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Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
September 20, 2012

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Past President, Michael Davis, introduced newly-elected President S.N. Balakrishnan and presented him a gavel.

[Dr.Balakrishnan receiving gavel 09.20.12](#)

The meeting was called to order at 13:31 PM by President S.N. Balakrishnan and roll was taken.

Those whose names are **grayed** out below were absent.

Mohamed Abdelsalam, Levent Acar, S.N. Balakrishnan, Martin Bohner, Steve Corns, Michael Davis, Joel Dittmer, Bob Dubois, Cassie Elrod, Fikret Ercal, Bill Fahrenholtz, Mark Fitch, Daniel Forciniti, Ron Frank, Abhijit Gosavi, Steve Grant, Barbara Hale, Lance Haynes, Amber Henslee, Wayne Huebner, Ali Hurson, Kurt Kosbar, Bih-Ru Lea, Nicholas Leventis, Ronaldo Luna, Ashok Midha, Mark Mullin, Daniel Oerther, Ted Read, Robert Roe, Jeff Schramm, Tom Schuman, Dan Stutts, Shoaib Usman, Doug Welter, Paul Worsey, David Wright, and Chengshan Xiao.

II. Approval of June 14, 2012 meeting minutes

The June 14, 2012 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

III. Campus Reports and Responses

A. President's Report – S.N. Balakrishnan

Greetings from President Balakrishnan and introduction of the Past President of Faculty Senate and the FY13 FS Officers.

Dr. Balakrishnan shared some Faculty Senate history and the functions of the Faculty Senate which can be found at <http://faculty senate.mst.edu/about/>.

The following resolution was **passed** unanimously:

Whereas Professor Michael Davis has served the Missouri University of Science & Technology Faculty Senate since 2009 as Parliamentarian, President-Elect, and President;

Whereas, as an Officer of the Faculty Senate, Professor Davis has demonstrated consistent hard work, good judgment, and thoughtfulness in these positions;

Whereas, Professor Davis's leadership skills have helped the Faculty Senate and the campus navigate through discussions on challenging topics such as domestic partner benefits;

Whereas, Professor Davis has maintained a friendly, collegial and consistently positive attitude at all times;

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the Missouri University of Science & Technology does hereby sincerely thank Professor Davis for many jobs well done and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

Adopted this 20th day of September, 2012, at the meeting of the Missouri University of Science & Technology Faculty Senate.

[MichaelDavis_receiving_plaque_09.20.12](#)

Plaques were presented to Dr. Keith Nisbett and Ms. Angie L. Huffman for acknowledgement for Faculty Senate services.

[Dr.KeithNesbitt_receiving_plaque_09.20.12](#)

[Ms.AngieL.Huffman_receiving_plaque_09.20.12](#)

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Dr. Levent Acar, Dr. Ron Frank, Dr. Steve Grant, and Dr. Robert Roe for excellent attendance at Faculty Senate meetings during 2011/2012.

[Dr.LeventAcar_receiving_certificate_09.20.12](#)

[Dr.RonFrank_receiving_certificate_09.20.12](#)

[Dr.SteveGrant_receiving_certificate_09.20.12](#)

[Dr.RobertRoe_receiving_certificate_09.20.12](#)

The University currently has two national searches in process. The search for the Vice Provost of Academic Affairs and the search for the Vice Provost of Undergraduate Studies.

Intercampus Faculty Council retreat will be September 25th – 26th.

Dr. Balakrishnan reported on two issues, the University Press and the Sunshine Law request. Mark Fitch will represent Missouri University of Science and Technology on the University Press Committee. Discussion ensued on both issues.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://faculty senate.mst.edu/media/campus support/faculty senate/documents/president reports/2012/updatedFS%20Slides_Sep12.pptx

B. Administrative Reports

i) Provost Wray for Chancellor Schrader

Dr. Wray thanked Michael Davis for his service as Faculty Senate President.

Chancellor Schrader will be attending the Board of Trustees fall meeting.

President Wolfe will be on campus Monday and Tuesday, September 24th and 25th.

S&T was awarded a STARS Silver ranking by The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. STARS stands for Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System. We are the only UM campus to receive a STARS ranking.

The Chancellor has currently visited 20 academic departments, research centers, and labs.

