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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
September 22, 2022

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Kate Sheppard at 2:00 pm. Roll was called by Secretary Dave Westenberg. Those whose names are grayed out below were absent.

Lana Alagha, Venkat Allada, Stuart Baur, Matthew Burmeister, Devin Burns, Jeff Cawlfild, Alex Chernatynskiy, Amitava Choudhury, Steve Corns, Kathryn C. Dolan, William Fahrenholtz, Mahelet Fikru, Darin Finke, Mark Fitch, Mary Gillis, Michael Gosnell, Sarah Hercula, Kelly Homan, Wenqing Hu, Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani for Ali Hurson, Kurt Kosbar, Umit Koylu, K. Krishnamurthy, Alanna Krolikowski, Bih-Ru Lea, Kelly Liu, Ashok Midha, Parthasakha Neogi, Jorge Porcel, Prakash Reddy, Melissa Ringhausen, Paul Runnion, Chaman Sabharwal, William Schonberg, Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani, Jeff Smith, Shoab Usman, Dan Waddill, Jee Ching Wang, David Westenberg, Daniel Willis, Vincent Yu, Maciej Zawodniok

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 9, 2022 meeting were distributed prior to this meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion passes.

III. President's Report

Dr. Kate Sheppard opened the meeting with a resolution to recognize Dr. Kelly Homan for his service to Faculty Senate. (The wording of the resolution can be found in the meeting slides). Dr. Homan was presented a framed copy of the resolution and a plaque recognizing his service.

- Dr. Sheppard presented and reported that the Intercampus Faculty Cabinet (IFC) met on August 15 – 16, 2022. Topics discussed included.
- Missouri Online and upcoming changes to provide campuses with more independence. Beth Concepcion will lead the effort for S&T.
- Informed the Senate that DCC and Faculty Senate Officers sent letters against changes to the staff PTO which passed BoC on September 7, 2022.
- Mentioned proposed changes to CRR regarding export control and NTT faculty.

Campus items presented include,

- Informed the Senate that new by-laws passed by general faculty in May were reviewed by General Council with non-substantive modifications and provided to Chancellor Dehghani to present to BoC
- Informed the Senate that General Faculty meetings have been moved to later in the semester with the first meeting on October 4.
- Explained that administrative reports will take place at the General Faculty meeting so that Senate meetings can focus on conducting business. The Chancellor and Provost have a standing invitation to attend Senate meetings
- Explained revised Officer rotation with the Parliamentarian becoming a three-year rotation with a possibility for renewal and the progression of Officers will be Secretary, President-elect, President, Past-president.
- Informed the Senate that results and analysis of the FS climate survey were presented to the Chancellor and Provost and will be presented to FS at the October Senate meeting

IV. Campus Reports

A. Staff Council

- No Report

B. Student Council

- Wulfe Retzlaff presented in the Intercampus Student Council request for leniency regarding attendance policies to allow students to vote on election day.

C. Council of Graduate Students

- Guarav Kairnar presented on status of graduate student representation for each department.
- Introduced the upcoming graduate student poster competition for November 1 – 4.

V. Special Topic-Campus Wellness Initiative

- Jessica Gargus, director of Miner Wellness, presented on the role of Miner Wellness and available resources. She informed the Senate about S&T's membership in the JED Campus program and ongoing activities with a focus on engaging faculty for student success. More details can be found in the meeting slide deck.

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Campus Curricula

- Dr. Petra DeWitt presented for the Curriculum Committee (CC). The CC met on August 9 and reviewed 6 course change forms (CC forms), 7 Program Change forms (PC forms), and 6 Experimental Course requests (EC form).
- The CC moves that Faculty Senate approve the 6 CC and 7 PC form actions.
- *Motion passes.*

B. Committee for Effective Teaching

- Dr. Devin Burns presented on behalf of the Committee for Effective Teaching (CET) and outlined changes in the awarding of campus teaching awards (elimination of SET based Outstanding Teaching Awards and awarding of additional Faculty Teaching Awards which require a nomination).
- Requested names of key stakeholders to serve on an ad hoc committee to deal with online learning topics.
- Informed the Senate of upcoming activities the committee is looking into including making summer SET evaluations opt-out instead of opt-in, allowing chairs to see SET comments, increasing response rates, and establishing a peer review instrument and encouraging department peer evaluation.

C. Information Technology & Computing

- Interim CIO Perry Koob presented on behalf of ITCC at the request of committee chair Dr. Dan Stutts.
- Informed the Senate about the IT goals for the coming year.
- Informed the Senate about the status of IT staffing and plans to move IT back to campus.
- Explained the Local Administrator Password Tool and the rollout of TrustKeys as an alternative to multi-factor authentication.
- Raised awareness of the eventual move to Windows 11 in the not too distant future.

D. Budgetary Affairs

- Dr. Mark Fitch informed the Senate there were no new referrals but would respond to questions received regarding changes to staff leave policy (moot point), hiring allocations and funding of capital projects.
- Continuing referrals:
 - Report on the “big picture balance sheet”
 - Current and next FY budget
- Current FY budget – enrollment less than planned = \$1 million gone, covered by contingency funds.

- Hiring allocations are not faculty “lines” but recurring money.
- New policy regarding where money goes when faculty leave – 100% to College if aP, 90% to College and 10% to Provost if AP, and 80% to College and 20% to Provost if P.
- Funding of current campus capital projects (See slides for details)
 - \$265,285,829 total, \$98,352,155 from Kummer Institute, \$22,000,000 from gifts, \$50,933,584 from State, and \$41,733,322 from Internal sources.
- Parker Hall projects totaling \$3,560,357 with \$2,060,00 from Kummer Institute and \$1.490,000 from Internal.

VII. Unfinished Business

- None

VIII. New Business

- None

IX. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 3:32 P.M. Respectfully submitted,
- Dave Westenber, Secretary