

**Volume XXXVIII, Number 1
Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting
September 20, 2007**

I. Call to Order, Roll, and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President Kurt Kosbar and roll was taken. The following absentees were noted: Woronick, Mullin, Hall, Wunsch, Carroll, Fahrenholtz, Smith, Drain, Balakrishnan, Tsai, DeMalade, Worsey, Mueller, and DuBois. The following substitutions were noted: Murphy for Robinson.

The meeting minutes of June 7, 2007 were **approved** as submitted.

II. Officer Elections

Don Myers, interim chair of RP&A, proposed a slate of candidates approved by RP&A, for the 2007-8 Academic Council Officers. The following slate was **accepted** unanimously:

President – Frank Blum
President Elect – Eun Soo Park
Secretary – Doug Carroll
Parliamentarian – Michael Schulz

Don Myers proposed a slate of candidates approved by RP&A, for the 2007-8 Intercampus Faculty Council and Missouri Association of Faculty Senates. A motion to accept the following representatives was **passed** unanimously.

Intercampus Faculty Council Slate

Frank Blum, Doug Carroll, and Kurt Kosbar

Missouri Association of Faculty Senates Slate

Frank Blum and Doug Carroll

III. Presentation of plaque to past President of Academic Council

The following resolution was **passed** unanimously:

AC0708res-1:

Whereas Professor Kurt L. Kosbar has served the University of Missouri-Rolla Academic Council since 2003 as Parliamentarian, Secretary, President-Elect, and President;

Whereas, as an Officer of the Academic Council, Professor Kosbar has demonstrated hard work, good judgment, and thoughtfulness in these positions;

Whereas, Professor Kosbar's leadership skills have helped the campus navigate through difficult times of change;

Whereas Professor Kosbar has maintained a positive attitude and good humor through these times;

Be it resolved that the academic Council of the University of Missouri-Rolla does hereby sincerely thank Professor Kosbar for many jobs well done and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

Adopted this 20th day of September, 2007 at the meeting of the University of Missouri-Rolla Academic Council.

- IV. A motion from RP&A to accept elected representatives to Academic Freedom and Standards, Administrative Review, Budgetary Affairs, Curricula, Facilities Planning, Library and Learning Resources, Personnel, Student Affairs, and Student Awards and Financial Aids, committees was **passed** unanimously.

V. Campus Reports and Responses

a. President Report – Frank Blum

- **AC Office moved**
 - AC Secretary, Ms. Dedie Wilson
 - Office in VPAA Suite
- **Past President (Kosbar) moves to RP&A Chair**
 - Bob Schwartz and Don Myers complete service as RP&A Chair
- **Operating Procedures**
 - Existing bylaws used when logical
 - Proposed (AC approved) bylaws used when existing bylaws inappropriate.
- **Bylaws**
 - Meeting with UM and legal, Oct. 1
 - Special General Faculty Meeting in October expected
 - Possible Board Action in November
 - Possible effective date, Jan. 1, 2008
 - Incorporate name change into document
- **Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC)**
 - Retreat September 10-11, 2007
 - Kosbar, Carroll, Blum Attended
 - VP Steve Graham convened the meeting
 - IFC thanked President Lamb for his statement
 - UMC proposed name change
 - Assessment and Accountability
 - Document From A.V.P. Smith
 - Faculty Leave Policy
 - Finalize in October

- VP for Research and Development likely to be replaced
- Benefits (K. Hutchinson)
 - 1% mandated reallocation
 - Switch from United to Coventry
 - Retirement system (currently well funded, secure)
- IT (G. Allen)
 - System-wide strategic plan in progress
 - Maintaining IT professionals
 - PTP file sharing
 - Security (no SS#s)
 - MORENET plans to lease of fiber for system
- **Non-Tenure Track (NTT)**
 - Departmental plans to Provosts by Sept 17
 - Follow-up to track progress planned
- **Senate Bill 389**
 - Re-empowers CBHE
 - Performance issues/accountability

b. Administrative Report – Chancellor J.F. Carney III

- Enrollment Figures – Enrollment at 6,167 – 33% increase, undergraduate enrollment increased 29%, and graduate enrollment increased 52%.
- Presidential search – President Lamb will be leaving January, 2008.
- Residential College II – Opened residential college II ahead of schedule back in June, 2007.
- MAE building – Injunction has been denied, building should be finished in May, 2007 and should start moving in, summer 2008 and start renovation of old building.
- Career Fair – 252 companies last year, should have about 275 this year.
- Campaign update – On track, 121 million, 60% of goal and 60% thru campaign.
- Board of Trustees and Gala – Meeting in Chesterfield September 21 & 22, 2007. Third year meeting in St. Louis area.
- Statement in support of President Lamb’s position on research – The 4 Chancellor’s issued a statement of support for President Lamb.

In regard to President Lamb’s statement, Don Myers proposed the following resolution: “Be it resolved that the Academic Council of the University of Missouri-Rolla expresses its gratitude to Dr. Lamb for his strong statement of September 7, 2007.”

The following amendment was proposed and the resolution was **passed** (3 abstentions):

“Be it resolved that the Academic Council of the University of Missouri-Rolla expresses its gratitude to Dr. Lamb **and supports** his strong statement of September 7, 2007.”

