

**UMKC Faculty Senate Meeting
March 21, 2006**

Major Topics

**Bomb Threats Procedures
COSCO Recommendations
Provost Candidate Discussion**

Announcements

- * The Chair announced that the Senate election ballots are out and Senators are asked to be alert to the time the ballots arrive in their schools. Any unusual delays should be reported to the Senate Secretary quickly.
- * A Senator proposed that the Senate have a discussion on the Provost candidates.
- * A policy on graduated parking fees system will be presented at the next meeting.
- * The Chair announced that Interim Provost Bubacz has requested that faculty work with deans on what awards should be given at the fall Convocation.

Chancellor's Report

The Chancellor explained to the Senate that he needs feedback quickly on the Provost candidates. He wishes to bring 2 or 3 candidates back to campus and wants all data together regarding the candidates so that he can make an offer early in April. The pool of candidates we have is very good. One candidate, Belinda McCarthy has accepted a position elsewhere, and other candidates are considering other positions so he needs our input quickly. When the 2 or 3 candidates are brought back to campus, the Chancellor wants time with them, and also time for the search committee to meet with them.

Regarding other openings, the Chancellor reported that in light of Vice Chancellor Long's departure, he has assigned the Communications Dept. to report directly to the Chancellor's Office. He has also appointed Associate Vice Chancellor Mel Tyler to be Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs for up to 2 years. The Chancellor does not believe that it will be necessary to have Mel Tyler in that position the entire two years but he does want to look at the organization of that division in relation to the overall organization of central administration.

In the search for the Vice Chancellor for Advancement, we are going back to the pool of candidates from last fall. There were 3 candidates, 2 dropped out so the last one will be brought back to campus next week. The Chancellor emphasized that we need to fill this

position quickly because we are in the middle of a Capital Campaign. If this candidate does not work out then we will restart search.

Chancellor Bailey explained that he is looking at the whole administrative structure and that will take some time. His priorities are to fill the Provost position then fill Advancement quickly and then do a search for a new Student Affairs leader.

A Senator mentioned that it's important for the Chancellor to finish talks with COSCO before going too far into the restructuring of the central administration since the COSCO report speaks so thoroughly to aspects of the administration's organization and function. The chancellor agreed and reminded the Senate that examining the organization and hiring into the empty positions will take some time.

The Chancellor also explained that he wants Celebrate UMKC to focus on the successes of institution and of our students. There are many measures of student success and the Chancellor intends to have a summit on ways to boost student success at UMKC during the celebration week this coming fall. Chancellor Bailey also pointed out that the amount of unmet financial need for our students is growing. This also needs to be addressed and anyone interested in working on this should identify themselves to Chancellor Bailey, or to Jakob Waterborg. We need to address this issue now so that we will not be caught unprepared in the future.

Senators asked Chancellor Bailey about the recent Student Government Association issues. The chancellor reviewed the recent history of the SGA actions including the impeachment of some leaders and senators. Because the SGA is currently focused on its own internal politics, with some referendums still to come, and because this is preventing the SGA from attending to other important issues, the Chancellor collected a group of 50 students, all volunteers to attend an open meeting. At this meeting the students identified the most critical issues facing UMKC students and prioritized them. This volunteer group is not a governance group but a temporary working group. This group will develop task forces for each of the identified issues. These task forces will look for solutions and will allow students to have input into the solutions. Some problems have quick fixes some will require more long-term efforts. The volunteer group was a very diverse group and the students worked well together. The Chancellor had hoped that the SGA could do the problem identification but they are currently focused on other things. The point was made that there is need for more faculty to advise student groups. Our students really want to deal with substantive problems and the Chancellor hopes the SGA will be ready to deal with these issues soon.

The Chancellor commented on the budget picture. The Curators are meeting in Rolla later this week. The 2% increase in state appropriation is pretty firm, and we will probably get a 5% increase in tuition. These two things together will give us about a 6 million dollar increase for UMKC. This will be used to fund pay raises in academic units and also increases in insurance, utilities, inflationary costs in libraries. Administrative support

units have been being asked to fund their own pay raises. The Chancellor will give a more complete report after the meeting in Rolla. He hopes there will be a new budgeting system in place by next budgeting cycle.