The Celebration of Nations kicks off on Saturday, September 29th. It starts at 11:00 AM with the parade, followed by an opportunity for food and arts and crafts from other countries. The camels will be available for rides this year.

Chancellor Schrader will give the State of the University Address at noon on October 3rd.

Homecoming is Friday and Saturday, October 12th and 13th.

ii) Provost Wray

Provost Wray reported on the Office of International Affairs, Enrollment Management, Academic Affairs, Office of Sponsored Programs, and Congratulations to Dr. Ashok Midha for the *Ashok Midha Symposium in Compliant Mechanisms*. Provost Wray also reported on the Office of Undergraduate Studies, Office of Graduate Studies, and Information Technology.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/provost/2012/Wray.FS.Report.06.14.12.ppt>

C. Staff Council Report – Bridgette Betz

Bridgette is the new Chair for Staff Council.

Staff Council had their first meeting last week. They plan to elect officers next month.

Staff Council meets the second Tuesday of each month from 9:00 – 10:30 AM.

Fall Appreciation will be held on Wednesday, October 31st. This is the 3rd year for this event. Hot chocolate and apple cider will be available around the puck area for all campus staff from 9 – 11 AM.

Staff Council is sponsoring a softball team.

D. Student Council – Ryan Beck

Ryan is the new student body President for the upcoming year.

He presented a list of the other officers for Student Council, the 2012 – 2013 Student Council Goals, and what the Student Council will be planning to work on during this year.

Details can be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campusupport/facultysenate/documents/studentcouncil/2012/Faculty_Senate_09_20_12_Beck.pptx

E. Council of Graduate Students – Mohammad Alkazimi

Mohammad is the newly elected President of the Council of Graduate Students.

The new executive committee is forming with representatives from other departments to bridge the gaps between graduate students and their departments and be the voice for the University administration.

In a collaborative effort with Career Opportunities, the first general meeting will be held on Monday of next week. Students can come and share their thoughts and tweak their resumes for the upcoming Career Fair.

IV. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

A. Rules, Procedures and Agenda – Martin Bohner for Michael Davis

Ballots were passed out to the voting members for the Elections of Alternate to Missouri Association of Faculty Senate, Parking Committee (2 needed), and Student Scholastic Appeals Committee (1 needed).

Ballots were counted by Mark Fitch.

Results as follows:

MAFS Alternate – S.N. Balakrishnan

Parking – Douglas Ludlow and Lucy Sutcliffe

Scholastic Appeals – Jorge Porcel

RP&A made a motion to approve the following three statements:

(Note: Title on first motion changed from Motion on DSCC Elections to Motion on Standing Committees)

“For the next bylaw update it should be specified for standing committees that the chair elections will be organized by the previous chair; if the previous chair is unavailable, then the Faculty Senate President will designate one of the committee members to organize the elections unless a particular committee has its own chair election policy.”

The motion passed unanimously.

“Next time when the bylaws are updated, change the Grievance Hearing Panel to state that they will operate in accordance with CRR370.010 as well as add a Grievance Oversight Committee to operate in accordance with the same.”

For information purposes, we are currently following the CRR procedures.

The motion passed unanimously.

“From now on, all future and currently pending changes to the bylaws will be posted on the Faculty Senate website.”

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Curricula – Daniel Tauritz

Daniel Tauritz will remain the Campus Curricula Committee Chair for 2012 - 2013.

CCC meeting dates and approved curriculum forms will be posted on the Registrar’s web site.

The Missouri S&T Campus Curricula Committee moves for the approval of the report’s DC and CC forms. This includes 1 Degree Change (DC) form, 4 Course Change (CC) forms, and 3 Experimental Course (EC) forms (informational only).

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

Details can be found at the following links:

[Curricula.Report.FS.09.20.12](#)

[Curricula.Slides.FS.09.20.12](#)

C. Public Occasions – Kelvin Erickson

The Public Occasions Committee requested Faculty Senate approval of the December 2012 Commencement being split into two ceremonies, as previously done in May 2012.

Motion passed.

Details can be found at the following link:

[Public Occasions FS Report 09-20-12](#)

V. Old Business – none

VI. New Business – none

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 14:25 PM.