MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
— ROLLA, MISSOURI —

MEMORANDUM TO: RP&A Committee

FROM: Joshua Schlegel, Secretary, General Faculty

DATE: 23 January 2025

SUBJECT: Draft Minutes for the RP&A Meeting
                                        21 January 2025, 3:30 PM
                                        Curtis Laws-Wilson Library, Room 202

1. Call to Order (3:30 PM)   K.C. Dolan
2. Approval of Minutes   K.C. Dolan
   a. November 2024 RP&A Meeting
3. President's Report   D. Westenberg
   a. The process for approving graduate curricula is very long. Updating and formalizing the process will be discussed at the next Faculty Senate Meeting.
   b. There has been a lot of push for faculty to provide more information about courses for students, including websites with additional information describing courses, posted syllabi, etc. that is external to the course and available to the public, or at least available to all students. A committee of administrators is working on this.
   c. Faculty are encouraged to use Open Educational Resources in their courses.
   d. Dean Borrok presenting some data regarding the effect of the revised merit raise policies for faculty in CEC, how many faculty were impacted, etc.
   e. There are ongoing discussions on how to boost response rates for student teaching evaluations. A summary of the most recent round of evaluations using Blue will be discussed at an upcoming Faculty Senate meeting.
   f. Revisions to the bylaws are upcoming. The process to do so will be discussed at the next Faculty Senate meeting.
   g. It was requested that David Spivey be given the opportunity to present the case for continuing test-optional admissions, with a vote at the following Faculty Senate meeting.
   h. It was requested that Barry Robbins be allowed to present his vision for IT at the next Faculty Senate meeting. There is also a meeting Thursday (23 January) for him to respond to concerns raised at the last Faculty Senate meeting.
   i. The VCFO will be presenting to Faculty Senate in February and March, on the upcoming budgeting process and on the strategic reallocation.
4. Reports from Ad Hoc Committees
   a. A new tutorial process for incoming faculty has been approved.
5. Reports from Standing Committees
   a. Administrative Review   K. Erickson
      i. The upcoming survey questions will be reviewed at the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting.
   b. Budgetary Affairs   B. Lea

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      i. Committee members continue to evaluate budget dashboard tools

      ii. Updates on the budgetary impact of the new advising software, Stellic, will be discussed at the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting.

      iii. The CIO presented to the BAC, after referral from the ITCC. IT has a lot of outdated equipment, and replacement has historically not been budgeted. About $1.4 million has been requested for network infrastructure. The CIO is working with the VCFO and Development, and it has also been suggested that he work with OSP as some of the F&A charged to grants should support IT costs associate with research.

      iv. The VCFO will present a budget update for the coming fiscal year in February. They will present again in March on the strategic reallocation process for next fiscal year.

   c. Campus Curricula   P. DeWitt

      i. A new General Education policy has been drafted for S&T and will be presented the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting for discussion

   d. Honorary Degrees   J. Myers

      i. The committee made their recommendations to the Provost. Those went to UM System for approval.

   e. Personnel   D. Westenberg

      i. Revised guidelines are being proposed for the teaching improvement plans, after the referral to the committee earlier this year. These will be presented at the Faculty Senate meeting, with a vote proposed at the following meeting.

   f. Public Occasions   *

      i. The registrar requested that the committee support the Registrar's request to revise the CRRs change the how fall semester is scheduled, in conjunction with the other UM System campuses. The committee voted to support the proposal, and will introduce a motion to support the change. There was significant discussion on how this would affect scheduling.

   g. Tenure Policy – None   M. Nath

      i. The committee is working to provide some clarification on when tenure-track faculty can request an extension to their tenure clock. They are also working on a proposal to ensure scholarship of outreach and engagement is included as acceptable scholarship in the tenure and promotion process.

6. Senate Meeting Agenda   K.C. Dolan

7. Unfinished Business   K.C. Dolan

   a. None

8. New Business   K.C. Dolan

   a. None

9. Announcements   K.C. Dolan

10. Adjourn (4:44 PM)

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Schlegel

Secretary | Faculty Senate