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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
October 24, 2013

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President Mark Fitch and roll was taken.

Those whose names are grayed out below were absent.

S.N. Balakrishnan, Martin Bohner, (Michelle Phillips for) Michael Davis, Joel Dittmer, Cassie Elrod, Bill Fahrenholtz, Mark Fitch, Daniel Forciniti, Ron Frank, Matt Goldberg, Abhijit Gosavi, Steve Grant, Katie Grantham, Barbara Hale, Lance Haynes, Amber Henslee, Wayne Huebner, Ali Hurson, Tseggai Isaac, Ulrich Jentschura, Kurt Kosbar, Bih-Ru Lea, Ronaldo Luna, Gearoid MacSithigh, Mark Mullin, Daniel Oerther, Anthony Okafor, Robert Paige, Ted Read, Tom Schuman, Benjamin Seabough, Pericles Stavropoulos, Daniel Tauritz, Shoaib Usman, Paul Worsey, Chengshan Xiao, Wan Yang

II. Approval of September 19, 2013 meeting minutes

The September 19, 2013 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

III. Campus Reports and Responses

A. President's Report – Mark Fitch

Dr. Fitch reported on the Intercampus Faculty Council: FAS replacement, CRR revision, and IT security policy proposal.

He concluded with some campus updates which included: academic free hour discontinued, drafted letter on timeline for structural changes, and funded strategic plan proposals available.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/presidentreports/2014/FS_Slides_Oct_2013_Pres_FINAL.pptx

B. Administrative Reports

i. Chancellor Schrader

Chancellor Schrader noted that a number of alumni felt we just had one of the best Homecoming celebrations in the recent past. She thanked all of those that welcomed them home. There were 200 alumni at the awards luncheon, 300 at the tailgate before the football game, and 32 participating in our first-ever 5K race.

Chancellor Schrader visited with many of the academies, with all of the academy presidents, and many of the alumni. They are very impressed with the work that was done on the strategic planning process and implementation and movement toward that plan. Many of them had gone on the strategic planning website and some of them knew very specific details and are offering their assistance.

At the end of September, we hosted the new Commanding General of Ft. Leonard Wood and a delegation. Discussions with them included ways that we could advance our partnership in terms of training and education, but also in terms of research.

Chancellor Schrader traveled to Irvine for the Solar House Decathlon. She attended an alumni event and an event for prospective students. It was the first time a Chancellor had been in southern California for six or seven years and it was very well received. The Decathlon was a way to bring people together again.

She also visited San Antonio and had the opportunity to bring another prominent alum onto our Board of Trustees. Following that she went to Houston, which is our second largest alumni base second only to St. Louis. She met with a number of industry executives and also led a panel discussion for the Women's Energy Network.

Chancellor Schrader recently met with the Governor. He talked about what the climate is for higher education, what some of the thoughts are about moving forward, and how the state can be investing in education in higher ed as well. He thanked those that supported his veto of the SB 253 tax cut bill. Chancellor Schrader had the opportunity to talk to the Governor about the advantages that Missouri has in having S&T here. We look for some additional financial aid, scholarship aid coming out as well as a larger investment. Significant was the word that he used. Chancellor Schrader believes that we are "cautiously optimistic" on the higher ed outlook.

In regards to strategic planning, we are currently clarifying performance, measures and metrics, and goals and are trying to make sure that we are reporting in as efficient way as possible.

An email has been sent out inviting participation in defining the best-in-class area.

The initiative funding proposals are being implemented. There have been a number of calls and participants in determining how those resources are going to be deployed in terms of faculty and also in terms of the funding to improve instructional labs.

We are soon to be interviewing for the Strategic Planning Progress Manager. There will be a lot more activity in terms of what the process looks like and how it will unfold after that person has a chance to come onboard and help map those out.

The reorganization and structural changes are well on their way. Chancellor Schrader has received overwhelmingly positive input and some very good suggestions. The structures will be finalized in another month or so.

We are in the process of finalizing details with the search firm and will be immediately beginning the search for a new Provost. This will be followed by a month or two delay in looking for the two Vice Provost and Dean positions. They will happen simultaneously, but the Provost will have the opportunity, once designated, to have some input on the Vice Provost and Dean selections. The Chancellor will be looking for recommendations for the search committees for those positions. Ideally, the new Provost would be hired and on board by April followed quite quickly by the two Provost and Deans.

There will be three open forums regarding these positions. Wednesday, October 30th, at noon, will be to discuss the attributes and important things to consider in terms of the Provost's position. Monday, November 4th, at noon, will be the forum to discuss the Vice Provost and Dean with regard to Arts, Education, Humanities, Business, and Sciences. Tuesday, November 5th, will be regarding the Vice Provost and Dean position who will be working primarily with Engineering.

The final topic was December graduation. Gary White will be the speaker for the ceremony. He received his undergraduate and his graduate degree from S&T in Civil Engineering. He is the co-founder, along with Matt Damon, of water.org. They have extended clean water in third world countries to over one million people so far.

Some discussion ensued.

ii. K. Krishnamurthy for Provost Wray

Dr. Krishnamurthy reported on the Office of Undergraduate Studies, Library & Learning Resources, and Office of International Affairs. He continued with Global Learning, Office of Sponsored Programs, and Enrollment Management.

