

University of Missouri-Rolla
Academic Council
Rules, Procedures and Agenda Committee Meeting
McNutt Hall, Room 268
February 6, 2007 13:30 – 14:55

Present: S.N. Balakrishnan, Douglas Carroll, Richard DuBroff, Lance Haynes, Beth Groenke, Kurt Kosbar, Bruce McMillin, Don Myers, Keith Nisbett, Eun Soo Park, Robert Schwartz, Adam Sibley, Jeff Smith, and Klaus Woelk. Guests: Chancellor John F. Carney III and Provost W. Kent Wray

Minutes from January 23, 2007 meetings were approved.

AC Representative for VP Graduate Studies search committee – Bill Fahrenholtz will represent AC.

Liaison to UM System Wellness Program – Ms. Phyllis McCoy is recommended to serve as a UMR campus liaison to the UM System Thomas Atkins Wellness Program.

Discussions with Chancellor Carney and Provost Wray on curricular issues

- Regarding the cross-department programs and minors such as the Global Minor, the Chancellor suggested an idea of having an office, such as Henry Wiebe's, in charge of it. The Provost said at Michigan Tech, centers were sometimes in charge of such curriculum.
- The Chancellor suggested that we might want to have the Provost in charge of review of curriculum change equivalent to that of the current Deans before they are submitted to the Academic Council.
- The Chancellor suggested that engineering departments might want to keep some of the currently accepted practices such as common freshmen year and 128 hours for graduation.
- The Chancellor suggested that we might not want to place any limits on the number of students admitted to an academic department.

Curricular/Global Studies Minor – RPA agreed to establish a subcommittee to try to determine a structure for interdisciplinary academic issues (programs, minors, and courses). Blum will take responsibility for setting up the subcommittee.

Mid-Semester Evaluation – RPA agreed that the Academic Freedom and Standards and Personnel committees would meet with Student Council and COGS regarding mid-semester evaluations.

Tenure Committee – A public forum on the Tenure and Promotion Policy changes will be held on February 6, 2007. A final version will be presented at the AC meeting on February 15, 2007.

RPA discussed the agenda for AC meeting on February 15, 2007.

Strategic Planning Representatives – There was some discussion on reducing the number of AC representatives from 4 to 3. Jeff Smith graciously volunteered to step aside and Myers, Haynes, and Carroll will represent AC.

Respectfully submitted,

Eun Soo Park, Secretary
Academic Council