A further amendment was proposed and the following resolution was **passed** (2 abstentions):

AC0708res-2:

“Be it resolved that the Academic Council of the University of Missouri-Rolla expresses its gratitude to Dr. Lamb and supports his strong statement [regarding proposed anti-research constitutional amendment] of September 7, 2007.

c. Administrative Report – Provost W.K. Wray

- The first draft of the Non-Tenure Track campus policy document completed
- Recent technology addition to some classrooms presented
- Drs. Summers and Wunsch recent accomplishments presented
- Recent figures of research (proposals awarded/submitted) presented.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/AcademicCouncilReport.9.20.2007.ppt>

d. Staff Council Report – Chris Dew

- Chair, Chris Dew
- Vice Chair, Cecilia Elmore
- Secretary, Joyce Abbott
- Treasurer, Robert Berkelman
- Bi-Annual event, Staff Council Open Forum, 1st week in October, 2007.
- Staff professional development, 4 or 5 different staff development programs during staff day recognition week.

e. Student Council – Kelly McCoy for Beth Groenke

- The 2nd Annual Presidents Summit will be taking place on Wednesday, October 10th. Presidents who attend hear presentation and learn skills and tips to help improve their organizations. There will also be time for collaboration among the groups. Chancellor Carney will be the keynote.
- The student funding process is underway. Student Council will be voting on the 1st set of fees on Tuesday.
- When students are approached in passing, student response to the new logo tends to be neutral to slightly negative, but no major concerns have been brought to me from the students since the logo announcement. However, when Student Council was shown 4 concepts, prior to the logo selection, students favored the selected logo as the logo that best represented the history of the university as well as its future by approximately 70%.
- Student Council held its Executive Committee Retreat. We have many young leaders, but they are an active group. If any member approaches you throughout the year, please help them however you can.

- At the end of September a newsletter will go out to all students from the Presidents of Student Council and CGS. It is the first of a monthly newsletter to keep students informed directly about what their government is doing and about other things on campus.

f. Council of Grad. Students – R.K. Singh

- After a heavy restructuring in CGS, we have managed to fill in almost all the capacities for the representatives from different departments.
- New Web-Site – our new website <http://cgs.mst.edu/> is in place and contains an *OPEN FORUM* for the graduate students, to interact with others and resolve their queries and concerns. The forum is only accessible with a UMR ID.
- Guest Speakers – CGS invited Dr. Venkata Allada (Vice-Provost for Graduate Studies) to address the students for the 1st CGS General Meeting this fall. The next meetings would have Ms. Roberta Cox and Ms. Vicki Huggins from the office of graduate studies to speak on the rules and deadlines for graduate students.
- Planning for this semester – CGS plans to have a workshop for filling the “tax return forms” in UMR, for which the students had to go to University of Missouri – Columbia. Also, we plan to have a workshop that would be conducted by the Writing Center.
- Working with Dr. Allada - we (the executive board of CGS) are working closely with Dr. Allada on some of the topics that concern the graduate students and also planning on future events for the betterment of the graduate student body.
- We are trying to make presence on almost every department’s orientation in order to introduce ourselves and the organization to the graduate students.

VI. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

a. Curricula Committee – Keith Nisbett

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/Curr.9.04.07Meeting.pdf>

A motion to approve the submitted forms posted on the web with the exception of DC 0254 (regarding the minimum credit hours required for the B.S. degree in Petroleum Engineering) was **passed** unanimously.

A motion to table discussions of Form DC 0254 was **passed**.

VII. Old Business

a. Annual Committee Reports-available on web at:

- [Academic Freedom and Standards](#) L. Haynes

- [Administrative Review](#) R. Alexander
- [Budgetary Affairs](#) D. Myers
- [Info. Technology / Computing](#) D. Wunsch
- [Curricula](#) K. Nisbett
- [Facilities Planning](#) K. Woelk
- [Honorary Degrees](#) R. Kohser
- [Library and Learning Resources](#) A. Stewart
- [Personnel](#) S. N. Balakrishnan
- [Public Occasions](#) G. Venayagamoorthy
- [Rules, Procedure and Agenda](#) D. Myers
- [Student Affairs](#) J. Smith
- [Student Awards and Financial Aid](#) T. Philpot
- [Tenure](#) B. McMillin

b. Report on Current Referrals and Actionable Items

- Academic Tenure Procedures
 - Revised version sent to Provost after June 7, 2007 meeting
 - Awaiting administration approval and posting
- SRI Reporting Structure
 - requesting administration to interact with faculty with what the SRI formula and policy will be.

VIII. New Business and Announcements

a. Referrals

- **AC0708ref-1:** Attendance Policy
 - To Academic Freedom and Standards Committee and Student Affairs Committee
 - Official excused absents for student going away to athletic competitions and other similar kinds of events.
- **AC0708ref-2:** Tenure Procedure Implementation
 - To Tenure Committee

b. Announcements

- Meeting dates for RP&A and Academic Council posted on the Academic Council web-site

The meeting was adjourned at 15:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Eun Soo Park, Acting Secretary