Present: Frank Blum, Douglas Carroll, Jerry Cohen, Lance Haynes, Kurt Kosbar, Matthew Miller, Bruce McMillin, Don Myers, Keith Nisbett, Eun Soo Park, Robert Schwartz, and Jeff Smith

The minutes from the October 31, 2006 meeting were approved.

Agenda of the General Faculty Meeting on December 5, 2006 was discussed.

Nisbett reported on the review status of the Global Studies Minor program and there was some discussion whether the program proposal has followed the Bylaws properly. Nisbett will send the proposal back to the originator to avoid any possible procedural confusion.

Kosbar presented Provost Wray’s proposal of Strategic Plan Steering Committee. It was agreed that the Academic Council wanted to send representatives to the committee.

Cohen asked for Academic Council’s help advance the idea of Day Care service on campus for faculty, staff, and students. In addition, he suggested that UMR need an Ad hoc committee for enrollment management.

Committee Reports:

- Tenure Committee - The blackboard discussion list has not been widely used. An open forum was considered.
- ITCC - Has not met.
- Student Affairs - Is still considering approval of student groups by a faculty committee.
- Budgetary Affairs - Working on Faculty / Staff head counts.
- Academic Freedom and Standards - Determine a procedure to check about students who do not meet the prerequisite requirements.

Kosbar was asked to request that the Provost have the Vice-Chancellor for Research Search Committee composition listed on the web page, established by R. Hall, for the position.

Respectfully submitted,

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