

Minutes

Faculty Senate, March 15, 2011

Plaza Room, Administrative Center, 3 p.m.

Present: Ebersole, Ward-Smith, McArthur, Stancel, Burnett, Wyckoff, Pick, Baker, Mirkin, Mutti-Burke, Bloemker, Thiagarajan, Sherburn, Holt, Nilsson, Wang, Carbone, Luppino, Alleman, Hinds, Hermanns, Krantz, Stanley, Fincham, Johnston, Bethman

Excused: Plamann, Gardner, Peng, Madison-Cannon, Rice, Yang

Absent: Durig

Guests: Chancellor Morton; Provost Hackett; Ron MacQuarrie (retired); Maithe Enriquez, Marj Datweyler, Kristi Ryujin and Kimberly Johnson; Dr. Wayne Vaught; Bob Simmons (Administrative Services and Facilities)

Welcome at 3 p.m. Called to order by the Chair, Gary Ebersole.

Informational Items

1. There will be a consent motion at the next Board of Curators meeting that changes the CRR so that 9 month faculty who teach in the summer have full benefits paid for all 3 months.
2. The Chair invited Ron MacQuarrie to stand beside him as he read a Proclamation into the minutes.

PROCLAMATION BY THE FACULTY SENATE March 15, 2011

WHEREAS, the members of the University of Missouri Faculty Senate have directly benefited from the guidance, wisdom and integrity of Ronald MacQuarrie during his thirty-seven years as an energetic member of our academic community and;

WHEREAS, Ronald MacQuarrie has served with reasonableness, prudence and discretion as the administrative official for academic misconduct and vice-provost for faculty affairs and;

WHEREAS, Ronald MacQuarrie has been an outstanding role model and mentor for his faculty colleagues and doctoral students aspiring to academic careers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,
that the members of the UMKC Faculty Senate recognize Ronald MacQuarrie as a true scholar;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in light of his retirement, we wish to acknowledge and applaud his inspiring contribution to higher education in Kansas City and across the State of Missouri.

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Approval of Agenda

IFC Representative McArthur moved approval of the Agenda, and Senator Luppino seconded the motion. All Approved.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Krantz moved approval of the Minutes from March 1, 2011 and Senator Wyckoff seconded the motion. All Approved.

Chancellor's Remarks: Leo Morton

The Chancellor brought the Senate up to date on several matters. The Governor's recommended 7% cut to Higher Education still holding in the Missouri General Assembly budget process, which is not yet complete. All seem supportive of the reasonableness of our tuition increases. The legislature has already approved the waiver necessary to raise tuition. The Chancellor was pleased to report that spending is slowing down and it looks as if the campus will end the year under budget. He will provide more detail later. The Curators are meeting in Rolla next Mon-Tue. Chancellor Morton supports all the work that has been done on the retirement plan proposal that has been made of a ½ DB plan and a ½ DC plan. He reported on the status of the Senate's calendar proposals that starting the semester later isn't an issue; but changing Spring Break is a significant departure from the current date that took two years of discussion. He recommended that this campus have a broader discussion with staff and students before presenting it formally to the Board of Curators. He will begin that conversation on Monday.

Provost's Remarks: Gail Hackett

Provost Hackett reported that four new program proposals were going to be presented to the Board of Curators at their next meeting: one in Nursing and three from the Bloch School.

Chair Ebersole raised a concern about the purview of the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Committee. Several departmental chairs have questioned the necessity of taking all catalogue changes through both the unit's curriculum committee and the campus undergraduate committee. The Provost responded that it is important to have oversight beyond the unit. Many changes don't just affect history or the college but have impact beyond. The committee's review is important to enhance communication.

Faculty Senate Budget Committee: Tony Luppino

The University Budget Committee (UBC) has been considering the general revenue allocations; and in particular whether administrative and support services might be able to absorb most of the 7% cut from the state. Obviously some costs have to increase (like utilities) but the UBC, the 2020 Taskforce's

Administrative & Support Services Committee, the Chancellor's staff, and the FBSC are helping to search for efficiencies that might be possible even within academic buildings. The UBC meets this Thursday. Senator Baker expressed the concern that not all administrative units are administrative in same sense. He wondered whether there is a mechanism in the review process to examine the type of administrative unit. Senator Luppino gave assurance that such details are clearly being pursued and the Chancellor and the are having each unit report on what impact would be expected if cuts were made.

