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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
February 17, 2022

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Homan. Roll was called by Secretary Dave Westenberg. Those whose names are grayed out below were absent.

Lana Alagha, Mary Gillis for Julia Alexander, Venkat Allada, Stuart Baur, Matthew Burmeister, Marco Cavaglia, Jeff Cawlfeld, Amitava Choudhury, Steve Corns, Kathryn C. Dolan, Mike Hilgers, Scott Miller for William Fahrenholtz, Michael Davis for Mahelet Fikru, Darin Finke, Mark Fitch, Michael Gosnell, Sarah Hercula, Kelly Homan, Ali Hurson, Matt Insall, Ulrich Jentschura, Kurt Kosbar, Umit Koylu, K. Krishnamurthy, Bih-Ru Lea, Kelly Liu, Ashok Midha, Parthasakha Neogi, Jorge Porcel, Prakash Reddy, Melissa Ringhausen, Paul Runnion, Chaman Sabharwal, William Schonberg, Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani, Kathleen Sheppard, Jeff Smith, Nancy Stone, Shoab Usman, Jee Wang, David Westenberg, Daniel Willis, Maciej Zawodniok

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 20 meeting were distributed prior to this meeting.
A motion was made to approve the minutes.
Motion passes.

III. President's Report

Kelly Homan presented and reported that the Intercampus Faculty Cabinet (IFC) met on February 7th via Zoom. Topics discussed included;

- ASUM student representative – exploring possibility of making election day a no-class day in UM System (even-year falls, each spring).
- IT (UM system) contemplating an end to granting admin rights on University PCs for faculty (and staff).
 - > Expressed immediate concern.
 - > Confirmed other campuses are equally concerned.
 - > *Advance Notice: may need to query campus faculty and staff to demonstrate the scale of negative impact on productivity*

Matt Gunkel announced on February 7th that he accepted a position at UC-Riverside and was resigning.

The Board of Curators will be meeting on the S&T campus on April 21, 2022. Faculty

senate will be organizing a luncheon with the Curators.

The Ad-Hoc Committee on Assessment of Campus Climate has been working and the updates are;

- Draft survey and summary description prepared
- Review underway within the Committee
- Endorsement will be sought from Staff Council and Faculty Senate Personnel Committee.
- 24 March 2022 Faculty Senate Meeting: Personnel Committee expected to bring to Senate body for endorsement.

The Special topic calendar has been confirmed to include;

- February: FY 2023 Budget and Priorities (A. O'Neil).
- March: Graduate student initiatives (C. Tsatsoulis)
- June: Carnegie R1 and campus initiatives (M. Dehghani)

For discussion in the meeting today;

Proposal for Revised SET Instrument

- First Step: Motion from CET in today's meeting
 - > Narrow decision on revised SET instrument (education-research based instrument)
 - > Revised instrument provides new questions encompassing objective to subjective aspects of instruction, retaining prior effectiveness score and open-ended comment
 - > Critical: allows for calibration from new questions to prior effectiveness score, in addition to richer feedback to enabling meaningful formative and summative use.
- *Uniquely opportune moment* – CET membership not only committed to promotion of teaching quality, but also its evaluation as research focus

Subsequent Steps

- SET issues such as response rate, potential for composite score
- Instructor-Based and Peer-Based Evaluation instruments to complement Student-Based Evaluation (via SET instrument).
- *Goal:* tools for faculty to refine, demonstrate and document teaching effort

IV. Administrative Reports

A. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Dehghani presented and reported that it was a busy week in Jefferson City and the governor has been having roundtable discussions. The governor has proposed to the legislators that S&T get \$41.25 million dollars towards our manufacturing ecosystem.

B. Provost's Report

Provost Potts presented and gave an update. Money has been allocated for faculty and staff awards. There are many searches going on at S&T for faculty, directors and deans. For faculty positions, reach out to your chair for more information. Beth Concepción has coordinated the rollout of online classes that are noncredit.

