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Minutes of the Special Faculty Senate Meeting
March 19, 2015

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by President Martin Bohner and roll was taken.

Those whose names are grayed out below were absent.

Levent Acar, S.N. Balakrishnan, Stuart Baur, Martin Bohner, Michael Bruening, (Bih-Rhu Lea for) Craig Claybaugh, Steven Corns, Michael Davis, Joel Dittmer, Bill Fahrenholtz, Mark Fitch, Daniel Forciniti, Ron Frank, Abhijit Gosavi, Barbara Hale, Lance Haynes, Amber Henslee, Wayne Huebner, Ali Hurson, Ulrich Jentschura, (Steven Grant for) Kurt Kosbar, Umit Koylu, Gearoid MacSithigh, Mark Mullin, Fui-Hoon Nah, Anthony Okafor, Robert Paige, Ted Read, Chaman Sabharwal, Tom Schuman, Benjamin Seabough, Sahra Sedighsarvestani, Pericles Stavropoulos, Shoab Usman, Paul Worsey, David Wright, Wan Yang, Maciej Zawodniok,

II. Approval of February 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The February 26, 2015 minutes were **approved** as submitted.

III. Campus Reports and Responses

A. President's Report - Martin Bohner

Dr. Bohner began his president's report by reminding the FS members of the replacement of two officers as approved at the previous meeting due to Melanie Mormile and Bruce McMillin being appointed to part-time administrative positions.

Dr. Bohner also reported that the Bylaws Taskforce presented a draft to Chancellor Schrader. A presentation to and vote by the General Faculty is the next step.

Dr. Bohner gave updates on the Title IX Strategic Curriculum Committee and the Panelist Pool and he also reported that he presented the two related Faculty Senate motions at the most recent IFC meeting. Discussions of the Bowman letter continue on the other three UM campuses. In other IFC news, UMKC proposed two academic calendar changes, one involving the start of the fall semester and one which would separate fall break into two separate events. Dr. Bohner requested feedback before IFC discusses these proposals further.

Don Cupps, chair of the Board of Curators, has declared this the "Year of the Student". The BOC will meet in Rolla on April 9 and 10, with the Faculty Senate

sponsored breakfast on April 10 from 8 to 8:45 AM. FS members are reminded to respond to the invitation by contacting Barbara Palmer (bpalmer@mst.edu) by March 31.

Details may be found at the following link:

[President.Report.March2015](#)

B. Administrative Reports

i. Chancellor's Report – Steve Roberts for Cheryl Schrader

Dean Roberts reported for Chancellor Schrader who was attending the General Officers' Meeting in Columbia. The Hasselmann Alumni House was dedicated during the St. Pat's celebrations. The building, which houses the Miner Alumni and Donor Relations staff, will serve as the hub for Miner Alumni Association activities during Homecoming, St. Pat's and other occasions.

April is Philanthropy Month with a full slate of activities planned by our university's Advancement division including the 15 for 15 Program, Crowd Funding Campaign, TAG (Thank All Givers) Day, Random Acts of Kindness, Lab Dedication Celebration and Battle of the Brains.

Several important groups will be meeting on campus in April with the spring meeting of the Board of Curators convening at Missouri S&T on April 9-10, the Board of Trustees meeting on April 15-16 and several Academy meetings on April 16-17.

Missouri S&T has once again been recognized for the excellent return on investment we provide. Earlier this month, *Payscale* released its annual listing of the nation's top universities in terms of offering the best value. Missouri S&T was tied for third place among public universities in the category of annualized ROI, up from 5th place in the 2014 report.

Other highlights included a reminder to attend the next Faculty First Fridays, the approaching March 31 deadline for the required Mandated Reporter and Harassment trainings and the upcoming April 7 election, which will include two school funding issues.

Details may be found at the following link:

[Chancellor.Report.March2015](#)

Bih-Rhu Lea passed out information about the proposed Rolla School District Re-Configuration and Early Childhood Expansion. She also talked briefly about Missouri S&T's Childcare Initiative and provided a handout giving the history of the effort.

ii. Provost's Report – Melanie Mormile for Robert Marley

Dr. Mormile reported for Dr. Marley, who was also attending the General Officers' Meeting. Dr. Mormile mentioned that the Task Force recommendation on changes to CRRs related to hiring new Provosts and Deans is nearing completion. A special faculty meeting will be called in April to address this.

