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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
April 23, 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.

Levent Acar, 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, (Audra Merfeld-Langston for) Lance Haynes, Amber Henslee, Wayne Huebner, 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, Bradley Chronister, (Levent Acar for) Sahra Sedighsarvestani, Pericles Stavropoulos, Shoaib Usman, Paul Worsey, David Wright, Wan Yang, Maciej Zawodniok,

II. Approval of March 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The March 19, 2015 minutes were **approved** as submitted.

III. Campus Reports and Responses

A. President's Report - Martin Bohner

Dr. Bohner presented the president's report mentioning that the Faculty Senate Board of Curators' Breakfast was held on April 10. Dr. Bohner extended his thanks to all who attended and also to Barbara Palmer for her efforts in organizing the event. He gave a brief overview of the program, "Hot Stuff at Missouri S&T: The Aesthetics and Technical Appeal of Glass."

In response to a request for feedback on the Faculty Workload Policy at the previous meeting, Dr. Bohner reported that the implementation has begun with the College of Engineering and Computing slightly ahead of the College of Arts, Science and Business.

He gave an update on the Bylaw Changes recommended by the Task Force. Dr. Bonner reminded the body that at the beginning of this academic year, there were two separate proposals for bylaw changes. The Task Force made recommendations to the Provost, who drafted the final version combining elements from each of the proposals into one document. In its current state, the proposal calls for a Dean Search Committee to consist of at least 2/3 faculty.

Twenty faculty signatures are needed by Monday, April 27 in order to take the issue to the RP&A committee and place it on the agenda of the May 5 General Faculty Meeting. Dr. Bohner pointed out that the vote will be on paper ballot this time, but if the proposed changes are passed, electronic vote will be allowed in the future.

Dr. Bohner gave brief updates on the Title IX Curriculum Committee, the Panelist Pool training and myVita.

A lengthy discussion of the proposed Bylaw Changes ensued. Faculty Senate members Kurt Kosbar, Barbara Hale and Levent Acar expressed concern that the Amendment was being processed too quickly and asked that it not be sent forward until a vote could be taken on it in the Faculty Senate. Discussion of the issue was postponed by the President to move on to other business.

Details may be found at the following link:

[President.Report.April2015](#)

B. Administrative Reports

i. Chancellor's Report – Cheryl Schrader

Chancellor Schrader opened her report by stating that there were many comments about how impressed people were with the presentations at the BOC breakfast, especially regarding the student participation.

She went on to give an update on our experimental mine building, which was funded through the state higher education capital fund. The state contributed \$1.2M which was matched by \$1.2M from our corporate partners.

Chancellor Schrader congratulated Dr. Dan Lin, assistant professor of Computer Science, who received the 2015 Woman of the Year Award earlier this month. The award is given annually in recognition of efforts to improve the campus environment for women and minorities. The award is sponsored by S&T graduate Cynthia Tang, founder and former chair of Insight Industries, Inc.

Chancellor Schrader reminded everyone that tickets are still available for the 31st Remmers Special Artist/Lecturer Series event which will feature Dr. Condoleezza Rice. Chancellor Schrader urged faculty to encourage their students to take advantage of this opportunity. Tickets are available at the Leach Theatre Box Office.

Details of the Chancellor's report may be found at the following link:

[Chancellor.Report.April2015](#)

ii. Provost's Report - Robert Marley

Provost Marley gave a couple of updates related to announcements he made earlier this year in regards to promotion and tenure for the next cycle. A process has been developed by which P&T files will be made available on a secure network for committee members to review. Earlier this month, a preview of the process was presented to a select group of deans, department chairs and faculty members who have been involved in promotion and tenure. The 2015-2016 P&T deadlines were announced this week and are posted on the Provost's website. Instructions for creating the electronic dossiers will be distributed to candidates by May 1.

Dr. Marley gave highlights from the Colleges:

- Shannon Fogg has been named chair of the Department of History and Political Science, effective July 1
- Jay Switzer has been named a Fellow of the Materials Research Society
- Jeff Schramm, History and Political Science, will join the international humanities Twitter account We the Humanities as guest curator.
- Akim Adekpedjou, Mathematics & Statistic, has been selected to participate in Carnegie African Diaspora scholar fellowship program in the Statistics Department at Rhodes University in South Africa.
- The CEC is exploring moving Freshman Engineering to the Engineering Management Building.
- Bonnie Bachman will join the CEC during the summer to look more closely at how experiential learning and entrepreneurship concepts can be folded into the curriculum.

Details of the Provost's Report are available at the following link:
[Provost.Report.April2015](#)

C. Staff Council – Joe Boehme for Sarah Lewis

Joe Boehm reported that HR has discussed myPerformance with Staff Council so members can take that information to their work groups. Training for individual departments is also available.

