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Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting
January 18, 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, Yuewen Hong, Maggie Cheng, Gary Gadbury, Mark Mullin, Mohamed Abdelsalam, Paul Worsley, Gary Mueller, Neil Book, Mark Fitch, Hal Nystrom, H. L. Tsai, Richard Hall, John F. Carney, and Mariesa Crow. The following substitutions were noted: Dick Miller for Lance Haynes, Roger LaBoube for D.J. Belarbi, and James Murphy for Debra Robinson.

The meeting minutes of November 9, 2006 were **approved** as submitted.

II. Campus Reports and Responses

A. President Report – Kurt Kosbar

a. Campus Reorganization Committees

- Final reports were submitted to Chancellor and his comments are anticipated in a few weeks.
- Academic Council may need to staff search committees for new Vice Provost positions. Academic Council is accepting nominations.

b. Ad hoc Bylaws Revision Committee (Doug Carroll, Chair) is working on a draft Student Academic Regulations, Undergraduate and Graduate Student Handbooks.

c. Tenure Committee (Bruce McMillin, Chair) is actively discussing the P&T policy revision and will hold an open Forum on February 6, 2007.

d. Other ad hoc committees

- RP&A is staffing a committee to look at the manner in which the university handles intellectual property rights and is looking for nominations.
- RP&A is working with the Provost to set up a Strategic Planning Committee. Four initial AC nominees (Myers, Haynes, Carroll, and Smith) may need to be trimmed to three.
- Bob Schwartz is planning to step down from the Higher Learning Commission Self Study Committee.

e. Interaction with Student Council

- RP&A and AC officers are working with Student Council to set up direct Student Council President to faculty mailing list.
- Discussing ways to get information to students on when courses will be offered in future semesters.

- f. IFC reports – Details are at <http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/reports/President/pre.01.18/07.ppt>
- Three subcommittees were formed (Assessment and Accountability, Bob Schwartz representing UMR; Personnel, Frank Blum; Administrative, Kurt Kosbar)
 - Power system stability at UMR was discussed.
 - E-Procurement : Pilot program coming in September 2007
 - Family and Medical Leave Act changes were discussed.
 - Course Development / Life Cycle – looking at removing courses after they have not been taught for 5-10 years

B. Administrative Report – W. Kent Wray

- a. Spring Enrollment figures were presented. As of the end of the first week the total enrollment increased by 6.2% compared to the same time last year. Details can be found at <http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/reports/provost/prov.1.18.07.ppt>
- b. Restructuring update
- Chancellor will announce his decisions at an open forum on February 1, 2007.
 - Search committees being formed for the two Vice Provost's positions recommended by the planning committees. The two new positions are Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs.
 - Vice Provosts will play principal role in writing job descriptions and choosing the personnel for the other recommended positions.
 - Training workshops for dept. chairs and dept. secretaries will be conducted later this semester.
- c. MOHELA funding is uncertain and a decision is not likely for next 30-90 days. Need to elevate the priority of the Toomey Hall project with our local and state elected officials.
- d. UMR Strategic Plan will be finalized by the end of the semester and strategic and tactical plans will be implemented.
- e. Capital Campaign – As of December 31, 2006, over \$102 million dollars were raised. Public phase campaign will be announced in April 2007.
- f. Plan for the University Research Park is underway. Preliminary design ideas can be found at <http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/reports/provost/prov.1.18.07.ppt>

C. Staff Council Report – Kim Frazier

The Staff Day will be held on May 30, 2007.

D. Student Council – Beth Groenke

- a. At the December Board of Curators meeting, Curator Carnahan showed his interest in Student Council's Executive Committee tracking system, EBoard Central, requesting more information for the Board of Curators. Stu. Co. hopes to give a presentation to the Board of Curators in the April meeting at UMR.
- b. Survey Updates
 - Commencement Survey – 558 Students took the survey. Two alternatives were very close for the first choice of many students. Twenty-six percent of students wished to hold the ceremony at the Allgood-Bailey Football Stadium, while 24% wished to divide the ceremony into smaller groups. Utilizing the Allgood-Bailey Football Stadium was the most popular response for this choice at 25%. Finally, for the third choice of ceremony type, using the Allgood Bailey Football Stadium (17%) or having the ceremony on campus somewhere outside (15%) were the most favored responses.
 - The Student Interest Survey is still open. It asks students a variety of questions pertaining to different items Student Council is working on, and helps get us the statistics we present to you when we bring up student issues. So far we have 720 responses.
 - The UMR Name Change Student Survey will be out on Monday and will run through January 29, 2007.
- c. MinerNET – MinerNET is the indoor replacement for SAVID. Student Council is currently working on the project with IT and others. The template is ready, and MinerNET will hopefully premier at the February Chancellor's Council. The committee hopes that the whole project will be up and running by early March.
- d. Joe Miner TV – UMR television station. So far 1 pilot has been created and the team is working with Dean Goff and the individuals with the Distance Learning Center and the Communication Center to develop the rest of the pilot shows. They are also hoping to work with Dr. Wiebe.

E. Council of Graduate Students – Adam Sibley

Council of Graduate Students is planning the Graduate Student Research Showcase later this semester.

III. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

A. Curricula – Keith Nisbett

- a. Approval of submitted forms was posted on the web. Motion was **voted** and **passed** by acclamation.

B. Academic Freedom and Standards

AF&S committee proposes some changes to the Student Academic Regulations. It was tabled until the next meeting.

C. Student Affairs – Jeff Smith

- BBQ Club constitution was **approved**.
- The following motion was **voted** and **passed** by acclamation: the Student Affairs Committee no longer is involved in the approval of student organization constitutions. Recognizing the critical role that students, faculty and the administration play in this process, we further recommend that a separate Chancellor appointed committee of students; faculty and administration assume the student organization constitution review process.

IV. Old Business

A. Report on Current Referrals and Actionable Items

Kurt Kosbar reported the status of current referrals and actionable items. Details are at <http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/reports/President/pre.01.18/07.pdf>

V. New Business and Announcements

A. New Referrals

None

B. Announcements

President Kosbar welcomes possible topics for the Board of Curators Meeting in April 2007 at UMR campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary, Academic Council