

Volume II, Number 2
Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
October 16, 2008

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

The meeting was called to order at 13:30 by President Doug Carroll and roll was taken. The following absentees were noted: Gretchen Brockfeld, Mark Mullin, You-wen Huang, Morris Kalliny, Richard Hall, Louis Ge, Michael Schulz, Ralph Wilkerson, Ray Luechtefeld, Don Wunch, Bill Fahrenholtz, Scott Miller, Robert Roe, S. N. Balakrishnan, Keith Nisbett, Bill DeMalade, and Gary Mueller.

The September 18, 2008 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

II. Campus Reports and Responses

a. President Report – Doug Carroll

Promotion and Tenure Documentation is posted on the Provost website at <http://provost.mst.edu/faculty/documentation.html> and the Policy document is at <http://provost.mst.edu/documents/tenure.10.1.07.pdf>. The Faculty Senate will start another Revision of the Bylaws and one of the reasons for the revision is to make the Conflict of Interest Committee a standing committee.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/PresidentReport.10.16.08.pdf>

b. Administrative Report – Chancellor John F. Carney III

Chancellor Carney reported on declining state support, and how student fees and maintaining present enrollment levels are crucial to our operations. FY 08 Current Fund revenue is a concern because of the Wall Street crisis. S&T graduates top Midwestern Colleges starting salary. General Fitness Complex is being updated. Remmers Special Artist/Lecturer Series tickets are available.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/CarneyFS.10.16.08.ppt>

c. Administrative Report – Provost Wray

Provost Wray gave reports on the offices of Academic Affairs, Enrollment Management, School of Extended Learning, Sponsored Programs and Office of Undergraduate Studies.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/DrWray.FS.Report.10.16.08Updated.ppt>

d. Staff Council Report – Deb Middendorf for Cecilia Elmore

Minutes, agenda and announcements can be found at <http://staffcouncil.mst.edu/> . Critical Incident Task Force presented to the council. New charitable awareness programs are being initiated.

e. Student Council – A. Ronchetto

Student recreational facility assessment results: 1789 students participated, equal participation of campus population, 71.3% favor an additional fee to fund the renovation of the Student Recreation Center, Intramural Fields, and Tennis Courts, and pursuing referendum at the end of the month. The Student Fitness Center is scheduled to open sometime next fall. Working on Campus Environmental Initiative and Academic Dishonesty Resolution.

f. Council of Grad. Students (CGS) – R. Gudavarthy

Record attendance in last two general meetings. Actively participating in green campus initiatives. Department representatives number has gone up and CGS is serving on all the faculty senate committees. Website will have a discussion forum. CGS to come up with “Graduate Newsletter” with primary focus to showcase S&T graduate research, graduate students achievements and graduate faculty achievements. First edition will be out by December 2008.

III. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

a. Curricula Committee

There were 10 CC and 14 EC forms. **A motion to approve the submitted forms posted on the web was passed unanimously.**

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/documents/Curricula.10.07.08.pdf>

b. RP&A – F. Blum

Ad-Hoc Conflict of Interest Committee (COIC)

The COIC will consist of five members. Chair (appointed by Chancellor or designee), 3 Tenured Faculty Members (appointed by Faculty Senate) and Administrative Services Representative (appointed by Chancellor or designee).

A motion for the Faculty Senate to establish the Ad-Hoc Conflict of Interest Committee for 1 year or until such time the Bylaws are changed to establish a standing Conflict of Interest Committee was passed unanimously.

A motion to accept the following COIC representatives was passed unanimously.
Don Myers and Walt Eversman

A motion was made to have Faculty Senate charge RP&A to fill the 3rd slot for the ad-hoc Conflict of Interest Committee was passed unanimously.

Addendum

[Follow-up action after the meeting: As of 7 Nov. 2008, RP&A appointed Paul Parris to the Conflict of Interest Committee.]

Bylaws Committee

A Bylaws committee has been formed. All meetings are open to the public and below is the list of representatives.

Kurt Kosbar (Chair), Jeff Smith, Levent Acar, Mike Davis, Barbara Hale and Don Myers.

IV. Old Business

a. Referrals Recently Closed

- FS0708ref-3 Campus NTT Procedure (closed 27 Sept 08)
- FS0708ref-4 Emergency Preparedness Revision (Facil.) (closed 20 Jun 08)

b. Referrals Ongoing

- FS0708ref-5 Graduate Student Stipend/Fees (Grad. Council)
- FS0708ref-6 Annual Faculty Review Format (Personnel)
- FS0708ref-7 Soft Money Raises (Budgetary Affairs)
- FS0708ref-8 Spousal Actions (Personnel)

c. Ongoing Monitoring

- Dean of Enrollment Management and Dean of Extended Learning Positions (RP&A)
- Revising/re-titling Tenure Regulations (Tenure)
- Supplementary/Soft Money Raises (Budgetary Affairs)
- Emergency Preparedness (Facilities)
- VPAA SB 389 Committee (Ad-Hoc SB389)

d. Other Committee Items

- Budgetary Planning, Start-up Packages (Budgetary Affairs)
- Best Practices for forming dept. tenure committees (Tenure)
- Monitoring progress of new P&T procedures (Tenure)
- Academic Dishonesty (Academic Freedom & Standards)

The meeting was adjourned at 14:15.

Respectfully submitted,
K.M. Isaac, Secretary

