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Minutes of the Special Faculty Senate Meeting
February 26, 2015

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by President Martin Bohner and roll was taken.

Those whose names are **grayed** out below were absent.

S.N. Balakrishnan, **Stuart Baur**, Martin Bohner, Michael Bruening, Craig Claybaugh, Steven Corns, Michael Davis, Joel Dittmer, Bill Fahrenholtz, Mark Fitch, **Daniel Forciniti**, Ron Frank, Abhijit Gosavi, Barbara Hale, Lance Haynes, Amber Henslee, Wayne Huebner, (Bruce McMillin for) Ali Hurson, **Ulrich Jentschura**, Kurt Kosbar, **Umit Koylu**, Gearoid MacSithigh, **Mark Mullin**, Fui-Hoon Nah, Anthony Okafor, Robert Paige, Ted Read, Chaman Sabharwal, Tom Schuman, **Benjamin Seabough**, (Maciej Zawodniok for) Sahra Sedighsarvestani, Pericles Stavropoulos, Shoaib Usman, Paul Worsey, David Wright, **Chengshan Xiao**, Wan Yang, Maciej Zawodniok

II. Approval of January 29, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The January 29, 2014 minutes were **approved** as submitted.

III. Approval of February 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the February 19, 2015 Special Meeting were **approved** as submitted.

IV. Campus Reports and Responses

A. President's Report - Martin Bohner

Dr. Bohner presented the president's report mentioning that the appointment of Bruce McMillin as Associate Dean for Research and External Relations in the College of Engineering and Computing and Melanie Mormile's appointment as Special Assistant to the Provost have impacted Faculty Senate's slate of officers.

Dr. Bohner also presented a proposal to associate the academic discipline of Education with the Social Sciences Discipline Specific Curricula Committee in order to provide a mechanism for curriculum forms to be submitted.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal. **Motion passed.**

Dr. Bohner reported that the Provost has asked Faculty Senate to provide the names of fifteen faculty nominees to serve as the Hearing Panelist Pool. Mandatory training will be provided on March 19-20. Names should be submitted to Dr.

Bohner by Friday, February 27.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/presidentreports/2015/President_Report_Feb2015.pptx

B. Administrative Reports

i. Chancellor's Report – Steve Roberts for Cheryl Schrader

Steve Roberts representing Chancellor Schrader, who was visiting with St. Louis business leaders, reported on Curator David Steelman's visit to campus for orientation, highlighted S&T's top legislative priorities identified for this legislative session, and noted that our recent Career Fair broke previous records for participation. In addition, Dr. Roberts announced that the office of Human Resources Services, Affirmative Action, Diversity and Inclusion (HRSAADI) has been renamed Human Resources, Equity and Inclusion (HREI). In addition, Shenethia Manuel has been named Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Equity and Inclusion. Dr. Roberts reminded everyone that Faculty First Fridays begin March 6 in the Carver-Turner Room of the Havener Center.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/chancellor/2015/Chancellor_Report_Feb2015.pptx

ii. Provost's Report – K. Krishnamurthy for Robert Marley

Dr. Krishnamurthy presented highlights and happenings from the departments reporting to the Provost:

- Kathryn Northcut, awarded the 2015 CCCC Technical and Scientific Communication award
- Bonnie Bachman, Pathways to Innovation Program selection
- Michael Davis, national publicity on value to a city of successful NFL team
- Dan Reardon and Jossalyn Larson, "Reimagining the Stacks: Classroom Technology and Library Collaboration for Writing in the Disciplines," will be published in Fall 2015 in *The Journal of Student Success in Writing*.
- The College of Engineering and Computing submitted an "Expression of Interest" between The University of Missouri and Missouri University of Science and Technology to establish a STEM Graduate Institution in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Details are available at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/document/s/provost/2015/Provost_Report_Feb2015.ppt

- C. **Staff Council - Sarah Lewis, NO REPORT**
- D. **Student Council - Rebecca Jacobsen, NO REPORT**
- E. **Council of Graduate Students - Erica Ronchetto, NO REPORT**

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

A. **RP&A - Mark Fitch**

Dr. Fitch yielded the floor to Melanie Mormile, who thanked the body for the opportunity to serve and announced that she is resigning her FS position due to her new assignment as Special Assistant to the Provost.

Dr. Field then yielded the floor to Bruce McMillin, who also announced his resignation due to his new part-time position as Associate Dean.