A Senator asked about the funding of the Health Sciences Building. The Chancellor said that funding depends on the disposition of the MOHELA monies. We hope that it will provide most of the remaining funding needed for the HS Building. We need to get the general notion of funding capital projects from MOHELA agreed upon and then get as much as possible for the HS Building. There is a bill in the legislature that might affect the disposition of MOHELA monies and there are many other things that make it rather unpredictable. The Chancellor pointed out that President Floyd has been very positive and helpful in trying to get money for the HS Building but it's very hard to predict right now how things will turn out. Various parts of the state have great influence in Jefferson City, and some areas of the state have much more than we have in western Missouri. We need to do a better job of getting our community support lined up behind our university needs.

A Senator asked if the academic units would be "taxed" to help with the HS Building as was once suggested in regard to academic unit fund balances. The Chancellor indicated that he doesn't think that is likely to occur.

A Senator asked if the policy of unit fund balances remaining in academic units has been rescinded. The Chancellor commented that the disposition of fund balances is controversial issue. Non-academic unit fund balances are currently being used to resolve other debts.

Provost's Report

Interim Provost Bubacz reminded the Senate the IFC has a proposal on non-tenured titles. The Provost and a faculty group on each campus are asked to respond to the proposal. The Senate Chair will provide Senators with the proposal.

The Interim Provost affirmed that the fund balance policy was rescinded recently. The Provost asked each Dean to put together an explanation of how they plan to use their fund balances. There will not be a horizontal reduction across the board for academic units. We don't have a specific picture yet of how this will play out. A Senator suggested that Deans be asked to indicate when they made the choice of how to spend their unit's fund balance. Long-term planning should be taken into account when deciding about unit fund balances, and how deans have budgeted for use the of fund balances. Fund balances in non-academic units will be hit harder but we are trying very hard to protect academic units.

The Interim Provost encouraged the Senate to take seriously the issues surrounding staff benefits. President Floyd has established a committee to examine the issues of staff benefits and this committee is to report by June 1st.

The Interim Provost also reminded Senators that there will be a unified ceremony for commencement this year and each unit will select a graduate to speak for that unit. The Chancellor will give a brief statement about each academic unit. Following the unified ceremony each unit will have its own recognition ceremony. The Provost would like for the dean and a faculty member from each unit to be there to shake hands with the graduate also. There will be a formal request from the Provost's Office to identify the faculty member from each unit to be on stage.

Report Chief of Police

The Chief of UMKC Police, Scott Shelton spoke to the Senate and explained that the protocol for response to emergencies, especially bomb threats since there have been three of these on campus recently. Chief Shelton said that there are usually two reasons why bomb threats/warnings are called in, 1) to prevent damage and death or 2) to cause havoc and distress.

The three calls we have experienced recently are considered low level threats, or calls that are intended to be disruptive. For the first threat the School of Education was evacuated. The second threat was too vague to warrant evacuation. The third threat again caused the evacuation of the School of Education. Following procedure, the Campus Police will first try to contact the authority in building, and then the Police will make a final decision after a quick evaluation of the level of threat. All threats taken seriously and each threat is handled on its own merits. If another threat occurs the Police will do a search in building as unobtrusively as possible. They may use the K9 unit if necessary. All campus buildings have liaisons to coordinate emergencies. Threats should be reported immediately to the Campus Police phone number 235-1515 to let campus police know first. A form was distributed to the Senate to show what police dispatchers use when a threat call comes in.

A Senator asked about the "conceal and carry" law in the state of Missouri. The university policy does not permit any firearms to be carried on campus and the state law also prohibits carrying of firearms on state property. Carrying firearms is absolutely not tolerated at UMKC.

A Senator asked about the 51st and Rockhill Road intersection. Many serious car wrecks occur at that intersection. Chief Shelton indicated that he has consulted with the city about this intersection and the university will have to finance any attempts to increase safety at that intersection.

Closed Session

For discussion of COSCO Recommendations and Provost candidates.

Adjournment

Senators Present: Waterborg, Loncar, Stein, Stancel, Fieldman, Driever, Cole, Crossland, Knopp, Luppino, Ward-Smith, Hood, Ebersole, Green, Foxworth, Rice, Bame, Gardner, Jones, Potts, Krause, Adler, Pennington, Joy, Durig, Thompson, Honigberg

Excused: Murphy, Igwe, Russell, McCunniff, Mitchell, Neau