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Minutes of the Special Faculty Senate Meeting
February 19, 2015

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by President-elect Melanie Mormile (for Martin Bohner) and roll was taken.

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

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

II. Title IX Procedures – M. Mormile

Melanie Mormile, substituting for Martin Bohner, explained that the purpose of the special meeting was to consider supporting the letter submitted by Frank Bowman regarding the role of advisors in the process.

A. A motion indicating support of the Missouri S&T Faculty Senate members for the changes which are outlined in the Amendment (to the Title IX procedures) presented by Frank Bowman at the Board of Curators meeting on February 5.

Move to accept the motion; motion was seconded.

Melanie opened the dialogue by giving background especially as regards the procedures outlined in the Title IX document and the timeline involved.

Mark Fitch presented his assessment of the questions or statements from Frank Bowman's letter as relates to Missouri S&T.

Discussion continued for some time with Barbara Hale expressing her opinion that the reason the Title IX procedures document had been approved by the Board of Curators without the knowledge that the four Faculty Senates/Councils did not officially approve. She urged the faculty to take a stand.

Lance Haynes called the question and it was seconded. With no opposition, the motion went directly to a vote.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. A motion to respectfully advise the Board of Curators that the Missouri S&T Faculty Senate: i) did not vote to approve the Title IX procedures adopted by the Board on February 5, and ii) respectfully requests that the Board consider duly formulated future improvements which might lead to a more equitable process for both the accused and complainants.

Motion was seconded.

Discussion of the wording of the motion followed. There was a friendly amendment to change the motion to add the wording to “. . . S&T Faculty Senate: i) voiced significant concerns regarding the proposed Title IX procedures adopted by the Board on February 5 and no vote was taken” instead of “did not vote” in the original motion.

Mark Fitch moved to amend the friendly amendment to say: “S&T Faculty Senate: i) voiced significant concerns regarding the proposed Title IX procedures adopted by the Board, those concerns were shared with General Counsel, who chose to ignore them.”

Barbara Hale called for the body to be diplomatic and stated her preference to retain “did not vote” in the motion.

Levent Acar moved to call a two minute recess until the motion is clearly identified and brought back to the floor. Motion was seconded and passed.

Two minutes later, the meeting resumed. The motion with Lance Haynes’ friendly amendment in blue now states:

*A motion to respectfully advise the Board of Curators that the Missouri S&T Faculty Senate: i) **voiced significant concerns and did not vote to approve** the Title IX procedures adopted by the Board on February 5 and ii) respectfully requests that the Board consider duly formulated future improvements which might lead to a more equitable process for both the accused and the complainants.*

Levent Acar seconded Mark’s amendment to the friendly amendment in red below:

*A motion to respectfully advise the Board of Curators that the Missouri S&T Faculty Senate: i) **voiced significant concerns and did not vote to approve** the Title IX procedures adopted by the Board on February 5, **those concerns were shared with General Counsel, who chose to ignore them** and ii) respectfully requests that the Board consider duly formulated future improvements which might lead to a more equitable process for both the accused and the complainants.*

Discussion continued with some members urging restraint and others supporting stronger wording. It was confirmed that IFC did vote to approve the Title IX procedures, which would seem to indicate faculty support. Mark clarified that IFC voted not to object to the procedures rather than we endorse it.

Lance called the question on the red amendment. Motion to end discussion of the red amendment passed.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the red portion of the amendment. Motion did not pass.

A friendly amendment was made to the motion adding the word “about”:

*A motion to respectfully advise the Board of Curators that the Missouri S&T Faculty Senate: i) **voiced significant concerns about and did not vote to approve** the Title IX procedures adopted by the Board on February 5 and ii) respectfully requests that the Board consider duly formulated future improvements which might lead to a more equitable process for both the accused and the complainants.*

Lance Haynes called the question on the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Barbara Hale thanked the officers for their efforts in this process.

With no further remarks, Dr. Mormile thanked everyone for their input.

Details may be found at the following links:

III. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Grant, Secretary