Dr. Mormile then presented highlights from the various entities reporting to the Provost:

College of Arts, Sciences, and Business

- The College of Arts, Sciences, and Business has moved into its new home in Fulton Hall.
- Kristen Gallagher, Executive Director of Development, begins April 6
- Students Accomplishments:
 - Chelsea Atkins' photo will be included in the Best of Colleges and High School Photography 2015 Competition sponsored by *Photographer's Forum* magazine.
 - Caron Herada, a biological sciences major and history minor, has been accepted into St. Louis University's Ph.D. program in biomedical sciences.
- CASB faculty submitted 7 UM Research Board proposals totaling over \$400,000.

College of Engineering and Computing

- The Engineering Advisory Board met in February. The EAB was renamed the Engineering and Computer Advisory Board (ECAB).
- Freshman Engineering (FE) has been transferred to the CEC.
- FE is currently investigating changing its name to more accurately reflect its mission for preparing students for a career in engineering and computing.

Office of Undergraduate Studies

- 16 S&T students participated in UM Undergraduate Day at the Capitol
- Missouri S&T Undergraduate Research Conference is happening on April 15
- 166 students applied for OURE for 2014-15
- 7 OURE Fellows for 2014-15
- Student Design & Experiential Learning Center competitions
 - Advance Aero Vehicle Group-Airplane, April 24-26
 - Concrete Canoe, April 25-26
 - Human Powered Vehicle, April 24-26
 - Steel Bridge, April 23-25

Office of Graduate Studies

- New Strategic Initiative Programs
 - Experience S&T
 - Dissertation Completion Fellowship
 - Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship

Office of Sponsored Programs

- Summary of FY15 activities year-to-date (January)
- Number of funded proposals down 23% for a total of 133
- Number of new proposals submitted is up 3% at 325
- Number of active awards is down by 5% at 593
- Total expenditures is \$24.5M, which is down 12%
- Net grant and contract expenditures is \$17.9M, which is down 15%
- F&A recovered is \$3.4M, which is down 23%

Curtis Laws Wilson Library

- Web of Science Training, April 1, 2015
- Library Survey: 445 completed surveys and a 95% completion rate.
- FY14: 42 instructional sessions, 1093 students
- FY15, thus far: 81 instructional sessions, 1359 students; 21 workshops, 665 students

Details are available at the following link:

[Provost.Report.March2015](#)

C. Staff Council - Sarah Lewis

NO REPORT

D. Student Council - Rebecca Jacobsen

NO REPORT

E. Council of Graduate Students - Erica Ronchetto

Nominations for Council of Graduate Student executive positions opened March 11 and will close April 8 with elections being held April 13-17. Any graduate student in good standing is eligible to vote.

The Graduate Research Showcase will be held on April 1. Ten faculty judges are needed; contact Erica at earp7c@mst.edu if interested in serving. All judges are invited to attend the CGS Banquet on April 27.

CGS awards four to five \$200 travel grants each semester. Applications for the period January 1 and June 30, 2015 are due March 31. Forms are available at cgs@mst.edu.

Details are available at the following link:
[CGS.Report.March2015](#)

IV. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

A. Curricula - Thomas Schuman

Dr. Schuman reported that the Campus Curricula Committee met on March 2. They reviewed 3 degree change requests, 7 course change requests and 6 experimental course requests.

Motion: The Campus Curricula Committee moved for Faculty Senate approval of the CCC Report's DC and CC forms actions as submitted.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Details are available at the following link:
[CurriculaReport.FS.03.19.15](#)

B. Information Technology / Computing - Thomas Vojta

Dr. Vojta reported that ITCC met on March 18 with discussions continuing on the campus transition to Canvas. The project is still stalled but it is unclear exactly where it is stalled or at least, the decision making forces are not clear to the ITCC. If the transition is not completed by December 2015, the cost will be approximately \$170,000 to continue Blackboard for an additional year. It is also not clear whether we would be allowed to continue the 1100 students currently involved in the Canvas pilot program or if they would need to be transitioned back to Blackboard.

ITCC considered two motions at its March 18 meeting urging Faculty Senate and the Provost to endorse a change to the Canvas LMS. ITCC would like for Faculty Senate to take a stronger action rather than simply endorsing it.

Motion was made and seconded to send the following to the Provost:
The Faculty Senate has strongly endorsed a change to the Canvas LMS. We urge you to immediately take steps to get this to happen.

The motion passed.

Details are available at the following link:
[ITCC.Report.March2015](#)

VI. Old Business

There was no old business.

VII. New Business and Announcements

There was no new business.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
(Steven Grant for) Barbara Hale, Secretary