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To: Missouri University of Science and Technology Faculty

Re: President's Report for the June 18, 2006 Faculty Senate Meeting

Dear Colleagues:

Tomorrow, Thursday, June 19, the last Faculty Senate meeting of the year will be held at 13:30 in room 204 of McNutt Hall. It has been a busy and productive year, but we still have some unfinished business. Unless there are any "Special Meetings" during the summer, this should be my last full meeting as President.

At tomorrow's meeting, there are a couple of business items for action that may be of interest to the faculty. The Curriculum Committee has a report including course/program changes. The Tenure Committee will report briefly on i) monitoring of the tenure and promotion process, ii) best practices for creation of T&P committees, and iii) membership in area subcommittees. In addition, there are some modifications to the tenure policies to be approved. Budgetary Affairs will report on the raise process, timelines, and supplementary salary pool. (The Budgetary Affairs presentation is not yet on the web.)

Questions and discussion on the Conflict of Interest Policy will be made. There was little time for discussion on this item at the last meeting because of the time taken for discussion on the "consumer information" portion of SB 389. The presentation given by Vice Provost Krishnamurthy is on the web at: http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/COI.04.17.08.ppt Along with the form at:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/MST.COI.PolicyandForm04.09.08.pdf Faculty members should have an interest in and be informed of this issue.

Finally, a brief report from the ad-hoc Committee on Intellectual Property will be given. It will be proposed that a Standing Committee for Intellectual Property be established with the next set of Bylaws revisions.

Those are the main topics as of now. Information on all of the above, save one, is on the Faculty Senate web page.

Regards Frank D. Blum President, Faculty Senate