

Volume VI, Number 2
Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
October 18, 2012

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 13:33 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 September 20, 2012 meeting minutes

The September 20, 2012 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

III. Campus Reports and Responses

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

The positions of Vice Provost of Academic Affairs and Vice Provost of Undergraduate Studies have been advertised on the following websites: Advancing Minorities Interest in Engineering, Diverse Issues in Higher Education, Women in Higher Education, and Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities. This is in addition to HigherEdJobs.com. The closing date is November 15, 2012 or until the position is filled.

The IFS Retreat took place on September 25th – 26th. It began with the topic of “Shared Dominance” which was initiated by President Wolfe. Dr. Balakrishnan detailed other topics of discussion from the retreat which were: Amendment II – no student shall be compelled to perform or participate in academic assignments or educational presentations that violate his/her religious beliefs, Higher Education 50/50 cost share funding on capital projects was approved, and new initiative in the system funding on interdisciplinary and intercampus proposals, each one to the extent of \$50,000. This is pending approval.

Details can be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campusupport/facultysenate/documents/presidentreports/2012/BalakrishnanFS%20Slides_October12.pptx

B. Administrative Reports

i) Chancellor Schrader

Monday, October 15th, was spent taking an in-depth look at research and economic development. The progress that has been made over the past few years was reviewed as well as the opportunities for the future. In addition to Chancellor Schrader and Provost Wray, other attendees included President Wolfe, Vice President Mike Nichols, Ryan Rapp, Bob Schwartz, Vice Provost for Research, K. Krishnamurthy and Keith Strassner. They looked at what type of strategic investment might be able to help move us forward in terms of some goals for this campus but also for the University of Missouri System. Those goals are to expand the research and economic development activities. That afternoon was a productive time spent with a group of faculty.

Homecoming was a great success. Thanks to all who participated.

We had a visit from AACSB looking at the final phase of three in terms of achieving accreditation for Business & Information Technology programs. It has been a seven year effort. We won't know the results for a few months.

A group of 16, from Missouri S&T will be attending a two day Strategic Planning Process workshop in St. Louis during the week of October 22nd. Included in the 16 are five faculty and five department chairs. There will be delegations from the other campuses, from the Hospital, and from the System. They will be launching into the campus-specific planning that will occur from November until February. The overall guiding coalition that is going to help us implement and lead the strategic planning process here will include those that participated in the June meeting (Chancellor Schrader, Provost Wray, Jim Drallmeier, Larry Gragg who was a department chair at that time), this meeting in October, and our campus Strategic Planning Steering Committee. There will be about 40 people involved and about half of those will be faculty and department chairs. More details are available on the slides from the State of the University Address. Information regarding our campus format and plan for November into February will be updated on the Chancellor's website following the workshop.

ii) Provost Wray

Provost Wray reported on Enrollment Management, Office of Graduate Studies, the Celebration of Nations, Office of International Affairs, and Office of Undergraduate Studies. Provost Wray also reported on the Office of Sponsored Programs, Congratulations to Dr. John Singler, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, and Congratulations to Dr. Yanzhi Zhang, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Statistics. The final topic discussed was the Vice Provost Office for Academic Affairs.

Details can be found at the following link:

<http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/provost/2013/Faculty%20Senate%20October%2018%202012%20Positive%20Happenings%20from%20the%20Provost.FINAL.pptx>

C. Staff Council Report – Bridgette Betz

The last meeting of Staff Council was October 11th and officers were elected. Those elected were Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The third annual Fall Appreciation Day will be held on October 31st near the Puck. Apple cider and hot chocolate will be available for staff members.

The G.R.A.C.E. Food and Toy Drive in the Rolla area will be December 3rd – December 12th. Staff Council will be setting out boxes for non-perishable food items and toy items middle to end of November so they can get those to G.R.A.C.E. by the beginning of their drive.

The next meeting will be November 8th. The committee will start preparing for Staff Day in June and other activities throughout the year.

