

**Volume XXXVII, Number 2**  
**Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting**  
**October 12, 2006**

**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, Maggie Cheng, Mark Mullin, Robert DuBois, Mohamed Abdelsalam, Paul Worsley, Gary Mueller, H. L. Tsai, Morris Kalliny, Caroline Fisher, and William Schoenberg. The following substitutions were noted: Robert Laudon for Shari Dunn-Norman and Roger LaBoube for D. J. Belarbi

The meeting minutes of September 7, 2006 were **approved** as submitted.

**II. Campus Reports and Responses**

**A. Presidents Report – Kurt Kosbar**

a. Campus Reorganization – Five committees were formed, and Academic Council was invited to send one representative to each committee. RP&A elected the following slate of representatives:

- Financial Activities Committee – Don Myers, Chair, Budgetary Affairs Committee
- Personnel Recommendations Committee – Robert Dubois, former Chair, Personnel Committee
- External Functions and Activities – Lance Haynes, Chair, Academic Standards and Freedom Committee
- Administrative Committee – Richard DuBroff, Chair, Graduate Faculty
- Steering Committee – Kurt Kosbar, President, Academic Council

b. UMR Bylaw Revision Committee – The Academic Council is forming an Ad hoc committee to rewrite these sections to accommodate the elimination of schools and colleges. The committee has not been formed as of yet, but Doug Carroll, Parliamentarian for Academic Council has agreed to chair this committee and we are looking for volunteers to be on this committee.

c. Intercampus Faculty Council Report – There are three subcommittees to look at the topics listed below:

- Assessment and Accountability: UMR Representative: Bob Schwartz
- Personnel Issues: UMR Representative: Frank Blum
- Administrative Policy: UMR Representative: Kurt Kosbar

**B. Chancellor's Report – John Carney III**

a. Chancellor Carney reported on the financial status of the funding of Toomey Hall construction, emphasizing his desire to avoid bonding.

### **C. Provost's Report – Kent Wray**

- a. Provost Wray made a detailed presentation on the Organizational Restructuring Plan that helps UMR implement a conversion to a “zero school” organizational structure. All meetings are open and details of the plan can be found at <http://www.umn.edu/orp>

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

- a. Frazier reported on the complaints regarding smoking on campus
- b. The Staff Day this year is going to be May 30, 2007.

### **E. Student Council – Beth Groenke**

- a. A meeting scheduled with Chancellor Carney regarding initial student feedback on potential name change.
- b. SAFB (Student Activities Fee Board) Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Chancellor Carney, and Vice-Chancellor Robinson will be there. Anyone who would like to come and see how student set their fees is welcome to come. The actual setting of fees will take place on November 7.
- c. A Strategic Committee Planning Ad Hoc committee comprised of the Officers of the Student Council and several of their executive committee members is created.
- d. A free period survey was conducted a couple of weeks ago. Of those 1,274 students responded, 75.1% wanted no change, 20.1% wanted to take classes, and 4% had some other response.

### **F. Council of Graduate Students – Adam Sibley**

- a. Sibley reported on the status on their efforts of developing criteria for graduate teaching loads and evaluating and restructuring of the payment structure of graduate students.

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

### **A. Curricula – Keith Nisbett**

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

### **B. Academic Freedom and Standards – Lance Haynes**

- a. Regarding Instructor Drops for Unsatisfactory Work, the Academic Freedom and Standards made the following motion:

*“The Academic Freedom and Standards Committee recommends to the Academic Council deletion of the provisions related to instructor drops and suspensions for unsatisfactory work from the UMR Student Academic Regulations.”*

Motion was **voted** and **passed** by acclamation. The Academic Council elected not to specifically state which sections of the Student Academic Regulations must be altered, preferring to leave those details up to the individuals who most closely work with the regulations. It was also noted that once the changes have been made, it would be most helpful if the Registrar could forward the Academic Council a copy of the new regulations, with the changes highlighted.

### **C. HLC Self Study Committee – Robert Schwartz**

a. Schwartz presented an overview of the accreditation process and the committee’s preparation schedule. The committee members are: Eddie Grover-Bisker (Project Coordinator), Harvest Collier, Ralph Flori, Amy Gillman, Jay Goff, Robert Schwartz, Caroline Fisher, Henry Wiebe, Larry Gragg, Laura Stoll, and Emily Peterson. Details can be found at: [http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/archive/minutes/Attachments\\_to\\_Minutes/Self\\_Study\\_AC\\_Presentation.ppt](http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/archive/minutes/Attachments_to_Minutes/Self_Study_AC_Presentation.ppt)

## **IV. Old Business**

### **A. Report on Current Referrals and Actionable Items**

Kosbar reported the status of current referrals and actionable items.

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

### **A. New Referrals**

None

### **B. Announcements**

Blum gave the Academic Council highlights of the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates meeting he attended on October 10, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:25.

Respectfully Submitted,

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