Staff Day will be held on May 20. T-shirts will only be sold by pre-order this year; they will not be available on Staff Day. The opening Ceremony will be at 9 PM in St. Pat's Ballroom, Havener Center. As always, volunteers are need to help serve lunch. Donations for the food auction, raffle drawings and door prizes are welcomed.

Details are available at the following link:
[Staff.Council.Report](#)

D. Student Council - Rebecca Jacobsen

NO REPORT

E. Council of Graduate Students - Erica Ronchetto

NO REPORT

IV. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

A. Curricula - Thomas Schuman

Dr. Schuman reported that the Campus Curricula Committee met on April 6. They reviewed 2 degree change requests, 34 course change requests and 5 experimental course requests.

Motion: The Campus Curricula Committee moved for Faculty Senate approval of the CCC Report's DC and CC forms actions.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Details are available at the following link:

[CurriculaReport.FS.04.23.15](#)

[CurriculaSlides.FS.04.23.15](#)

B. Academic Freedom and Standards – Mark Fitch for Don Madison

Dr. Fitch, representing the Academic Freedom and Standards Committee, stated that sometime last year the issue of the requirements for the bachelor of science degree was raised because the BA degree has a large number of requirements in the catalog currently. Working with the Campus Curriculum Committee, the AF&S Committee made the recommendation to raise the minimum BS Degree requirements to 120 credit hours, as stated on the slide.

The committee moves that this recommendation be adopted as the requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree.

The motion passed.

C. Information Technology / Computing – Thomas Vojta

NO REPORT

D. Student Affairs - Alan Pringle

Dr. Pringle presented a request from the Robotics Competition Team, which wants to amend their constitution. Dr. Pringle stated that he has reviewed the current constitution and the amendments very carefully and finds nothing inappropriate; the changes relate mostly to membership. Their constitution says that amendments must be approved by the Student Affairs Committee and Faculty Senate.

The Student Affairs Committee moves to approve the amendments as proposed.

The motion passed.

Details are available at the following link:
[Student.Affairs.Report.April2015](#)

E. Rules, Procedures and Agenda – Mark Fitch

Dr. Fitch presented two motions from RP&A:

Motion:

Full-time lecturers are to be counted as faculty for the purposes of Faculty Senate representation.

Dr. Fitch discussed the background for the motion which involves the large number of lecturers in Arts, Languages and Philosophy. The motion is meant only to change how lecturers are counted in determining the number of Faculty Senators a department is allotted.

The motion passed.

Dr. Fitch reported that RP&A noted that the Provost's website for NTT Promotion procedures has "draft" all over the document. The NTT Promotion Procedures were approved in 2011.

RP&A moved that Faculty Senate adopt the motion that the "draft" notation on the NTT Promotion procedures document on the Provost's website be removed.

The motion passed.

Next, Dr. Fitch announced that the committee elections would begin.

The officer slate for 2015-2016, as recommended by RP&A was presented to the Faculty Senate:

- President, Steven Grant
- President-Elect, Tom Schuman

- Secretary, Michael Bruening
- Parliamentarian, Sahra Sarvestani

There were no other officer nominations from the floor.

The slate of officers proposed passed unanimously.

The results of the elections are as follows:

Academic Freedom and Standards

Douglas Ludlow, Kurt Kosbar, Akim Adekpedjou (each 2 yr. terms), and Andy Eckert (1 year term)

Administrative Review

William Schonberg, and Larry Gragg

Budgetary Affairs

Kurt Kosbar, Richard Brow, and Al Crosbie

Curricula

Tom Schuman

Facilities Planning

Mark Mullin, Maciej Zawodniok, Chen Hou, and Hong Sheng

Honorary Degrees

Anne Cotterill, Athanasios Liapis, Steve Watkins, and Ana Ichim

Intellectual Property and Tech Transfer

Joseph Smith, John McManus, and Michael Schulz

Library and Learning Resources

Daniel Forciniti, Jun Fan, Mingzhen Wei, and Michael Bruening

Personnel

Mark Fitch, Dave Wronkiewicz, and Anthony Okafor

Student Affairs

Levent Acar, Eun Soo Park, Jagannathan Sarangapani, Terry Wilson, and Steve Hildgedick

Student Awards and Financial Aids

Levent Acar, Pericles Stavropoulos, and Maciej Zawodniok

Grievance Resolution Panel

Douglas Ludlow (1 year term), Steve Gao (3 year term)

Grievance Oversight Committee

Shari Dunn-Norman

Parking, Security, and Traffic

Dipak Barua, Mahelet Fikru, John Hogan, Ashok Midha, Barbara Hale, and Diana Ahmad

Student Scholastic Appeals

Kurt Kosbar, Michael Davis

Conflict of Interest

Patrick Huber

Thanks to Jeff Jennings and Barbara Wilkins from EdTech for providing clickers and tech support for the election.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business and Announcements

None

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hale, Secretary