UMR currently has an Academic Council (see below) which is scheduled to meet 7 times a year and the general faculty 3 times.

1. Our Bylaws have been rewritten to eliminate reference to and activity of Dean's and Colleges/Schools. This has been a massive job spearheaded by Doug Carroll (FB wrote this part). The proposed Bylaws have been submitted to the UM system for legal review. The approval process has been delayed in the legal review, as we understand it, primarily because of inconsistencies between our Collected Rules and Regulations (CRR) and the proposed bylaws. The administration is responsible for changes in the CRR, which specify that only Deans will do certain things. It is our hope that we can convene a special meeting of our general faculty and then have a ballot on our proposed bylaws before the end of the semester. As one might expect, this rewrite has been challenging in terms of getting balanced representation on committees from across campus.

Our current administrative structure is: Chancellor, 4 Vice Chancellors (one is Provost), 4 Vice Provost and then 21 or so department chairs. There seems to be some interest in the administration to consolidate departments. The authority/responsibility formerly held by the Deans has either been moved to the departmental level or to the new Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. We seem to be reinventing ways of doing things.

2. Our Academic Council is slated to change to a Faculty Senate. The major difference is the exclusion of several administrators as voting members of the body.

3. As of Jan. 1, 2008, we will be the institution formerly known as the University of Missouri-Rolla (UMR) or the Missouri University of Science and Technology (MST). The radio station has already changed its call letters to KMST. A few groups on campus seem to be preoccupied with "branding" us with the new identity.

4. Our web site is pretty much compliant with the MAFS guidelines. They were useful in organization. There are a couple links we need to work on and we plan to do so soon.