

**UMKC Faculty Senate  
Meeting  
October 4, 2005**

**Major Topics**

Election Results  
Parking Violations Action  
Continuation of COSCO Report  
Senate Budget for 2005-06  
Latin Honors Report

**Announcements**

The Chair introduced four new senators: Nancy Stancel, IFC representative, Buddy Pennington, Libraries, Kathy Krause, College of A & S, and Mike McCunniff, School of Dentistry.

The results of the recent election were announced. 195 ballots were returned.  
IFC Representative: Nancy Stancel, 96 votes Phil Olson, 91 votes Unmarked, 8

IT Privacy Oversight Committee: Alex Holsinger, 100 votes, Carolyn Thompson, 94 votes Wei Ji, 90 votes Jerry Dias, 69 votes Unmarked, 6 votes

University Faculty Committee on Tenure: Richard Murphy, 107 votes Kathylene Siska, 64 votes, Ray Coveney, 64 votes Joe Hughey, 57 votes Wei Ji, 44 votes Jerry Dias, 35 votes Unmarked, 3 votes. The secondary seat on this committee was granted to Kathylene Siska by Ray Coveney to resolve the tie vote.

The senate agreed to a request to reverse Items #4 and 6# to accommodate the schedules of individuals giving the reports.

**Chancellor's Report**

Interim Chancellor Lehmkuhle announced to the senate that a firm has been hired to assist with the Provost search and the search committee should begin meeting in the coming week.

The Interim Chancellor also shared a document with the senate which explained briefly a new enhancement of the UM system admissions policy. This enhancement would allow students in the top 10% of a graduating class in any Missouri high school (or a GPA of at least 3.5) to be eligible for automatic admission to the university system, if the student has completed the college preparatory curriculum of 17 credit hours and has taken the ACT or SAT. The new policy demonstrates to the state that there is increased access to the university system's four campuses.

The Interim Chancellor also reminded the senate that Tent State University will be occurring on campus next week. Bobby Seale will be a featured speaker. The students have all requisite permits and have worked with administration in setting up this event.

The Curators will meet later this week in St. Louis and will consider the tuition policy. The UMKC Tuition Task Force has not recommended the guaranteed tuition approach for UMKC. President Floyd's tour around the state has helped the state see the relationship between tuition at state institutions and state funding. The university system is also considering de-coupling the base fees tuition among the four system campuses. The next Board of Curators meeting is here at UMKC in early December. The Faculty Senate will host a breakfast with the Curators on December 2.

An invitation to a Diversity Workshop is going out this week. The search for a Diversity/Affirmative Action Director is going on now. The title for this position has been changed to Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Diversity and Affirmative Action. This individual will report directly to the Chancellor. Chancellor Designate Bailey is now overseeing all three of the major searches.

### **Parking Violations**

Interim Provost Bruce Bubacz and Vice Chancellor Gates discussed with the senate the recent actions taken regarding parking violations by employees. The Interim Provost made it clear that he had made the decision to take the action based on his careful review of the data on employee parking violations. There was a lengthy discussion of the problems related to parking on both campuses. The discussion included the following points:

- unavailability of parking makes it difficult for faculty to do their jobs and often faculty must break parking rules to get to their work on time
- anyone can go to appeals committee but faculty many don't choose to
- students face the same parking challenges but are held responsible and face penalties
- anyone can call parking control when they face a difficult situation in parking
- some employees simply disregard parking rules
- attempting to collect fees from employees retroactively is offensive and it was suggested that parking violations by employees be submitted to the deans to be considered in salary
- the Parking Control Office sells more permits than there are slots in a given permit lot and not all employee violations are attempts to disregard the law
- all campuses must overbook- especially urban campuses
- a suggestion that we have designated slots for faculty who need to travel around campus and park in very congested areas
- recommendation that a study be done of when the parking garages are congested
- recommendation that parking control use campus police to move traffic

- seven years ago a task force on parking addressed the issue of when there are especially crowded times on campus, and suggested standardized scheduling, but that was rejected
- there was agreement that parking is tight on the campus, but the fundamental issue is enforcing the rules for employees after years of not enforcing them, the campus needs to think through enforcement issues
- strong suggestion that employees should be able to use metered slots if they cannot find a slot in a permit area
- the appeals committee should look at specific employee violations that should be excused

The Interim Provost assured the senate that the 50% window time frame will be suspended and faculty members will be notified how enforcement of outstanding parking fines will be handled.

### **Senate Budget**

The Chair distributed a handout which detailed how the senate's budget was spent last year. The total expenditure was \$14,894.11. Our budget for this academic year is \$10,000. The Chair went through the expenses and there was some brief discussion of some items. In order to operate within our budget this year, the Senate passed the following three resolutions unanimously.

1. That all senate reports will be distributed by e-mailing to all recipients with the proviso that anyone who wishes to receive the Senate Report in printed form should inform the secretary of the senate and will received the report by regular mail.

**This means that anyone who want to receive any future senate reports in printed form should submit this request to the secretary of the senate at LoncarK@umkc.edu**

2. That an ad-hoc technical committee be established to (1) evaluate whether the Blackboard survey function can meet all conditions for anonymous, safe and secure electronic voting of faculty in campus-wide elections and (2) to report to the Administrative Issues Committee; and that the Administrative Issues Committee establish rules and guidelines for an acceptable electronic faculty voting process for use in faculty elections in Winter 2006, to be accepted by the Senate.
3. That each year in September, a senate financial report will be presented to the senate.

### **Latin Honors**

Tim Sullivan, Assistant Registrar, made a presentation to the senate on the data from the first year of awarding Latin honors. The Latin honors policy originated with the Faculty Senate. The honors are given to the undergraduate and first professional classes only.

Latin honors was well received by the student population and resulted in twice as many students being honored as were under the old “with distinction” awards policy.

There were some minor problems with the calculating and distribution of honors for the College of Arts and Sciences and some adjustments are needed. There were no problems in any other units. Mr. Sullivan explained some of the challenges that must be dealt with in determining who is awarded honors and he shared a handout with the senate that showed the distribution for the first year. The point was made that the responsibility for awarding Latin honors resides with the faculty of each unit. The Faculty Senate is responsible for any policy changes regarding Latin honors. It was determined that the Academic Issues Committee of the Faculty Senate and the College’s Academic Standards Committee would work with the Registrar’s Office on policy changes and the resolution of the minor problems which arose in the College in calculating the honors.

### **COSCO Report**

The COSCO Committee requested a closed session.

A Sense of the Senate statement endorsing a strong provost model was passed unanimously.

### **Senate Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee presented the list of selected nominees for the Grievance Panel with recommendations for the vacant seats which the Senate must fill. The recommendations were passed unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

Senators Present: Waterborg, Loncar, Murphy, Ebersole, Stancel, Mardikes, Adler, Rice, Driever, Green, McCunniff, Cole, Joy, Honigberg, Crossland, Gardner, Thompson, Krause, Potts, Hood, Gogol, Stein, Reese, Pennington, Luppino, Knopp, Igwe, Durig, Neau

Excused: Russell, Jones