

**Volume VII, Number 1
Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
September 19, 2013**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by President Mark Fitch and roll was taken.

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

S.N. Balakrishnan, Martin Bohner, Michael Davis, Joel Dittmer, Cassie Elrod, **Bill Fahrenholtz**, Mark Fitch, **Daniel Forciniti**, Ron Frank, Abhijit Gosavi, Steve Grant, Katie Grantham, **Barbara Hale**, Lance Haynes, Amber Henslee, **Wayne Huebner**, Ali Hurson, Tseggai Isaac, Ulrich Jentschura, Kurt Kosbar, Bih-Ru Lea, Ronaldo Luna, Gearoid MacSithigh, **Mark Mullin**, **Daniel Oerther**, Anthony Okafor, (Robert Roe for) Robert Paige, Ted Read, Tom Schuman, Benjamin Seabough, **Pericles Stavropoulos**, Daniel Tauritz, Shoaib Usman, Paul Worsey, **David Wright**, Chengshan Xiao, Wan Yang

II. Approval of June 20, 2013 meeting minutes

The June 20, 2013 meeting minutes were **approved** as submitted.

III. Campus Reports and Responses

A. President's Report – Mark Fitch

Dr. Fitch began his report by introducing the [current slate of officers: S. N. Balakrishnan, Past-President of Faculty Senate and Chair of RP&A; Mark Fitch, President; Martin Bohner, President-Elect; Melanie Mormile, Secretary; and Steven Grant, Parliamentarian.](#)

Dr. Fitch made a motion to accept the following resolution:

*Whereas Professor Balakrishnan has served the Missouri University of Science and Technology Faculty Senate since 2011 as President-Elect, and President;
Whereas, as an officer of the Faculty Senate Professor Balakrishnan has demonstrated consistent good humor, hard work, considered judgment, thoughtfulness, and dedication to shared governance in these positions;
Whereas, Professor Balakrishnan's leadership skills have helped the Faculty Senate and the campus succeed through strategic planning;
Whereas, Professor Balakrishnan 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 and Technology does hereby sincerely thank Professor Balakrishnan for every job well done and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.
Adopted this 19th day of September, 2013, at the meeting of the Missouri University of Science and Technology Faculty Senate.*

Dr. Tauritz made a friendly amendment to the motion that the three ampersands should be the word “and”. Otherwise we are in violation of the standards of this university.

Dr. Davis made a second friendly amendment. Dr. Balakrishnan did not start out as Parliamentarian.

It was noted that he started out in 2011 as President-Elect.

With no further discussion, **the resolution was passed unanimously.**

Dr. Fitch had no report at this time for the Intercampus Faculty Council.

Some of the highlights noted from the Board of Curators meeting: \$4.3 billion net assets remains healthy, promoting intellectual property, \$22.1 million in new strategic planning funds, will ask State for \$1.2 million towards new Experimental Mine Building.

Dr. Fitch shared information from UM System in regards to revenue, expenses, and assets. Other System items included IT security measures and FAS vendors. The revised Mission Statement was approved. Sponsored Adult Dependents passed with an effective date of January 1, 2014.

Some updates of the Strategic Plan were presented. Highlights of this were the VC Global Initiatives, two Vice Provost and Deans positions, additional hiring of faculty, adding 500 undergrads and 200-400 PhD students.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/presidentreports/2014/FS_Slides_Sept_2013_Pres_FINAL.pptx

B. Administrative Reports

i. Provost Wray for Chancellor Schrader

Chancellor Schrader has had two open forums to discuss the Strategic Plan and organizational restructuring. The Strategic Plan may be found on the Missouri S&T website at strategicplan.mst.edu or the Provost’s website at provost.mst.edu/strategicplanning/.

President Wolfe will be on campus September 26th. He has a full schedule meeting with several groups, including students. To check the availability of time to meet with him, you may contact the Chancellor’s Office.

ii. Provost Wray

Provost Wray reported on the Office of Undergraduate Studies 2013 Curator's Teaching Summit and LEAD. The Office of Graduate Studies has shown a record graduate enrollment growth. The new graduate student orientation had 88 new graduate students in attendance. Fourth week number enrollment was 8130.

