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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
March 24, 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 Cawfield, Amitava Choudhury, Steve Corns, Kathryn C. Dolan, Mike Hilgers, Mike Moats 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 Runion, Chaman Sabharwal, William Schonberg, Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani, Kathleen Sheppard, Jeff Smith, Nancy Stone, Shoaib Usman, Jee Wang, David Westenberg, Daniel Willis, Maciej Zawodniok

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 17 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 March 4th via Zoom. Topics discussed included;

- A shared governance working group
- UM-System IT

The Board of Curators will hold a meeting on campus April 21 and Faculty Senate officers will host a luncheon with student participation.

At the S&T campus level,

- At the April 28th Faculty Senate Meeting, annual elections will be held. The elections will be held in person.
- An Ad-Hoc committee on the assessment of campus climate has been meeting and has developed a climate survey that is ready for implementation.
- A Graduate, Distance and Continuing Education (DGCE) committee has been formed out of a resolution from Graduate Faculty Council.

- A Direct Admissions Working Group was initiated in coordination with the Provost.
- There was a referral regarding graduate offerings in St. Louis and it was found that the offerings are part of existing programs.
- The Administrative Review survey closes March 25th. All faculty are reminded to participate.

IV. Administrative Reports

A. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Deghani presented and reported that campus is returning to in-person events. Upcoming events include;

- Board of Trustees, April 7
- Academies meetings, April 7-8
- Miner Alumni Association Board, April 9
- Board of Curators, April 21
- Woman of the Year and Women's Advocate of the Year Luncheon, April 27
- Kummer Institute Board of Directors, May 6

At the Board of Curators meeting next month, new tuition and fee models will be presented. The new structure would take effect fall 2023 and will be based off of three tiers for undergraduates and for graduate students it will align with current course fees.

Summer camps will also return to in-person and to full capacity.

B. Provost's Report

Provost Potts presented on notable faculty and student achievements. Updates were given about ongoing searches, reorganizations and relocations across campus.

V. Campus Reports

A. Staff Council

Megan Fowler presented and discussed Spring Staff Appreciation Day and had requests for volunteers for staff day and to serve on the staff awards review committee.

B. Student Council

Amanda Aiken presented and reported that Wulfe Retzlaff will be taking over as Student Council president next year and will attend the April meeting.

C. Council of Graduate Students

No report was given.

VI. Special Topic-Graduate Education

Costas Tsatsoulis presented on the vision for graduate education and the strategic goals. New degree programs were discussed, and work will continue new degrees which have already been identified through KC, CASE, and CEC. Other topics discussed were growth in doctoral degrees and master programs, and retention.

VII. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Public Occasions

Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani presented for the Public Occasions Committee (POC). The changes include an addition of a separate PhD commencement, the removal of transfer transitions, and a postponement of Fall break by one week.

A motion was made to approve the academic calendar for Fall semester 2022 and Spring Semester 2023. No changes are proposed to the Summer 2023 schedule.

Motion passes.

B. Campus Curricula

Steve Raper presented for the Curriculum Committee (CC). The CC met on March 1 and reviewed 6 course change forms (CC forms), 8 Program Change forms (PC forms), and 2 Experiential Course requests (EC form). The CC moves that Faculty Senate approve the 6 CC and 8 PC form actions.

Motion passes.

C. Rules, Procedure and Agenda

Kelly Homan presented on behalf of the Rules, Procedure and Agenda (RP&A) committee and discussed the annual S&T Faculty-Staff Climate survey. The following motion was made;

Original motion: The Faculty Senate hereby authorizes the annual administration of a validated climate survey, with participation by faculty and staff, to assess the Missouri S&T campus work environment. The administration of the survey and the summary of its results are assigned to the Faculty Senate Personnel Committee.

A motion was made to remove the demographic data from the survey.

Motion did not pass.

An amended motion was presented.

Amended motion: The Faculty Senate hereby authorizes the annual administration of a validated climate survey, with participation by faculty and staff, to assess the Missouri

S&T campus work environment. The administration of the survey and the summary of its results are assigned to the Faculty Senate Personnel Committee. The survey is to include, in its front matter, a clear and explicit delineation of the access and privacy measures implemented for the handling of the raw data.

Motion passes.

D. Budgetary Affairs

Mark Fitch presented and reported on the following referrals;

- Snake Invasion Grass Costs
- Kummer Foundation/Institute spending (April)

Continuing referrals:

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

And an analysis of the recent report

- MU “to increase faculty salary over the next five years by \$500 million.”

Regarding staff salaries, the budgetary affairs presented suggestions. An update was given regarding the report of the commitment MU made toward salary increases for staff and faculty.

E. Information Technology & Computing

Daniel Stutts presented and reported on issues raised during the September 23, 2021 Faculty Senate meeting and the October 20, 2021 ITCC meeting. An update was presented with notes from Danny Tang on progress towards IT goals and problem solutions. Two recent issues of specific interest are;

- a) pending revocation of admin privileges, and
- b) the email sweep of your inbox.

VIII. Unfinished Business

None

IX. New Business

None

X. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Westenberg, Secretary