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Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting
June 22, 2006

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

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President-Elect Schwartz and roll was taken. The following absentees were noted: Carney, Dekock, Hines, Herade, Wilkerson, Bohner, Hale, Schultz, Mullin, Lea, Hall, Dunn-Norman, Atekwana, Worsey, Book, Luna, Belarbi, Myers, Nystrom, Balakrishnan, Issac, Tsai. The following substitutions were noted: Collier for Shah, Hammerlie for Lutz, VanAken for Crow, and Murphy for Robinson.

The agenda was amended to (i) delay the Chancellor's report and (ii) to add a report on gaming from Student Affairs. The meeting minutes from March 9, 2006 were **approved** as submitted.

II. Reports and Responses

A. President's Report – Robert Schwartz

News from IFC: The UM System wishes to have consistent leave policies in place across the campuses. Mr. Garner discussed the role of economic development in faculty activities and stated that it would not be a fourth criteria for evaluation.

News from the Board of Curators' Meeting – Benefit issues and post-retirement benefits.

B. Chancellor's Report – John Carney III

No report.

C. Provost's Report – H. L. Collier for Y. T. Shah

In the Fall 06, over 924 freshmen are expected to attend UMR. The self-study for the higher education accreditation has a campus committee and preliminary work is underway. The academic alert system is being used and is an important part of helping students succeed.

III. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. Curricula Committee – Schwartz for Nisbett

The written report of 05.02.06 was referenced relative to:

7 program curriculum changes (DC) that were **approved** by voice vote.

6 course changes (CC) that were **approved** by voice vote.

17 experimental courses (EC) were noted. (These do not require AC approval.)

B. Public Occasions - Schwartz for Morton

It was **voted** to list the Fall Career Fair Day as Thursday, Sept 28, 2006 (not Thursday the 27th) and to change the Spring Career Fair Day to Tuesday, February 20, 2007.

C. Student Affairs Committee – S. Fitch

Student Affairs distributed a written response to the gaming referral. The committee recommended that no action would be taken on this issue. AC **voted** to **accept** the report.

The organizations listed in the agenda have been disbanded due to lack of activity.

AC **voted** to approve the Constitutions and Bylaws for the following student groups: Volleyball Club; ACM-W; Actuarial Science Club; Yoga Club; Delta Sigma Phi; Epsilon Mu

Eta; Material Advantage; UMR Baja SAE; Natural Path; National Sand, Stone, & Gravel Association; Saudi Student Association; Society for Exploration Geophysicists; Table Tennis; SCRUBS.

D. Facilities Planning - Woelk

A list of clicker ready classrooms to be ready for F2006 include: 201 HSS, 120, 125, 315 Civil, 124, 130 McNutt, 104 Physics, G3, 126, 139, 140, 321 Schrenk, 213 UCE, and UCTC. Managing the classrooms and maintenance are issues that need to be addressed in greater detail.

IV. Old Business

A. Academic Freedom and Standards – Haynes

Instructor drop for unsatisfactory work – The Committee is likely to deliver a recommendation for this item in September. The situation (especially the financial situation for students) has changed significantly since this rule was originally implemented.

[A recess of approximately 10 minutes was taken to wait for Chancellor Carney who was hosting visitors.]

V. New Business and Announcements

A. Staff Council – L. Morton

No report.

B. Student Council – L. Huchingson

No Report – Lauren is on an internship and will report at the next meeting.

C. Council of Graduate Students –A. Sibley

Some of the new initiatives they are taking include taking more definitive stances (written resolutions) on campus issues and the development of a more cohesive graduate community.

D. Referrals

No new referrals were added (see attached for list of referrals and actionable items).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 14.20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Blum
Secretary

* Minutes of the Academic Council are considered official notification and documentation of actions approved.

Referrals (Actionable items in red)

Referral	Referred to	Status (C-Completed, IP – In Progress)
Review of the Instructor Drop Policy	Academic Freedom/Standards	IP – Report to AC (4/20/06); follow-up report expected in September
Higher Learning Commission Accreditation	Ad Hoc Committee	IP - Committee formed and meeting
Faculty/Staff Headcounts and Demographics	Budgetary Affairs	IP
Mid-Semester Assessment	Personnel	C - Report to AC (2/23/06)
Salary Survey	Personnel	C - Report to AC (2/23/06)
Use of End-of-Semester Evaluations	Personnel	IP – Report to AC (2/23/06) AC accepted a report that indicated no action. Other groups seem to be attempting to implement some kind of evaluation w/o AC approval.
Non-Tenure Track Faculty Report from IFC	Personnel	IP - to review document and guidelines prepared by IFC at http://www.umssystem.edu/ums/departments/aa/faculty/nontenure.shtml
Career Fair Day	Public Occasions	IP - Committee asked to consider Student Council resolution that exams not be scheduled on Career Fair Day
Gaming	Student Affairs	C- Report to AC (6/22/06)
Voting Rights of Faculty in Non-Primary Departments	Tenure	C - Report to AC (2/23/06)
Role of Economic Development in the T&P Process	Tenure	C - Report to AC (2/23/06)
Composition of the Campus P&T committee	Tenure	IP

Actionable Items (Actionable items in red)

Action	Administrative Action	Implementation
AC Officers meet with Chancellor on a Regular Basis (RP&A - 11/10/05)	Approved	Ongoing (monthly meetings)
AC President - Report at General Faculty Meetings (RP&A - Fall 05)	Approved	Fall 05 General Faculty Meeting and Ongoing
Voting (Non-Primary Department Members) on T&P (AC 2/23/06)	Sent to Provost (4/20/06)	Pending
Poll Faculty on Administrative Restructuring (AC 3/9/06)	None required	Completed (RP&A) - Results/comments reported (3/06)
Revision of Student Academic Regulations- V. Absences (AC 4/20/06)	To be sent to Provost	Pending