

**Volume XXXVII, Number 1  
Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting  
September 7, 2006**

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

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President Robert Schwartz and roll was taken. The following absentees were noted: Stanley Woronick, Joseph Herdade, Ralph Wilkerson, Barbara Hale, Mohamed Abdelsalam, Paul Worsey, Gary Mueller, D. J. Belarbi, Ronaldo Luna, Don Wunsch, Don Myers, S. N. Balakrishnan, H. L. Tsai, Morris Kalliny, and William Schoenberg. The following substitutions were noted: Michael Nelson for Jim Martin, and Eric Smith for Hal Nystrom.

The meeting minutes of June 22, 2006 were **approved** as submitted.

**II. Academic Council Officers and Committee Elections**

Robert Schwartz proposed a slate of candidates approved by RP&A, for the 2006-7 Academic Council Officers. The slate was **accepted** by acclamation. The slate included:

President: Kurt Kosbar  
President Elect: Frank Blum  
Secretary: Eun Soo Park  
Parliamentarian: Doug Carroll

Robert Schwartz, outgoing President, then turned the meeting over to the new Academic Council President, Kurt Kosbar.

Kurt Kosbar proposed a slate of candidates approved by RP&A, for the 2006-7 Intercampus Faculty Council representatives. The slate was **accepted** by acclamation. The slate included:

Bob Schwartz  
Kurt Kosbar  
Frank Blum

Kurt Kosbar proposed a slate of candidates approved by RP&A, for the 2006-7 Academic Council representatives for three committees. The slate was **accepted** by acclamation. The slate included:

Shannon Fogg – Curricula  
Jeff Smith – Student Affairs  
Mark Fitch – Budgetary Affairs

**III. Campus Reports and Responses**

## **A. Presidents Report – Kurt Kosbar**

- a. Meeting format change -- Kosbar noted that the RP&A Committee has voted to change the format of the meetings to put reports from Staff Council, Student Council, and Council of Graduate Students earlier in the meeting.
- b. Non-tenure track faculty -- IFC is now in the final stages on how to deal with faculty that are full-time, but not tenure-track.
- c. The Academic Council Officers have been communicating with Provost Wray in regards to campus reorganization and elimination of schools. He feels that this process is going along well.

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

- a. Breakfast meeting – Chancellor Carney and President Kosbar are going to have three breakfasts this semester where faculty, staff, and students have a chance to talk to them. The dates are September 19, October 10, and November 1.
- b. Student Enrollment – We have 980 freshmen and a total number of students are about 5,840, while maintaining quality.
- c. MAE Building – The MOHELA Board is currently considering the direct funding of these higher education capital projects. Chancellor Carney is hopeful that UMR will receive substantial MOHELA support for the MAE Building in the very near future.
- d. UMR-MSU Memorandum of Understanding – On August 21, Governor Blunt visited UMR to speak and witness the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between UMR and Missouri State University (MSU). Upon receipt of the required funding from the State, UMR will deliver existing UMR undergraduate degree programs in civil and electrical engineering in cooperation with MSU with a significant number of courses offered on the MSU campus. Discussions regarding possible collaboration occurred last academic year after the legislature passed a statute that allowed Southwest Missouri State University to change its name to MSU. The signing of this agreement paves the way for the State of Missouri to maximize the benefits of its support for engineering education. The result will be additional, highly trained civil and electrical engineers receiving high quality UMR degrees.
- e. Capital Campaign – Surpassed the \$81 million mark. We plan to begin the public phase of the campaign in Spring 2007. This will put us right on target to reach our goal of \$200M in June 2010.
- f. National Ranking – Chancellor Carney reported the News & World Report university ranking: 54<sup>th</sup> in the top doctoral granting public universities, tied at 112<sup>th</sup> overall, tied at 48<sup>th</sup> for best engineering programs at doctoral granting universities, tied 26<sup>th</sup> among public doctoral granting universities.

g. Flu Shots – Chancellor wants to make it easy for the UMR community to get flu shots for people who are interested.

h. Open meeting – Chancellor Carney is going to have a State of the University open meeting on Monday, October 9 from noon – 1:00 p.m.

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

a. Enrollment -- The current total number of students are 5,833 and expect to be 5,840 by the 4<sup>th</sup> week.

b. Federal Plus-up Proposals -- We had 7.2 million last year and submitted 12 million this coming year.

c. Course Syllabus – Provost Wray encourages the faculty to provide the students with a course syllabus and to utilize the Academic Alert System.

d. Outstanding Teaching Award -- Submission deadline for UMR preliminary consideration of the UM President's Award for Outstanding Teaching Award is October 31, and should be submitted to 209 Norwood Hall.

e. Accreditation preparations -- During the 2008-09 academic year, UMR will undergo an institution-wide accreditation review. The accreditation process has changed dramatically in the last ten years. Over the next year, all departments will be asked to provide evidence-based reporting. Vice-Provost Harvest L. Collier is directing the campus-wide reaccreditation self-study. Preparing for our institutional re-accreditation will require cooperation and assistance by all academic and non-academic units on campus.

f. The National Research Council proposes to conduct a new study, the purposes of which are to help universities improve their doctoral programs. We will be looking for information from each of the individual units.

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

No report.

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

a. Career Fair Day activities have been moved to a time when there are fewer conflicts with classes and thus Student Council withdraws the previous request that faculty avoid giving exams on Career Fair Day.

b. Student Council passed a resolution that Student Council President have access to a listserv so that the president can communicate directly with faculty. Faculty will have to opt-in to be on the listserv, but the details have not been worked out.

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

a. Council of Graduate Students wants to maintain a collaborative relationship with Student Council this year.

b. Council of Graduate Students will continue to study the structure for stipends and funding for graduate students on campus and our competitive institutions.

**IV. Reports of Standing and Special Committees**

**A. Curricula – Keith Nisbett**

No report

**V. Old Business**

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

Kosbar reported the status of current referrals and actionable items.

**VI. New Business and Announcements**

**A. New Referrals**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 14:03.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eun Soo Park  
Secretary, Academic Council