V. Campus Reports

A. Staff Council

Megan Fowler presented and discussed;

- Staff Milestone Awards
- Advocacy Initiatives
- Earth Day Events scheduled for April 22nd
- Spring Staff Appreciation Day scheduled for May 25th

B. Student Council

Amanda Aiken presented and discussed;

- There are two students on the ballot for student body president.
- Student Council regular meetings take place every other week and the next one will be February 22 in Carver Turner
- Gonzo Gives Back will take place in March

C. Council of Graduate Students

Mohamad Abdul Nabi presented and provided an update that the Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is currently working on a graduate student bill of rights. The CGS is also doing mandatory training to all CGS members and officers.

VI. Special Topic-Budget Planning for Fiscal Year 2023

Alysha O'Neal presented a high-level picture of the budget. The different types of funds and funding sources were outlined, and an explanation of state funding and state appropriations was given. For fiscal year 2023 (FY23) revenue assumptions and expense side challenges were shared. For FY23, the planning process was shared and discussed.

VII. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Administrative Review Committee

Kelly Liu presented the questions that will be on the administrative review survey. Provost Colin Potts, CAFE Chair Irina Ivliyeva, and Chief Information Officer Danny Tang will be reviewed.

A motion was made to approve the survey questions so ARC can proceed with the reviews.

Motion passes.

B. Public Occasions

Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani presented for the Public Occasions Committee (POC). The Office of the Provost has proposed that the PhD commencement ceremony be held a week earlier than the ceremonies for undergraduate and master's degrees. This change was implemented for Fall 2021 and has been announced for Spring 2022. Faculty Senate approval is being sought for a permanent change, effective Fall 2022.

Please solicit feedback from your department colleagues and share with the Public Occasions committee. Depending on the feedback, a motion may be forthcoming at the March 24 Faculty Senate meeting.

C. Campus Curricula

Steve Raper presented on behalf of the Campus Curricula Committee (CCC). The committee met on December 7th. The committee reviewed 11 course change forms, 4 program change forms, and 4 experimental course requests (EC).

The CCC moved for Faculty Senate to approve the 31 course change (CC) forms and 4 program change (PC) forms and 1 name change (NC) form.

Motion passes.

D. Committee for Effective Teaching

Devin Burns presented and discussed the revisions to the Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET) survey. The committee proposed the following motion;
The CET Committee moves that the Faculty Senate adopt the 17 questions below, referred to as the Proposed SET Instrument, with the indicated response options, to serve as the Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET) instrument administered at the end of each semester, replacing in whole, the prior SET instrument. The change will take effect beginning with the assessments to occur at the end of the Spring 2022 semester, with the 17th question dropped after one use. For the Spring 2022 semester, the nine new items (#6-14) are not to be used for purposes of instructor evaluation.

There was a friendly amendment to the motion.

The faculty senate encourages the CET to develop additional measures of faculty teaching effectiveness beyond SETs in order to prevent unintended consequences for faculty (including NTTs) due to the potential biases and subjective nature of Student evaluations of teaching.

The motion on the friendly amendment passes.

The new motion including the friendly amendment reads;

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E. Budgetary Affairs

Mark Fitch presented and reported on the following new referrals;

- Change orders for roundabout
- Christmas tree

Continuing referrals:

- Report on the “big picture balance sheet”
- Current and next FY budget

S&T will be paying \$260,898 for street lighting and irrigation and \$269,778 for aesthetics from the general operating funds . Lights for multiple trees were purchased for a cost of \$4900. The lights will be reused. The Chancellor’s used \$925 from his unrestricted gift funds to purchase a 18-foot live tree.

VIII. Unfinished Business

None

IX. New Business

A. Curricula revisions for CEC Direct Admission

Steve Raper presented and reported that direct admission will be the process for the College of Engineering and Computing starting in the fall. Changes will need to be made in DC forms.

B. RP&A Referral: St. Louis graduate programs

Steve Raper presented and reported a referral came to the campus curricula committee regarding St. Louis graduate programs. Interviews have been conducted to provide

information to determine if the programs had gone through the normal processes of approval. More information will be shared when the review is completed.

X. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Westenberg, Secretary