On Friday past, Betsy Rodriguez sent the Final Report from the Special Advisory Committee about their study of the Retirement Plan. The report from the actuaries on the health of the current plan as of October 1, 2010 also came out Friday and projections of required contributions going forward are still forthcoming. The SAC recommendations are conditioned by a big **IF**; that is; if the BOC finds that The Board determines it is not in the University's interest to continue to bear the financial risks implicit in the current UM DB plan then a "combo plan" (part defined benefit, part defined contribution) along the lines noted by the Chancellor in his above described remarks is recommended. But the Special Advisory Committee did not make a finding on the continued financial viability for the existing plan. Senator Luppino, the FSBC and the subcommittee are generating a memo to send to the Board of Curators before their Monday meeting applauding the SAC for what it did do and noting what it didn't do. He would like the Faculty Senate endorsement before it gets sent, but time is of the essence and that may not be possible. He or Senate Chair Gary Ebersole will email the draft document to the Senators shortly to request support from Senators.

Women of Color Leadership Conference: Maithe Enriquez and others...

Maithe Enriquez showed a short video to explain the event and its purpose. The May 12th Conference has three target groups: College students (April 28), high school students (April 29) and women of color at UMKC with the Keynote address (May 12) by Dr. Mellisa Harris-Perry (Princeton) and the Keynote luncheon, by Jane Chou (Kauffman Center for Performing Arts). The overall goal is to change disparities on campus and in the community. The planning committee is talking to deans so that staff may have paid time to participate.

Chair Ebersole reminded the Senators of the Augie Mendoza Breakfast this Friday. He offered a ticket for anyone desiring to go.

Sense of the Senate on Undergraduate Student Learning Outcomes: Wayne Vaught

Wayne Vaught offered the final version of the Undergraduate Student Learning outcomes to the Faculty Senate for its endorsement. Once the Outcomes are approved by all faculty then the GEOC will flesh them out. A UMKC team has been approved for an AACU summer institute where guidance and will be available to work on curricular models and assessment models. These Outcomes have been developed through campus wide meetings, town halls, survey monkeys, and student input. Lots of work went into this faculty driven effort.

Senator Mirkin expressed surprise at how very good the document is. The next steps in the process are still unknown since they depend upon which model is chosen. There is no curricular plan in place yet.

What is needed is an up or down vote to endorse or not. The document will be on the ballot to all voting faculty. This document is natural to come through the Senate. Chair Ebersole presented a Sense of the Senate motion, that the Faculty Senate endorses these Undergraduate Student Learning Outcomes as presented, Senator Pick provided a second to the motion. Those in favor of endorsing: 21, none were opposed, there was one (1) abstention.

Parking Report: Bob Simmons

Bob Simmons spoke first about the new six level Oak St. Parking structure that will increase spaces from 850 to 1500. This project will be registered for and seek to achieve the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for new construction.

It will have covered bike storage, shower facilities; and be part of the transit system stop, twelve charging stations for electric vehicles will be rapid charge and level 2 charging stations. Credit or access code to tie into their network. We'll be the 4th in KC when installed.

Campus police and mail services will be relocated within the structure. The \$26 million project comes to \$16,000/space. Demolition begins after commencement and the project will be completed in August 2012. Much discussion focused on plans to accommodate the daily users, students in the residential life hall, the commuters and events parking during the construction year. Remote parking will be available on Hospital Hill, an area that is already within the campus security zone. In the Fall semester, students will be required to purchase a remote parking permit but at a reduced rate. There is also a waiver system in place administered by Student Life. For special events a system of shuttles from the Rockhill parking structure or valet parking is suggested. Weekends are not a problem. Daytime events may need to be moved off campus for one time.

Longer term issues: In Fall 2011 a short term car rental program will begin: We Car Program. Students/faculty/staff/community will have access. Three cars will reside on campus, and may be reserved online for 3 hours; The KCATA bus pass was approved by students. The one year pilot program will give faculty and staff a benefit of a KCATA to monthly bus pass.

Bob promised to have tiered parking fees ready by Fall 2012. He promised to have the clearance from the general counsel's office by Fall and he would bring the tiered fee structure to the Faculty Senate to vet. They still need to figure out pricing breaks and the definition of 'salary.' Suggestions from the Senate included offering bus passes in with the tiered parking fees. Another question was raised about daytime classes for the conservatory? Conservatory students often need to travel between Grant Hall and the PAC for classes within a 10 minutes period. The bus schedule will not help. They will need to figure something out for those students. Fortunately, Tom Stein is on the committee and he is the Tuba professor.

Another Senator asked that Johnson Co transit be approached for discounted bus passes.

Another Senator suggested that in the name of the campus being one family how about one parking permit for folks who use Truman and Children's Mercy

The 4% increase in parking fees starts in Fall 2011. Faculty/staff subsidized bus passes are in place for Fall 2011 semester. But no organization is taking responsibility for promoting bus passes and how to use them. It was suggested that this needs to be advertised before the end of this semester. The bus pass costs \$50/month for unlimited rides which will be below the parking sticker rate.

Other Committee Reports

Vice Chair Ward-Smith reported that the Dean's evaluations are rolling. Everything is smooth. We will use the same lists and add the Deans to send out the Faculty voting proposal.

Adjourned at 4:50 p.m.