

**Volume XXXVII, Number 6**  
**Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting**  
**April 12, 2007**

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

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President Kurt Kosbar and roll was taken. The following absentees were noted: Stanley Woronick, Joseph Herdade, Yue-wen Huang, Klaus Woelk, Shannon Fog, Mark Mullin, Gary Mueller, Hal Nystrom, K.M. Issac, H.L.Tsai, Richard Hall, Mariesa Crow, and William Schoenberg. The following substitutions were noted: John Morgan for Anne Cotterill, James Murphy for Debra Robinson.

The meeting minutes of February 15, 2007 were **approved** as submitted.

**II. Campus Reports and Responses**

**A. President Report – Kurt Kosbar**

- a. Campus Reorganization – Vice Provost of Graduate Studies (VPGS) and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs have been named. Dr. Robert Schwartz was named Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Dr. Venkat Allada was named Vice Provost for Graduate Studies.
- b. Campus Reorganization – Tenure Policy recommendations have been forwarded to the Provost. The Tenure committee is currently looking at Provost's comments and will report back to the next meeting of Academic Council.
- c. Campus Reorganization – Student Academic Regulations. A draft prepared by the Ad-Hoc committee (chair, Doug Carroll) has been reviewed by the Academic Freedom and Standards Committee and Student Affairs for comments. If the General Faculty approves it, it will be presented to Academic Council in June.
- d. Campus Reorganization– UMR Bylaws, UMR Catalogs. An ad-hoc committee, chaired by Doug Carroll, is continuing to have meetings with another meeting scheduled for April 25 at 1:00 - 3:00 in St. Pat's B.
- e. Senate Bill 389 is on hold: It has not been passed, but hasn't been thrown out yet.
- f. The Board of Curators met at our campus last week, and unanimously approved the name change, unanimously approved the research park, and a 3.8% tuition increase on a split vote. The Board also approved a 2% (with 1% market adjustment) salary pool increase.
- g. Academic Council held a breakfast for the Board of Curators last week and there were ten people who discussed different topics at different tables. Engineers without Borders students presented their oversea experiences.

- h. IFC – Inter-Campus faculty leave policy is under review on campus. Board of Curators will be acting soon on this FMLA. Wording is under review by Personnel Committee.
- i. Pick-a-Prof website is under discussion.

**B. Administrative Report – Chancellor J. F. Carney III**

- a. Board of Curators meeting last week – The Board of Curators voted unanimously to support the name change and research park.
- b. Fall enrollment is expected to be over 1,000 students.
- d. Board of Trustees will be here next week for the Capital campaign. We are well over the 10 million dollar mark.

**C. Administrative Report – W. K. Wray**

Details are at the following link:

<http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/reports/provost/2007/prov.04.12.07.ppt>

- a. Enrollment – up 265 over last fall.
- b. New provost's positions will take their positions on June 18 and are presently writing job descriptions for staff which will be posted next Tuesday and will be selected by May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Workshops will be taking place from May through June for department chairs and secretaries for the new structure system taking over on July 1.
- d. Proposals awarded are up by 7% over this time last year, while proposals submitted are down by 10%.

**D. Staff Council Report – Kim Frazier**

No report.

**E. Student Council – Beth Groenke**

- a. The Student Council Officers for next year will be: Beth Groenke - President, Alex Dempsey - Vice President of External Affairs, Andrew Ronchetto - Vice President of Internal Affairs, Rachel Prewitt - Treasurer, and James Michael Carter - Recorder.
- b. The Outstanding Student Leaders' Banquet will be held Thursday, April 19th. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- c. Student Council will be painting shamrocks on the road leading up to the University on Sunday morning.

d. The Student Council Past President's Summit will be held on Saturday, April 28th. We have invited back 35 years of Student Body Presidents to attend a planning meeting for what will hopefully become an annual event where current officers can gain the insight of past officers.

e. The Student Council plans to have a voting faculty member on the executive committee.

#### **F. Council of Graduate Students – R. K. Singh**

a. The Council of Graduate Students Officer Election: R. K. Singh will be new President

b. Research Showcase – held on April 4<sup>th</sup> with 16 faculty members present.

### **III. Reports of Standing and Special Committees**

#### **A. Curricula Committee**

Approval of submitted forms posted on the web – motion was **voted** and **passed** unanimously.

<http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/archive/curriculum/2007/curr.04.12.07.pdf>

#### **B. Budgetary Affairs Committee**

The Committee requested, in view of the organizational structure changes, that mechanisms be developed for communication of SRI distribution and endowment fee charge policies to the faculty and other appropriate public.

#### **C. Ad-hoc Bylaws Revision Committee**

Doug Carroll reported a brief summary of key changes in the new Bylaws. The Committee will have an open forum on April 25 at 1:00 - 3:00 in St. Pat's B.

### **IV. Old Business**

None

### **V. New Business and Announcements**

#### **A. Signature on diplomas**

There was some discussion regarding whose signature will replace the dean's on the diploma under the new no-school organizational structure. It was moved to replace the

dean's signature with the provost's effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. It was voted (17 v 7) to table the motion until next meeting.

## **B. Special Programs**

Leading a subcommittee on Special Programs, Frank Blum gave an overview of the subcommittee's discussion on how to handle Special Programs. Details can be found at:

[http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/archive/reports/special\\_programs.ppt](http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/archive/reports/special_programs.ppt)

## **C. Announcements**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 15:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

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