

Minutes for RP&A Meeting, August 28, 2007

The meeting was held in the Engineering Management and Systems Engineering conference room.

Attendance: Keith Nisbett, Alex Dempsey, Klaus Woelk, Doug Carroll, Jeff Smith, Eun Soo Park, Lance Haynes, Frank Blum, Kurt Kosbar, Don Myers, Sumin Zhu, Bruce McMillin, and Dick DuBroff.

1. The agenda for the meeting was approved.
2. Minutes from the previous meeting, May 29th, 2007 were approved.
3. Update on the Faculty Bylaws Revisions.

Revision of the Faculty Bylaws of the University of Missouri-Rolla was completed in May, 2007 and presented to the Academic Council at the May meeting. The Academic Council voted to support the Revision. During the summer the revision was sent for review by UM System legal council. Legal council found no problems with the Faculty Bylaws document, being proposed.

It was decided that we should have a special General Faculty meeting this fall to vote to approve the revision to the Faculty Bylaws.

4. Call for end of the year committee reports.

Each of the standing committees is to provide an end of the year report. Kurt Kosbar will send a request to the committee chairs asking for the reports.

5. Review of remaining actionable items.

a. Certificate Program Review. The Graduate Faculty approved the general rules for the Certificate Program, but not a specific procedure. This is still an open item for the Graduate Faculty and the Curriculum Committee.

b. Use of End of the Semester Evaluation. Still under consideration by the Personnel Committee.

c. Signature on Diploma by the Deans. Still under consideration by UM System Legal.

d. ITCC Users Bill of Rights. When can IT monitor personal email? When can they use digital forensics? Who has the authority to authorize IT to monitor email or search personal files? This is still under review by the ITCC committee. We will ask the ITCC chair to report on the status of the Users Bill of Rights.

The Tenure Committee was asked to track the implementation of the new tenure regulations, and agreed to accept this as an actionable item. The committee will monitor implementation and report any problems with new tenure regulations.

It was reported that there are currently no tenure regulations posted on the Provost web site. Kurt Kosbar will contact the Provost and check the status of the tenure regulations.

In order to help close the loop on recommendations from the Academic Council, we decided to ask the Provost to report on the status of the recommendations as part of his presentation at the Academic council meetings. We will ask him to report on the status of the tenure and promotion process at the next Academic Council meeting.

6. A/C Officer List – Parliamentary Nomination. (Confidential Discussion)

7. Academic Council – Officer and Representative Nominees.

The slate of officers will include Frank Blum – President, Eun Soo Park – Vice President, and Doug Carroll – Secretary. Don Myers will present the slate of officers at the next Academic Council meeting.

It was pointed out that we will need to populate the standing committees for this year too. We no longer have schools and colleges, so it is not possible to follow the current Faculty Bylaws process in populating the committees. The revised Faculty Bylaws have not yet been approved. We need to populate the committees, but are at a time when there are no rules in place that we can follow. It was decided that faculty that were scheduled to continue serving on committees due to multiple year commitments would be asked to continue to serve as scheduled. This will provide continuity on the committees. New committee members will be selected according to the procedures in the revised Faculty Bylaws.

We also needed to nominate representatives for the Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC). Kurt Kosbar, Frank Blum and Doug Carroll were nominated as the representatives.

8. Meeting was adjourned.