

**Volume XXXVII, Number 5**  
**Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting**  
**February 15, 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, Shannon Fogg, Mark Mullin, Shari Dunn-Norman, Mohamed Abdelsalam, Paul Worsley, Gary Mueller, H.L. Tsai, Caroline Fisher, Mariesa Crow, William Schoenberg. The following substitutions were noted: John Morgan for Anne Cotterill, Massimo Bernito for Barbara Hale, David van Aken for William Fahrenholtz, Eric Showalter for D.J. Belarbi, Robert Montgomery for Paula Lutz

The meeting minutes of January 18, 2007 were **approved** as submitted.

**II. Campus Reports and Responses**

**A. President Report – Kurt Kosbar**

- a. Campus Reorganization – Administrative Structure. Chancellor Carney formally announced two new vice provost positions, the Vice Provost of Graduate Studies (VPGS) and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. RP&A elected Bruce McMillin to serve on the VPAA search committee and William Fahrenholtz to serve on the VPGS search committee.
- b. Campus Reorganization – Tenure Policy. Bruce McMillin will be presenting a proposal later today.
- c. Campus Reorganization – Student Academic Regulations. A draft prepared by the Ad-Hoc committee (chair, Doug Carroll) has been sent to the Academic Freedom and Standards Committee for comment.
- d. Campus Reorganization– UMR Bylaws, UMR Catalogs. An ad-hoc committee, chaired by Doug Carroll, is continuing to work on preparing a draft of the UMR Bylaws and UMR Catalogs to accommodate the campus reorganization. In order to implement them in Fall 2007, the UMR General Faculty must approve the revisions following its Spring 2007 meeting.
- e. UM System President Search – Advisory Committee. The entire Board of Curators will act as the search committee. The Board has requested an advisory committee be formed. The Board has specified the committee will include the President of IFC (Dr. Frank Schmidt, UMC), and 4 curators/curators teaching professors. This group of 8 faculty will be selected from a list of 16 with each campus being allowed to place 4 on the list.
- f. Strategic Planning Committee – The Academic Council was asked to supply three names to serve on the committee. RP&A nominated Don Myers, Lance Haynes, and Doug Carroll.

- g. 2008-2009 Academic Schedule – There was an active debate at both the Public Occasions Committee and the RP&A committee over the 2008-2009 Academic Schedule. The schedule will be presented later today.
- h. Homeless Minors and Courses – Meeting will be held tomorrow at Schrenk Hall to discuss minors and courses which are currently housed in schools/colleges, but will lose their homes when the school/college structure is eliminated. Curriculum and RP&A committees are discussing how to handle these situations.
- i. Interaction with Student Council – Student Council has been communicating with us regarding mid-semester evaluations. There are concerns regarding identity of handwriting in smaller classes and negative comments on the end-of-semester teaching evaluation forms.
- j. Senate Bill 389 – There is a very active debate occurring over SB 389, which would modify several provisions regarding the state’s higher education system.
- k. Reaction to SB 389 on other UM System Campuses – UMC, UMSL and UMKC has all passed resolutions similar to the following: “Be it resolved by Faculty Council that any changes to Missouri higher education must preserve the historic constitutional status of the University of Missouri and lawful academic freedom. (UMC Version).
- l. Academic Council Listserv (AC-L) Issues – The Listserv had some issues with it, but immediate action was taken to correct the situation, but it was a few days before the corrections were fully implemented.

Frank Blum moved to suspend the agenda to discuss UMR’s reaction to SB 389, provided that debates be limited to 5 minutes. Motion was **voted** and **passed** unanimously.

Frank Blum moved a resolution: “Be it resolved by Academic Council that any changes to Missouri higher education must preserve the historic constitutional status of the University of Missouri of Missouri and traditional academic freedom”. Motion was **voted** and **passed** unanimously.

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

- a. Name Change Update – Alumni 70% in favor; Undergraduate students 46% in favor, 54% opposed; Graduate students 57% in favor, 43% opposed. Overall 48% in favor, 52% opposed. Faculty 65% in favor, and staff 62% in favor. A marketing research firm has been hired to conduct a survey and its work will be completed in March 2007.
- b. FY08 State Appropriations – There will be 4.2% increase.
- c. MAE Construction Update – The construction is on schedule.
- d. A farewell Reception for President Floyd will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in the Carver-Turner room. Board of Curators will have an open forum on new President

search on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the Carver-Turner room. Next Board of Curators Meeting will be held on our campus on April 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>.

