

Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) Report

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Student Conduct Matters. There seems to be some lack of clarity about what steps faculty can take in cases of faculty dishonesty. IFC plans to review this matter at future meetings. Chapter 200 of the Collected Rules and Regulations deals with Student Conduct.

Administrative Report/Update. The faculty leave policy is now on the UM System web pages. For the faculty information related to backgrounds required by Senate Bill 389, Web Applications functions are being tested and are expected to go live soon. Each faculty member should be able to edit his/her own information (degrees, etc.). Apparently, on the information page for each course, there will be a place for entering additional professional information (like a link to a faculty members own web page). Live links to individual web pages will not be permitted; however, there may be a text listing of the link in the box. It was stressed that the portion of the information dealing with the student's reviews would be password protected. UMC has questions for their campus to consider. They may use questions from their existing questionnaire. A program dealing with mentoring of faculty by chairs was discussed. Some small group training was presented, by request, at Missouri S&T. The English Language Proficiency Program has now become the Faculty Communication Survey. The program will be (or was?) broadened to include communication in general. It is a matter of Board policy.

Government Affairs. The impact of UM on different State districts was discussed. HB 2019 (a special appropriation) will fund part of the UMC Ellis Fischel Cancer Center and the UMKC Pharmacy Building for FY 08. HB 3 contains the basic operating budget for the University, including the "Preparing to Care" initiative (for health care graduates). There may still be some disagreement between the Governor and the Legislature about the level of income for the State. A 4.2% increase was proposed by the Governor for higher ed. Faculty compensation will be a big issue for the new UM President. The UMSL equity issue is still under discussion by the Legislature. The Legislature is currently debating free (or reduced cost) education for returning combat veterans. The issue is who pays for the tuition.

Campus Report Highlights. UMSL – Honorary degrees: Should there be a regional vs. international status preference? There is considerable faculty involvement in the accreditation process. UMKC – Revising the grievance process and bylaws. They are preparing for a 2009 accreditation process. UMC – Reviewing the process for handling student complaints of faculty activity.

President Lamb was recognized for service to IFC as Interim President.

Frank Blum, President, Faculty Senate
Kurt Kosbar, Past President, Faculty Senate
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