Lance Haynes called for a round of applause for Melanie and Bruce in recognition of their service.

RP&A nominates Steve Grant for President-Elect and IFC member replacing Melanie Mormile, Barbara Hale for Secretary and Michael Bruening for Parliamentarian.

There were no other nominations from the floor. Since the motion is from a committee, there is no need for a second. **Motion passed.**

Details are available at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/rpa/reports/2015/RP&A%20Slides.2.26.15.pptx>

B. **Curricula - Thomas Schuman**

Dr. Schuman reported that the Campus Curricula Committee met on February 9. They reviewed 1 degree change request, 2 course change requests and 1 experimental course requests.

Motion: The Campus curricula Committee moved for Faculty Senate to approval

of the CCC Report's DC and CC forms actions as submitted.

The motion passed.

Details are available at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/curricula/2015/Feb%2026%202015%20Faculty%20Senate%20Report.pdf>

C. Information Technology/Computing – Thomas Vojta

Dr. Vojta reported that Google Services has been approved for storing everything except the highest security level data. He also reported that the campus transition to Canvas seems to be stalled somewhere in the chain of command.

Motion:

ITCC strongly supports the adoption of Canvas as the Learning management system on campus, as recommended by the LMS Committee last year. ITCC requests that we are allowed to move forward a.s.a.p. so that Canvas is available at the end of 2015.

Lance Haynes proposed a friendly amendment of the motion, changing “ITCC strongly supports” to “Faculty Senate endorses” in the previous motion. There were no objections to the friendly amendment.

The motion passed.

Details are available at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/itcc/2015/ITCC_Report_Feb2015.pptx

D. Public Occasions – Maciej Zawodniok for Sahra Sedighsarvestani

The Public Occasions Committee moved to approve the proposed Open House dates for AY2015-2016: September 26, 2015; November 14, 2015; February 15, 2016; and March 25, 2016.

The motion passed.

The Public Occasions Committee further moved for the approval of revised academic calendars for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years, respectively:

-Revision to be considered is moving both commencement ceremonies to Saturday, rather than having one on Friday and one on Saturday, with the Non-Engineering

Undergraduate & All Graduate Students ceremony to be at 10 AM and Engineering Undergraduate Students at 4 PM.

After some discussion regarding the need to clearly identify the groups for the two ceremonies without using a negative connotation (as in non-engineering), **the motion passed.**

Details are available at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campusupport/facultysenate/documents/publicoccasions/2015/Public%20Occasions%20Presentation%20-%20Feb%2026%20Senate%20Meeting.pdf>

VI. Old Business

A. Personnel Committee Motion on NTT – Levent Acar

After summarizing the background of the Personnel Committee recommendation to make changes to CRR 310.035 related to NTT faculty, Dr. Acar presented the following motion:

Motion

Whereas, the Section 310.035 of the Collected Rules and Regulations (CRR) describes the hiring, promotion, and termination processes for the Non-Tenure Track (NTT) Faculty.

Whereas, the hiring and promotion processes of the NTT Faculty are as lengthy, meticulous, and laborious as the same processes for the Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty.

Whereas, the termination process of the NTT Faculty is short, indifferent, and can be sudden.

To be resolved that the Faculty Senate of the Missouri University of Science and Technology recommends the proposed changes in Section 310.035 of the CRR to bring a balanced approach by distinguishing the role of different types of faculty, by simplifying the hiring and the promotion processes of the NTT Faculty, and by requiring an explanation for the termination of NTT Faculty.

To be further resolved that the proposed changes are to be presented at the next meeting of the Intercampus Faculty Council for further consideration by all the other campuses' faculty.

Since the motion comes from a committee, no second is needed.

During the discussion of the motion, the accuracy of the second and third paragraphs of the motion were called into question. Barbara Hale suggested an amendment of the motion to remove the second and third paragraphs of the motion. The motion to amend was seconded. The amended motion was approved.

The amended motion did not pass.

Details are available at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/personnel/2015/Personnel%20Committee%202.26.15.pptx>

VII. New Business and Announcements

Lance Haynes announced that there are only fourteen days until the Best Ever!

Paul Worsey brought to attention the fact the issue of continually broken links on Missouri S&T's website due to things being moved around. A motion was made to refer the issue to the ITCC.

Motion passed.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Grant, Secretary