D. Student Council – Ryan Beck

Ryan spoke about the Tailgate at the last two Miner football games, Student Concerns, and Student Council Internal.

Details can be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/studentcouncil/2012/Faculty_Senate_10_18_12_Beck.pptx

E. Council of Graduate Students – Mohammad Alkazimi

Mohammad gave a special thank you to Adrienne Neckermann, from the office of Career Opportunities and Employer Relations, for her presentation to students the night before the Career Fair. Graduate and undergraduate students had the opportunity to tweak their resumes and receive some tips to help them at their interviews the day of the Career Fair.

The Council of Graduate Students is expanding their circle with departments and thanks was given to department Secretaries and the Graduate Student Coordinators for their help.

IV. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

A. Rules, Procedures and Agenda – Michael Davis

RP&A nominated Barbara Hale to fill the opening on the Administrative Review Committee and Steve Grant to fill the opening on the Conflict of Interest Committee. Dr. Davis asked for any additional nominations. There were no new nominations or discussion.

A motion to approve Barbara Hale for the vacant position on the Administrative Review Committee and Steve Grant for the vacant position on the Conflict of Interest Committee passed unanimously.

RP&A made a motion to approve the following statement:

At next Bylaws revision, make the Conflict of Interest Committee a Permanent Judicial Committee.

(It is currently a Special Committee.)

After further discussion, a move to table was made and seconded.

Move to table passed unanimously.

RP&A made the following motion:

At next Bylaws revision, rename the Intellectual Property Committee the Intellectual Property and Tech Transfer Committee and change description to:

“(1) This committee is charged with the formulation and implementation of policies and procedures concerning intellectual property and tech transfer. It reviews and makes recommendations to the Faculty Senate, Chancellor and Provost on patent, copyright, and tech transfer matters. (2) The committee consists of seven members of which six are faculty members elected by the Faculty Senate and one is an administrative member appointed annually by the Provost. The faculty members shall serve for two years with three members elected each year. The committee shall be chaired by a faculty member.”

The motion passed unanimously.

RP&A proposes that the following changes be made to committee structures at the next Bylaws revision.

All five motions were presented. Following some discussion, a friendly amendment was made to separate the last motion from the other motions. Each motion was voted on separately.

D.6.b. Administrative Review Committee

Reduce in size from the current four (4) full-time tenured faculty members to just three (3) full-time tenured faculty members. Change its election time table from “staggered with the election of two faculty members each year” to “staggered with the election of two faculty members one year and one faculty member the other year.”

The motion passed unanimously.

D.6.d. Campus Curricula Committee

Remove Graduate Council representative as they haven’t provided one in several years.

The motion passed unanimously.

D.6.g. Facilities Planning

Reduce the number of Faculty Senate representatives from three (3) to two (2) and reduce the number of department representatives elected by Faculty Senate from four (4) to three (3).

After further discussion, a move to table was made and seconded.

Move to table passed unanimously.

D.7.b. Parking, Security and Traffic Committee

Reduce the number of faculty members from twelve (12) to seven (7), reduce the number of undergraduate students from two (2) to one (1), and reduce the number of additional members the Chancellor may appoint from two (2) to one (1). Furthermore, instead of the Chancellor designating one of the faculty committee members as chair, have the committee members elect the chair.

Discussion ensued.

The motion passed unanimously.

D.7.d. Student Scholastic Appeals Committee and D.7.e. Tuition and Residence Committee

Merge the two committees.

After further discussion, a move to table was made and seconded.

Move to table passed unanimously.

B. Curricula – Daniel Tauritz

The Campus Curricula Committee moves for the approval of this report's DC and CC forms. This includes 6 Degree Change (DC) forms: DC 0421, DC 0424, DC 0425, DC 0426, DC 0427, DC 0428, 27 Course Change (CC) forms and 16 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.10.18.12](#)

[Curricula.Slides.FS.10.18.12](#)

V. Old Business

A. Report on Current Referrals and Actionable Items

No report.

VI. New Business and Announcements – none

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 14:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Martin Bohner, Secretary