- e. Capital Campaign News – As of the end of January we are at 1.6 million and we will be going public on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in Leach Theatre.
- f. Spring Career Fair will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup>. We have over 200 companies and corporations coming and this is the largest Spring Fair we have ever had.

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

- a. Enrollment – 5552 students, which is 328 (6.3% increase) more than last year at this time.
- b. Research proposal dollars are catching up and, and we are behind on proposal submissions and dollar amounts. Grant contract expenditures through the end of January are 16% less.
- c. Academic Advising Awards – We are accepting nominations for the 2006/2007 awards and are due on February 28, 2007. Awards will be announced during a campus-wide reception on April 25, 2007 in the Havener Center.
- d. Academic Alert System – Faculty is reminded of utilizing the system, but also of removing alerts after they have completed.
- e. Undergraduate Research Conference - The third annual conference will be held April 11 and the registration deadline is March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Minernet Information Network pilot will be up and running the week before St. Pat's.
- g. Engineers Week Banquet – At Zeno's Steak House on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

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

No report.

### **E. Student Council – Lauren Huchingson**

- a. ITCC – passed a resolution not to support the outsourcing of e-mail system.
- b. President to faculty listserv – an opt-in listserv for student council president to e-mail all faculty members to communicate what is going on with student council.
- c. The inaugural President Summit – will be held March 3<sup>rd</sup> with Chancellor Carney being the speaker. All 200+ student organization presidents are invited.
- d. Student Council Alumni – on April 28 will be inviting back 30 years of student council presidents to set up a new academy.

- e. Student Leadership Conference – March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- f. Student Council Campaign – will start about mid March
- g. Lauren Huchingson been named to UM President's search committee.

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

- a. Research Showcase – The COGS is involving younger faculty to be judges this year's Research Showcase, which will be held most likely on April 4<sup>th</sup>. If you know of anyone who might be interested in being a judge, please contact COGS president.
- b. COGS Campaign – will start the campaign on February 28<sup>th</sup> and the next president will take over in March.

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

#### **A. Curricula – Keith Nisbett**

- a. Approval of proposed Industrial/Organizational Psychology Master's of Science degree program contingent upon Graduate Faculty approval and Budgetary Affairs Committee's recommendation:

"The Budgetary Affairs Committee believes that the proposed Industrial/Organizational Psychology Master's of Science Degree Program could be started immediately and that the additional faculty member requested as part of the proposal may be warranted to accommodate increased loads if the program meets the projected enrollment targets."

Motion was **voted** an **passed** unanimously.

- b. Approval of submitted forms posted on the web with the exception of the proposed program in (a). Motion was **voted** and **passed** unanimously.

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

- a. Prerequisites differ across the campus. The AFS committee recommends to the AC the following changes to the Student Academic Regulations:

<http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/archive/reports/ACFRFreedom.2.15.07.pdf>

Motion was **voted** and **passed (16Y, 8N)**.

#### **C. Student Affairs – Jeff Smith**

- a. Move to approve the constitution for "Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow". Motion was **voted** and **passed**.

#### **D. Public Occasions – G. Venayagamoorthy**

- b. Move to approve the 2008-2009 Academic Calendar. Motion was **voted** and **passed** unanimously. The calendar can be found at:

[http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/reports/2008-2009\\_Calendar.pdf](http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/reports/2008-2009_Calendar.pdf)

#### **E. Tenure – Bruce McMillin**

McMillin presented the committee's recommendation of new Promotion and Tenure procedures in light of new campus organizational structures. The details can be found at:

<http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/archive/reports/promotion.tenure.2.15.07.pdf>

Motion was **voted** and **passed (16Y, 2N)**.

#### **IV. Old Business**

None

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

##### **A. New Referrals**

None

##### **B. Announcements**

Frank Blum, UMR representative to the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates, reported on the Association's Winter meeting. Details can be found at:

[http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/reports/mafs\\_report\\_2.05-06.07.pdf](http://campus.umn.edu/acadcoun/reports/mafs_report_2.05-06.07.pdf)

The meeting was adjourned at 15:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

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