**Minutes**

**UMKC Faculty Senate**

**Meeting of 1 December 2015 3:00 – 5:00 pm**

**Plaza Room, Administrative Center (Volker Campus)**

**Present**: Gerald Wyckoff, Peggy Ward-Smith, Kathleen Kilway, Carole McArthur, Linda Mitchell, Nathan Oyler, David Van Horn, Roger Pick, Marilyn Taylor, Dee Anna Hiett, Zach Shemon, Mark Johnson, Jack Nelson, Jacob Marszalek, Christopher Holman, Sean O’Brien, Kathleen Schweitzberger, Susan Sykes Berry, Michael Wacker, Margaret Brommelsiek, Bi-Biotti Youan, Mark Sawkin, Leo Dobens, Deb Chatterjee, Gregory King

**Also Present:** Chris Winders, Lawrence Dreyfus, Richard Arend, Ruth Cain, Carol Hintz, Provost Bichelmeyer, Chancellor Morton

**Absent:** Ida Ayalew, Carolyn Barber, Michelle Maher, Tarak Srivastava

**Excused:** Nancy Stancel, Della Damon, Virginia Blanton, Laurie Ellinghausen, Ed Abreu, Edward Gogol

1. **Welcome (Peggy Ward-Smith, Chair)**

Chairperson Ward-Smith welcomes senators. The dean evaluations are completed and are on the Blackboard site. Data includes the executive summary as well as the raw data. The senators must make sure that the deans of their academic units follow through and address the issues in the summary by spring break and let the executive committee know when that is completed. The dean evaluations can be accessed via the Faculty Senate tab on Blackboard and the dean evaluations will be on the left hand column.

1. **Approval of agenda / minutes**

The agenda for today’s meeting and the minutes from the last Faculty Senate meeting are approved.

1. **Announcements**

Chairperson Ward-Smith continues with announcements. The retiree benefit decision is extended until December 14th. Feedback from the academic units is needed by December 13th. Also, the FRG panel members vetted at the last Faculty Senate meeting were approved by Chancellor Morton. The School of Education has nominated and the senators have vetted Omiunota Ukpokodu to be a member of the FRG panel. Her name will be forwarded to Chancellor Morton to be approved.

1. **Provost Update (15 minutes)**

Provost Bichelmeyer shares an update with the senators. The School of Pharmacy’s accreditation visit was a week before Thanksgiving and it went well. The School of Pharmacy has a few areas to work on that are representative of what is taking place overall in higher education. The provost had a meeting with the Deans’ Council to discuss these issues. Overall in higher education, there are changes in accreditation standards in which review committees look at competencies and think about curriculum and learning outcomes in a more integrated fashion. The provost also had a meeting with the Star Education Committee. Martha Jane Phillip Star Jordan created the first foundation in which women give to women through the Graduate Assistance Fund. This foundation is responsible for the Star Women Hall of Fame housed here at UMKC. Moreover, the provost has met with the Total Rewards Advisory Committee about the retiree medical benefits. The provost recommends that the Faculty Senate have the Total Rewards Advisory Committee representative come and discuss the recommendations for the retiree benefits. Betsy Rodriguez is leaving the UM system and will be replaced by Kelly Stuck in the interim role, who has been with the UM system for five years.

The provost further shares information about the other meetings she has attended since the last Faculty Senate meeting, such as the General Officers, SBS Faculty, stakeholder follow-up, UMKC trustees and city council, and the University Council meetings. Furthermore, the next listening session meeting will be next Tuesday at the Health Sciences campus and it will be technology mediated.

1. **General Education, feedback from reports (15 minutes)**

Senator Wyckoff asks for feedback from reports. Senators have questions about the SARA application in regards to who makes the decision to make certain programs go online. Devin Cancilla can give more information about the SARA application requirements. There will be a meeting next Wednesday or Thursday. Senator Wyckoff encourages the other senators to talk to their representatives. Senators can email commentary to Wyckoff. Most of the commentary Senator Wyckoff has received are concerns how the program will work, how much additional work it will be faculty, and changing how anchor and discourse student credit hours are handled. Moreover, the Anchor II SLO formally addresses culture and diversity from a gen. ed. curriculum standpoint. Program assessment in a systematic fashion helps ensure that courses are meeting their SLOs. The control of the curriculum is on the faculty and unit level. General Education is only for undergraduates.

1. **IRB update (Chris Winders) (20 minutes)**

Chris Winders gives an IRB update. The IRB is in place to protect the welfare of human subjects in research. There are two governing bodies for IRB: OHRP and FDA. The OHRP has more flexibility than the FDA. IRB reviews can be expedited or exempt with eight criteria for IRB approval. It takes about 55 days for expedited reviews to be approved. Delays in full board review are due to IRB meeting dates. The full board meets twice a month. There are currently 43 IRB submissions. Winders’ presentation is on the Faculty Senate website.

1. **Committee updates (IFC, SOP, CIE) (20 minutes)**

The IFC meeting was last week. The first presentation dealt with Academic Analytics (AA) in relation to scholarship improvement. Academic analytics does not include teaching or service, but only federally funded grants. The system will be used at UMKC eventually. The next presentation dealt with IT’s annual update dealing with security and requests for email access. Email access is very rare. The IT report is currently on the Faculty Senate website. Other topics discussed at the IFC meeting included: student 1950 crisis concerns, Total Rewards, MyVitae, post-tenure taskforce review, and the need for a chief diversity officer on each campus.

1. **Board of Curator Presentation (Chancellor Morton, 25 minutes)**

Chancellor Morton presents the Board of Curator presentation from September 2015. The presentation discusses UMKC’s potential and sustainability. UMKC has the lowest student faculty ratio in the UM system with 54% of the classes being 20 students or less. Also, the chancellor shares strategies for UMKC’s future that includes optimizing tuition, fee structure, and scholarships and efficient enrollment growth to 20,000 students by 2020. The Board of Curator presentation is on the Faculty Senate website.

1. **Bloch faculty requested time (Richard Arend, 15 minutes)**

Professor Arend reports on UMKC administration’s alleged scandals of corruption. All supplemental documents and presentations are on the Faculty Senate Website.

1. **Adjournment - have a wonderful break – see you on January 19th 2016**

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm with one senator opposed.