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Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting
June 7, 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, Ralph Wilkerson, Anne Cotterill, Martin Bohner, Gary Gadbury, Mark Mullin, Robert DuBois, James Martin, Bill Farenholtz, Shari Dunn-Norman, Paul Worsey, Gary Mueller, Levent Acar, Don Wunsch, Hal Nystrom, S.N. Balakrishnan, H.L. Tsai, Richard Hall, Caroline Fisher, Mariesa Crow, Paula Lutz, and Bill Schoenberg. The following substitutions were noted: Bob Laudon for Mohamed Abdelsalam.

The meeting minutes of April 12, 2007 were **approved** as submitted.

II. Campus Reports and Responses

A. President Report – Kurt Kosbar

Details were posted electronically in advance at the following link:

<http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/reports/president/2007/pres.06.07.07.pdf>

- a. A new Tenure policy developed by the campus Tenure Committee (chaired by Bruce McMillin) will be presented later today.
- b. Bylaws change – A draft version of the UMR Faculty Bylaws developed by the ad-hoc Bylaws committee (chaired by Doug Carroll) will be presented later today. If the AC is supportive of the Ad-Hoc committee's document, the Rules, Procedure and Agenda (RP&A) committee will work with the University's legal council over the summer, to resolve any issues they have with the proposal.
- c. Student Academic Regulations – The same ad-hoc committee which developed the faculty bylaws also developed a new set of Student Academic Regulations. The draft document has been endorsed by the Academic Freedom and Standards, and the Student Affairs committees, and will be presented later today.
- d. Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs – The Registrar is working with the Ad-Hoc bylaws committee, to develop new catalogs to accommodate the new campus organization. These changes will need to be completed by the end of June 2007, to allow sufficient time to print catalogs for the fall semester.
- e. Senate Bill 389 – This bill is now law. It provides significant funding to UMR, to complete construction of Toomey Hall, and also increases funds available for scholarships. It also contains a host of other potentially significant changes to the way the University conducts its business.
- f. 1% Efficiency – At their April 2007 meeting, the Board of Curators Meeting called for the university to identify 1% of operating efficiencies next year, and to reallocate these funds to strategic initiatives and faculty salaries.
- g. Faculty Compensation – On May 31, 2007, UM System Interim President Dr. Gordon Lamb gave a presentation to the Board of Curators Compensation & Human Resources Committee.

In that presentation, he suggested that the UM system set a goal of bringing faculty salaries up to the mean of comparative institutions within 3 years. (All four campuses are currently below the mean.).

- h. Centers and Institutes – The Board of Curators has expressed interest in reviewing the general operation of the roughly 350 Centers and Institutes in the UM System. On May 31, Dr. Stephen Lehmkuhle made a presentation to the Board’s Academic and Student Affairs Committee on this topic.

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

- a. University name change developments – Chancellor Carney was successful in securing the name KMST in place of KUMR, our radio station.
- b. MAE Building – MOHELA had released \$15 million.
- c. Capital Campaign – above the \$115 million dollar mark.
- d. Commencement – The May commencement with two sessions went quite well.

C. Administrative Report – Provost W. K. Wray

- a. Enrollment and Research figures – Provost Wray presented the recent figures on the enrollment and research. Details can be found at the following link:

<http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/reports/provost/2007/prov.06.07.07.ppt>

D. Staff Council Report – Kim Frazier

No report.

E. Student Council – Beth Groenke

Some of Student Council’s main goals for next year were presented:

- a. Create a campus-wide course semester listing to show which semesters courses have been taught over the past 5 years, and potentially list a tentative schedule of the next year’s courses.
- b. Set up a dental clinic to provide preventative services to those affiliated with the university that cannot otherwise afford the services.
- c. Create a packet for students and advisors about common issues and "How To" resolve common problems.
- d. Create a listserv that the Student Body President can use to communicate directly with the entire student body.
- e. Put the previously developed Student Body President to Faculty listserv in use next semester.

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

No report.

III. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

A. Curricula Committee

<http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/archive/curriculum/2007/curr.06.07.07.pdf>

Approval of submitted forms posted on the web with the exception of DC 0230 – motion was **passed** unanimously.

Approval of DC 0230, BS degree in Elementary Education with the Budgetary Affairs Committee's recommendation that no tenure track faculty be hired until there was confidence that the student numbers projected in the proposal were going to be achieved – motion was **passed** unanimously.

B. Budgetary Affairs Committee – D. Myers

Faculty/Staff headcounts are posted on the web:

<http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/archive/reports/Faculty.Staff.HeadCount.95.to.06.xls>

C. Facilities – K. Woelk

Facilities Planning Committee reported on the electric power problems that UMR has experienced recently. Voltage stability monitoring and notification procedures were presented. Details can be found at the following link:

<http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/archive/reports/facilities.plan.rpt.06.07.07.pdf>

It was moved that Physical Facilities be given access to the faculty list server for the purpose of e-mail notification of electrical power problems. The motion was **passed** unanimously.

D. Student Affairs – J. Smith

- a. It was moved to approve the constitution of THE MINESHAFT at UMR. The motion was **passed** unanimously.

The constitution is posted at the following link:

<http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/archive/reports/MineshaftConstitution.06.07.07.pdf>

- b. It was moved to approve the constitution of FRATERNAL ORDER OF LEADERS at UMR. The motion was **passed** unanimously.

The constitution is posted at the following link:

<http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/archive/reports/FOL.Const.06.07.07.pdf>

E. Tenure – B. McMillin

Doug Carroll presented a draft version of the new UMR Tenure and Promotion Procedures. It was **approved** with the following changes in the document linked below:

- (1) Section II.A.2: replace “departmental procedures” with “departmental faculty procedures”
- (2) Section II.A.6: replace “all departments” with “each department”
- (3) Section II.B.8: replace “the committee” with “the Review Committee” in the last sentence

<http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/archive/reports/promotion.tenure.06.07.07.pdf>

The following two motions were rejected:

- (1) Section II. B.4: Delete the last sentence: The campus review committee shall provide the provost with a recommendation on each appeal.
- (2) Insert Section II.B.11 as follows: There shall be a meeting of the Chancellor and Provost with the campus P&T committee for review of P&T recommendations for the purpose of improving future recommendations/decisions.

F. Ad Hoc Bylaws – D. Carroll

Doug Carroll presented a draft version of the new UMR Faculty Bylaws and Academic Regulations as follows:

<http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/archive/reports/faculty.bylaws06.07.07.ppt>

<http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/archive/reports/sum.major.changes.faculty.bylaws.05.29.2007.pdf>

<http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/archive/reports/faculty.bylaws.UMR.06.04.07.pdf>

<http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/archive/reports/academic.regs.2006.06.04.07.pdf>

The UMR Faculty Bylaws prepared by the ad-hoc committee was endorsed by the Academic Council.

G. RP&A – D. Myers

The following resolution was **passed** unanimously:

Be it resolved that Academic Council allow the Global Studies Minor Program to begin their organization process following the process provide for in the revision of the bylaws under Special Programs.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business and Announcements

None

The meeting was adjourned at 15:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eun Soo Park
Secretary, Academic Council