soo Park, member; Bonnie Bachman, alternate (Econ)

Jag Sarangapani, member; Ali Hurson, alternate (ECE)

David Enke, member; Cihan Dagli, alternate (EMSE)

Anne Cotterill, member; Trent Brown, alternate (Engl/TC)
David Rogers, member; Steve Gao, alternate (GGPE)
Shannon Fogg, member; Tseggai Isaac, alternate (Hist/PS)
Akim Adekpedjou, member; Matt Insall, alternate (Math/Stat)
Fatih Dogan, member; Bob Schwartz, alternate (MSE)
S. N. Balakrishnan, member; Umit Koylu, alternate (MAE)
Shoaib Usman, member; Deji Alajo, alternate (MNE)
Michael Schulz, member; Paul Parris, alternate (Physics)
Nancy Stone, member; *Alternate to be named* (PsychSci)

VI. Administrative Reports

A. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Maples gave highlights from the recent Board of Curators budget discussion and presented information from the Economic Impact Report broken down by University System and by S&T impact to the State in terms of dollars, jobs and state and local tax revenue. He briefly discussed upcoming events, including the General Faculty Meeting, Commencement, Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE), and the June Board of Curators meeting.

Chancellor Maples discussed the process of seeking endorsement for S&T's "highly selective status", and the potential impact this could have on our enrollment and graduation rates. He indicated that the CBHE will consider it at their June 6-7 meeting.

The Chancellor asked chief of staff, Elizabeth Smith, to discuss recent legislative actions with regard to bills that may impact the budget. It was pointed out the Governor can still veto the budget passed by the House, but there was some question as to whether he could withhold line items after signing the bill. Vice Chancellor for Finance, Cuba Plain, explained that if the governor takes action, the legislature can vote to override that action. She added that if the governor signs the bill, he has the power to not disperse the funds, leaving the legislature no recourse since there is no action to override.

Chancellor Maples expressed thanks and appreciation to Mr. Shyam Paudel and Dr. Joan Schuman for giving presentations the Board of Curators.

Details of the report are available at the following link:
[Chancellor.Report.4.26.18](#)

B. Provost's Report

-NO REPORT

VII. New Business

- NONE

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Corns, Secretary