International Affairs set a record with 380 incoming new students. There are 123 students currently enrolled in the Intensive English Program.

The next Celebration of Nations day is September 28th.

Global Learning has 18 courses being broadcast from EEC.

Provost Wray gave a summary of FY14 activities through the end of July for the Office of Sponsored Programs.

Congratulations to a number of faculty members for the patents they have received.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/document/s/provost/2014/Sept_2013_positive_happenings_from_the_provost_for_web_posting_FINAL.ppt

C. Staff Council Report – Nathan Weaver

Last year Staff Council had trouble retaining members. They still managed to provide a number of services.

Staff Day went well. They were able to provide lunch at no cost to staff and still managed to stay below budget for the event.

Interest and perceptions of Staff Council appear to be negative. It was hard to get people nominated for, or interested in being a representative of, Staff Council.

This year Staff Council is trying to be more effective and efficient in how they operate. They are trying to consolidate committees into larger groups of people to accomplish this.

Their goal is to be a bigger and better voice for the staff. The biggest complaint they continue to receive is in regards to communication.

Staff Council meets once a month and these meetings are open for all staff to attend.

D. Student Council – Ashley Koesterer

The students will be receiving a survey soon regarding turf field. The survey basically asks the students if there are inadequate funds if they would be willing to help support up to 75% of the turf field. This does not mean that the student activity fee will go up; it just means that it will take longer to pay it.

Ashley will be hosting a luncheon with her officers and a few other leaders on campus for President Wolfe on the 26th. They will be talking about experiential learning.

September 13th was the Officers' Summit. All the campus leaders were there and it was very successful. They had a "think tank" hour where students expressed all their concerns. It was very beneficial and they look forward to having more of those this coming year.

The SAFB funding applications are due on September 20th. The DSF applications are due October 11th. An open forum to talk about the applications will be October 22nd. The final recommendations will be sent out on October 29th. The SAFB funding is a student activity fees board where organizations apply for money for their organizations.

Ashley has been diligently working to have add/drop slips be electronic. She believes this will benefit the students and the university.

E. Council of Graduate Students – Krista Limmer

Council of Graduate Students has almost doubled the number of representatives this year.

Krista reported on the department representatives and current endeavors. The seminar series Beyond Grad School: Job Searches was held on September 11th with over 100 students attending. Beyond Grad School: Networking will be presented on October 9th.

The final topic of Krista's report was travel grants.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campusupport/facultysenate/documents/cgs/2013/Sept_2013_Faculty_Senate.pptx

IV. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

A. Rules, Procedures and Agenda – S. N. Balakrishnan

Dr. Balakrishnan reported on the following item:

- Referral to Personnel Committee for clarity on Faculty Bylaws about NTT Faculty Inclusion
 - “(3) When the position of department chair is vacated, a search and screening committee consisting of only individuals elected by the department tenured/tenure track faculty will search for and screen applicants (in accordance with Missouri S&T EEO/AA procedures), will select candidates to be interviewed, and will interview them with the assistance of other faculty, administrators, staff, and students. Up to five candidates will then be selected by a majority vote of the department tenured/tenure track faculty, and the names of the selected candidates will be forwarded to the Provost.”
(Faculty Bylaws of Missouri University of Science and Technology)

Discussion ensued.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/rpa/reports/2014/RPA_slides_for_september_19_2013.pptx

B. Curricula – Daniel Tauritz

Dr. Tauritz made the following announcements: he was re-elected as 2013-2014 CCC Chair, the CCC meeting dates and curriculum form deadlines have been posted, and effective 08/12/2013, S&T has switched to CourseLeaf Curriculum Management.

The Missouri S&T Campus Curricula Committee moves for the approval of the report's DC and CC forms. This includes 6 Degree Change (DC) forms, 7 Course Change (CC) forms, 13 Experimental Course (EC) forms (informational only).

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

Dr. Tauritz concluded his report with the Course Renumbering Initiative.

