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Faculty senate meets to discuss campus issues

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The Faculty Senate met last Thursday, the 18th, in the McNutt building. For those who are not aware, the faculty Senate is, as described by S&T website, “the legislative and policy-making body of the General Faculty.” It carries out the functions and responsibilities assigned to it by the General Faculty and shall consider matters referred to and by the Board of Curators, the President of the University, the Chancellor, and individual faculty members.”

The meeting consisted of a series of reports and propositions presented by various campus experts. Those most notable announcements are listed below:

President Balakrishnan opened the meeting by informing his fellows of the success of their Board of Curators’ breakfast. The morning meal event was put together in welcome of the Board of Curators who visited our campus last week, and was well received.

Much of the organization that went into this event was performed by Barbara Hala who was elected S&T’s 2013 Woman of the Year for her generosity and stellar planning skills.

Dr. Warren Wray made a summary of Missouri S&T’s international affairs, which were as follows: The Republic of Botswana raised the number of students promised to our Mining Engineering Department from 12 to 24, and 25 applications were submitted from the China University of Geosciences in Beijing for the Fall 2013 semester.

News that will perhaps be of most interest to S&T’s students was presented by outgoing President Ryan Beck, who announced that our painted street will not be repainted this year due to conflicts with the Geothermal Project (they will be tearing it up this summer).

Beck also detailed plans for his ‘Safe Ride’ program, which would promise students a sober ride home. The trip would be only one way, and would require a Student ID. His current goal is to make a deal with the local cab company.

Mohammad Alakazami, head of the Council of Graduate Students, reported on the activities of the Annual Grad Research Showcase. 52 graduate students presented to 18 judges. The competitors were scored primarily on their competence in regards to their presentation.

Dr. Daniel Tauritz proposed that a new minor be introduced to the S&T degree programs: “Digital Supply Chain Management”. The motion was passed.