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Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting
November 15, 2007

I. Call to Order, Roll, and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President Frank Blum and roll was taken. The following absentees were noted: Stanley Woronick, Richard Hall, Ralph Wilkerson, Donald Wunsch, Mohamed Abdelsalam, Bill DeMalade, Paul Worsey, Gary Mueller.

The meeting minutes of October 18, 2007 were **approved** as submitted.

II. Campus Reports and Responses

a. President Report – Frank Blum

This month's Academic Council meeting may be its last. If the Board of Curators approves the revised Faculty Bylaws, the name of the governing body will be changed to Faculty Senate for the next meeting.

The Board of Curators will meet November 29-30 in Kansas City, and will consider a number of changes to the Collected Rules and Regulations related to the responsibilities of Deans, Schools and Colleges. The changes are necessary for UMR/MST to fully implement its management structure which has no Schools and Colleges.

At the Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) meeting this month, Vice President Krawitz gave a presentation on the 2008 budget. The UM System is developing the process for implementing Senate Bill 389. There is a new health benefits plan that will increase medical leave opportunities for some of the non-regular faculty. There will be no increase in benefits cost for this year, and a 6% reduction in dental costs.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/President.Report.11.15.07.pdf>

b. Administrative Report – Chancellor J.F. Carney III

Chancellor Carney gave a status report on the System Presidential Search. He commented that UMC's proposal to change their name to the University of Missouri would probably not be approved by the Curators. The Chancellor will deliver the State of the University Address on Monday December 3rd at 3:30 in the St. Pat's Ballrooms. Commencement will be December 15th. Enrollment reports for the university are positive. There will a General Faculty Meeting on December 4th at 4:00 in 125 Civil Engineering. The Board of Curators Meeting will be held November 29-30 in Kansas City.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/CarneyAC.Report.11.15.07.pdf>

c. Administrative Report – Provost W.K. Wray

Provost Wray gave reports on the offices of Academic Affairs, Graduate Studies, Library & Learning Resources, Research, School of Extended Learning, and Undergraduate Studies

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/DrWray.AC.Report.11.15.07.ppt>

d. Staff Council Report – No Report

e. Student Council – Beth Groenke

The Student Council is debating their Student Activity fees and their budget. Several students attended the 2009 Student Leadership Conference. The Foam Hands Fundraiser has been very successful.

f. Council of Grad. Students – No Report

III. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

a. Curricula Committee – Keith Nisbett

13 CC Forms and 12 EC Forms (for information only)

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/Curricula.11.15.07.pdf>

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

b. Public Occasions – Frank Blum for G. Venayagamoorthy

Draft 2009 – 2010 Calendar

Details can be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/calendar2009-2010_DRAFT.pdf

A motion to approve the 2009-10 Calendar posted on the web was **passed** unanimously.

c. RP&A – Kurt Kosbar

Elections of Standing Committees

Kurt Kosbar, chair of RP&A, proposed a slate of candidates approved by RP&A, for the 2007-8 Honorary Degrees Committee.

Honorary Degrees

A motion to accept the following representatives was **passed** unanimously.
Mike Van De Mark and Tom Akers

IV. Old Business

a. Report on Current Referrals and Actionable Items

ITCC Privacy Policy, Attendance Policy, Faculty Leave Policy, Monitoring of Tenure Procedures, Posting of Faculty Information, Salary Reporting, and Ad Hoc Intellectual Property

V. New Business and Announcements

The next Academic Council Meeting on January 18, 2008 could actually be a Faculty Senate Meeting upon the approval of the UM Board of Curators.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Carroll, Secretary

The following changes were made after the above minutes were approved by the Faculty Senate.

For reference the changes are included as an Addendum.

Addendum I: Public Occasions – Frank Blum for G. Venayagamoorthy
Draft 2009 – 2010 Calendar (July 12, 2008)

Fellow Senators:

A mistake in the Academic Calendars approved by the Faculty Senate was found for the Mid-Semester date for 2009 and 2010 Spring Semesters.

		<u>Currently approved</u>	<u>Correct date</u>
Spring Semester 2009 Saturday	Mid-Semester	March 14, Saturday	March 7,
Spring Semester 2010 Saturday	Mid-Semester	March 13, Saturday	March 6,

The Officers and Chair of the Public Occasions Committee considered this change to be like a typographical change. Consequently, I have told the Registrar to make these changes in the official Calendar so that the book printed next week will be accurate.

I believe that this action will meet with your approval. If there are any serious considerations with respect to this change that need to be considered, please let me know.

Regards
Frank Blum,
FS President