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Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting
October 18, 2007

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

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President Frank Blum and roll was taken. The following absentees were noted: Stanley Woronick, Mark Mullin, Yue-wen Huang, Ralph Wilkerson, Gary Mueller, Jack Carney. The following substitutions were noted: Caroline Fisher for Richard Hall and Awuah-Offei Kwame for Paul Worsey.

The meeting minutes of September 20, 2007 were **approved** as submitted.

II. Presentation of plaque to past President of Academic Council (09/05-09/06)

The following resolution was **passed** unanimously:

AC0708res-3:

*For a moment perhaps we should dwell,
on how Schwartz lead the council so well.
But then he did slide,
over to the dark side,
and that death star we call ERL.*

*But a fine leader truly is he,
the kind we need here at MS&T.
And tho we make fun,
in the long run,
we'll miss him to quite a degree*

*So whereas he's been a good sport,
And whereas he's never run short...
of good ideas for the school,
and is no body's fool,
Be it resolved that he has our support.*

(Author Unknown)

III. Campus Reports and Responses

a. President Report – Frank Blum

Bylaws Update, Tenure Review Procedures, Board of Curators' Meeting, and Missouri Association of Faculty Senates Meeting.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/President.Report.10.18.07.pdf>

b. Administrative Report – Provost W.K. Wray

Academic Affairs, Graduate Studies, Information Technology, Research, School of Extended Learning, and Undergraduate Studies

Details can be found at the following link:

[http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/DrWray.AC.Report.10.07.ppt#262,1,ACA DEMIC COUNCIL REPORT](http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/DrWray.AC.Report.10.07.ppt#262,1,ACA%20DEMOC%20COUNCIL%20REPORT)

c. Administrative Report – Provost W.K. Wray for Chancellor J.F. Carney III

Distribution of Sponsored Research Indirect Recovery and Gift Fees

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/CarneyAC.Report.10.18.07.pdf>

d. Staff Council Report – Debbie Mittendorf for Chris Dew

Bi-Annual Staff Open Forum, Staff Professional Develop, and Change in Meeting Format and Location

e. Student Council – Trevor Bollmann for Beth Groenke

Presidents Summit, Donations to Local Food Bank, New Member BBQ, and Student Leadership

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

Salaries for the Executive Board, Budget, General Meeting – October 25. In the pipeline, orientation of new reps, finding someone for the tax rebate workshop, and making committees to support the office of graduate studies.

IV. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

a. Curricula Committee – Keith Nisbett

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/Curricula.10.18.07.pdf>

A motion to approve the submitted forms posted on the web was **passed** unanimously.

b. Tenure – Bruce McMillin

Proposed Tenure Review Procedures, Governing Documents, Primary Changes, Legal Stuff, and Approval

Details can be found at the following links:

Proposed Tenure Rules:

[Revised with changes noted](#)

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/TC.Revised.10.18.07.pdf>

[Clean copy](#)

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/TC.CleanCopy.10.18.07.pdf>

A motion to approve the submitted documents posted on the web was **passed** (1 abstention).

c. Ad Hoc Bylaws – Doug Carroll

Committee Participants, Faculty Bylaws, Deans' Responsibilities, Faculty Senate vs Academic Council, General Faculty Membership/Voting, Courses/Curriculum Changes, Special Programs, and Membership of Standing Committees

Details can be found at the following link:

[Explanation for Bylaws Changes](#)

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/rationale.bylaws.10.17.07.pdf>

[Proposed Bylaws Revision of 10.12.07](#)

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/bylaws.Rev.12.16.07.pdf>

A motion to endorse the changes in the Bylaws as proposed on the Academic Council web-site was **passed** (1 opposed).

d. RP&A – Kurt Kosbar

Voting on Bylaws by the General Faculty, Graduate Faculty Bylaws, Ad-Hoc Conflict of Interest Committee, and Status of Department Chairs when Departments Split or Merge

Elections of Standing Committees

Kurt Kosbar, chair of RP&A, proposed a slate of candidates approved by RP&A, for the 2007-8 Grievance Hearing Panel, Parking, Security and Traffic, Student Scholastic Appeals, and Academic Freedom and Standards.

Grievance Hearing Panel

A motion to accept the following representatives was **passed** unanimously.
Gerald Cohen, Roger LaBoube, Norbert Maerz, Robert Roe, W.J. Charatonik, Ralph Wilkerson, Randy Moss, Jeffrey Winiarz, Jeff Cawlfeld, Robert DuBois, and Don Sharpsteen

Parking, Security and Traffic

A motion to add Caroline Fisher and delete Roger Hering from the Parking, Security and Traffic Committee was **passed** unanimously.

A motion to accept the following representatives was **passed** unanimously.
Leslie Gertsch, Norman Cox, Julie Gallaway, Don Hagen, Akim Adekpedjou, Jerry Tien, and Caroline Fisher

Student Scholastic Appeals

A motion to accept the following representatives was **passed** (1 opposed).
Bill Fahrenholtz, Yue-wen Huang, and James Martin

Academic Freedom and Standards

A motion to accept the following representative was **passed** (1 opposed).
Stephen Clark

e. Personnel – N.S. Balakrishnan for P. Neogi

Personnel submitted 5 changes on the Faculty Leave Program, which have been forwarded to Academic Affairs

V. Old Business

a. Report on Current Referrals and Actionable Items

Excused absences and leave policies are in progress.

VI. New Business and Announcements

a. Resolution in Favor of Computing Diversity

The following resolution was **passed** (1 opposed)

AC0708res-4

Whereas faculty members have diverse ways of using computing to achieve productivity in teaching and research;

Whereas, different kinds of computing systems dominate different environments;

Whereas, knowledge of different operating environments enhances the campus' effort in education and research,

Now therefore;

Be it resolved, that the Information Technology and Computer Committee (ITCC) and the Academic Council (AC) of the University of Missouri-Rolla endorse the continued support by IT of multiple platforms and operating systems (e.g. Linux, UNIX, Macintosh, Windows) for faculty and student use.

The meeting was adjourned at 15:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Carroll, Secretary