The Campus Curricula Committee moves for the approval of all the cross-walk tables, requested course deletions, and default prerequisite renumbering rules along with requested exception.

Some discussion followed.

Move to allow the Registrar to comment. Second.

Deanne Jackson noted that they are still deciding on how they are going to do the advising for the fall and summer semesters. The catalog does not go in until August. There are a couple of different options and they are trying to weigh those options out. They could advise in 3-digits, register in 3-digits, and then convert everything to 4-digits in August right before classes. Another option would be to do the mix where the catalog is in 3-digits and they register in 4-digits. They are also working on a website. Type in English 20 and it will tell you English 2000 and it will go the opposite direction as well. This cross-walk may be a little easier to read than the cross-walk paper.

The motion passed unanimously.

Details may be found at the following links:

[Curricula.Report.FS.09.19.13](#)

[Curricula.Slides.FS.09.19.13](#)

C. Public Occasions – Sahra Sedighsarvestani for Joel Burken

The Public Occasions Committee requested Faculty Senate approval of the proposed calendars. The Homecoming dates have been added. The Open House dates have not yet been added. They will be added when the Admissions Office forwards them to the committee in December or January.

The list of dates is approved as stands.

Details may be found at the following link:

<http://faculty senate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/faculty senate/documents/public occasions/2014/Pub Occas Cal 2014 2015 Aug 2013 FINAL.ppt>

D. Parking – Diana Ahmad

Dr. Ahmad reported on parking statistics, lost parking spaces, and parking fees.

She concluded by announcing that new bicycle racks have been ordered. There is an increase of bicycles on campus. The ones that have been removed for geothermal will be replaced. There is some discussion regarding the addition of bicycle lanes.

Details may be found at the following link:

<http://faculty senate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/faculty senate/documents/parking/2012/PARKING PP Sept 2013.pptx>

E. Facilities Planning – Kelvin Erickson

The Facilities Planning Committee is still in the process of electing a Chair.

Ted Ruth gave the committee an update on some of the current projects. Geothermal is the big one. Some of the sub-parts of it include the small boilers, the base of Bertelsmeyer Hall, some landscape improvements on northwest mall, and replacing the roof on Engineering Management. They are also working on replacement of the heating and air conditioning system in Parker and Norwood.

Some projects in the design phase include replacing the parking lot at Gale Bullman, conversion of the heating system in Schrenk Hall, redo the campus lighting, and the conversion of the Physics building to geothermal. The one that was announced recently was the geothermal at Gale Bullman and along with that upgrading the ventilation system. Other projects would include the nuclear reactor and IDE building conversion, and the Rayl Cafeteria HVAC renovation. They are also doing a study of the Quad dorm and the HVAC system there.

The committee has just started working on a Campus Master Plan. They have engaged consultants to guide them on looking at the Campus Plan i.e. how the buildings are laid out, flow of traffic, and appearance from the main entrance outside.

Dr. Erickson concluded his report by noting that replacement of the HVAC systems in Parker and Norwood is coming from grant money.

F. Student Affairs – Steve Grant – No report

G. Administrative Review – Lance Haynes

Dr. Haynes read the 2012-2013 Administrative Review Committee Annual Report.

Dr. Haynes made the following motion on behalf of the Administrative Review Committee:

The Administrative Review Committee moves that a question be added to the Administrative Review Survey in the future measuring support of faculty governance.

The motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the 2012-2013 Administrative Review Committee Annual report may be found at:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/faculty senate/documents/administrativereview/adminreview2012_2013annualreport.pdf

H. ITCC – Thomas Vojta

Dr. Vojta reported on the election of officers for the ITCC. He has been named Chair of the committee.

He shared some informational items: computer security training, faculty accomplishment system, and learning management systems – Blackboard replacement.

Dr. Vojta concluded his report with backups and storage and IT updates.

Some discussion ensued.

Details may be found at the following link:

http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/itcc/2014/FSreport_Sep2013.pptx

V. Old Business

A. Report on Current Referrals and Actionable Items

No report.

VI. New Business and Announcements

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Mormile, Secretary