The report then turned to strategic planning. Items discussed included the 30 levers and 189 actions. A list of lever leaders was provided. Dr. Krishnamurthy talked about Theme 1, work completed to date and future

work remaining, and best-in-class strategic areas. He closed his report by reporting on Lever 2.2, Lever 2.5, and Lever 3.3.

Questions and answers followed.

Details may be found at the following links:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/provost/2014/October_2013_positive_happenings_from_the_provost.ppt

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/provost/2014/Strategic_Planning_October_2013_Faculty_Senate.pptx

C. Staff Council Report – Nathan Weaver

Staff Council has been working on restructuring their committees. Previously they had 16 committees, some of which were special interest committees that had dissolved several years prior. It has now been pared down to Standing Committees which has four sub-committees, Special Interest Committees (to be defined as needed), and Representative (to be appointed as needed).

Intercampus Staff Advisory Council took place last month. Officers of Staff Council across all campuses met in person in Columbia and discussed topics and issues on each of their campuses. They met with President Wolfe and discussed a wide variety of items which included strategic planning and global grading.

October 31st will be the Fall Staff Appreciation Day outside of Parker Hall. From 9:30 – 10:30 AM, Staff Council will be serving hot chocolate and hot cider.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/staffcouncil/2013/Staff_Council_October_report.pptx

D. Student Council – Mark Fitch for Ashley Koesterer

The main item coming from Student Council is the Turf Resolution. The students have resolved to pay for it. They are doing this in conjunction with the Geo Thermal project. This resolution passed on Tuesday, October 22nd. The football field in the main stadium will become turf instead of bluegrass. They also want to put turf on Frat Row.

Chancellor Schrader clarified that the two fields that will receive artificial turf are the stadium, which will be marked for both soccer and football to permit a wider variety of use, and the intramural field which is right next to Gale Bullman on Bishop.

Mark Mullin clarified that across the highway on Frat Row are a couple of fields being used for flag football and they want to improve the grass areas over there.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/faculty senate/documents/studentcouncil/2014/Student_Council_October_2013.pptx

E. Council of Graduate Students – Krista Limmer

Krista reported that the CGS current endeavors include travel grants, strategic planning, and the seminar series.

Looking ahead they have the graduate research showcase, IGNITE session, and the graduate education week in April 2014.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/faculty senate/documents/cgs/2013/Oct_2013_Faculty_Senate.pptx

IV. Tom Richards (Treasurer and Interim Vice President, Finance, UM System) Guest speaker unavailable for this meeting of the Faculty Senate

V. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

A. Rules, Procedures and Agenda – S. N. Balakrishnan – No report

B. Curricula – Daniel Tauritz

Dr. Tauritz reported that Paul Worsley was elected to CCC to represent Graduate Council. Jennifer Thorpe announced her resignation from S&T. Until she has been replaced, Deanne Jackson will replace her on the CCC.

He also reported on Degree Audit Reports and noted two Experimental Course (EC) forms (informational only).

Dr. Balakrishnan requested the Faculty Senate to recognize Associate Registrar Jennifer Thorpe's excellent job.

Lance Haynes proposed the following motion:

The Faculty Senate wishes to commend Jennifer Thorpe on a job well done.

Dr. Fitch accepted that as a motion, be it resolved by Faculty Senate.

Dr. Balakrishnan seconded that motion with a friendly amendment:

Extremely well done.

Motion passes.

C. Student Affairs – Allan Pringle

Allan Pringle is the newly appointed Chair for the Student Affairs Committee.

The committee was given a referral on common exams. Many courses are scheduled at the same time as common exams are. Dr. Pringle has compiled a list of the common exams scheduled for Spring 2013 and Fall 2013. Space is a big issue. Time schedules are an issue.

The Provost asked the committee of department chairs to look at this. They appointed a subcommittee which met twice in September. They had department chairs of the common exam giving departments available to keep informed. A summary of their recommendations were provided.

The Student Affairs Committee met and looked at the proposal from the department chairs subcommittee. At this time, there is no change recommended to take action on. It is requested that the Faculty Senate representatives take the following information back to their departments to think about: 1) 5:00 – 6:00 PM daily to be reserved for common exams, and 2) if a class or other required academic activity is scheduled during this time, the instructor of the class will provide accommodations. Other suggestions welcome.

Some discussion followed.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/faculty senate/documents/studentaffairs/2013/student_affairs_committee_24_october_2013.pptx

D. ITCC – Thomas Vojta

Dr. Vojta noted that John Singler was elected as Vice-Chair of ITCC.

He then reported on wireless network, personal backups, email: pop decommissioning, computer security training, and desktop enhancement program. Dr. Vojta concluded his report with some IT updates regarding lumention and 3D printing.

Floor recognized Greg Smith, IT CIO, to provide some information regarding the cost of 3D printing. The cost is \$5.00 per cubic inch of material. This is available in the library.

Details may be found at:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/itcc/2014/FSreport_Oct2013.pptx

VI. Old Business

A. Report on Current Referrals and Actionable Items

No report.

VII. New Business and Announcements

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Mormile, Secretary