

Faculty Senate Report

Tuesday, 9 January 2007

3-5pm, Plaza Room, Administrative Center

1. Opening of meeting, information items- Ebersole
 - Additions to or modifications of the Agenda
 - One change; Jerry Place unable to attend, but printed agenda includes e-mail from Place regarding two parking/traffic issues.
 - Minutes of 19 December 2006. Krause moved, Luppino seconded. Approved unanimously. Minutes will be distributed via e-mail to all full-time faculty as well as made available on the Faculty Senate website (<http://www.umkc.edu/fsenate>).
 - Points of information:
 - ✓ New curators: Warren Erdman (R) from Kansas City (on UKC Trustees, involved in Blue Ribbon Commissions); Buford Bo Frazier (R) (Columbia area, banker); Judith Haggerd (D) (from Kennett, MO, nurse practitioner).
 - ✓ Meeting dates – list redistributed by e-mail; will be updated/verified on Faculty Senate website.
 - ✓ Lengthy e-mail from Waterborg was sent to Senate members. Waterborg is invited at his request to speak to Senate at the 1/23/07 meeting.
 - ✓ John Bauman and his staff from IRB (Institutional Research Board; <http://umkc.edu/research/>; forms for research compliance are at <http://umkc.edu/research/RPP.html> will be at 1/23 meeting as well. Get information and ask for clarification regarding procedures. Question from senators regarding research compliance procedures at other universities in the humanities and social sciences.
 - ✓ Ebersole meeting with Chancellor Bailey on Thursday.
 - ✓ No regular faculty meeting was called in fall 2006. Question posed of the necessity of two regular faculty meetings a year; what should the topic of the spring regular faculty meeting be? Question will be put forth again to entire Senate later in the semester.
 - ✓ Faculty Senate Executive Committee usually meets over breakfast the day before the Senate meeting to finalize the agenda. Some of the Exec. Committee wondered if the Senate would fund breakfast. Luppino moved yes to fund, Mardikes seconds. Approved unanimously.
2. Provost Bubacz (moved to beginning of agenda due to teaching schedule)
 - Questions?
 - Bubacz suggested that Senate ask Burton Taylor about House Bill 213 – state-funded institutions must take steps to include intellectual diversity in the curriculum.
 - ✓ One response from Bubacz is that the undergraduate council will be resuscitated
 - ✓ Council will have 12 to 15 members (number may change to fewer). 3 faculty will be nominated from their deans (3 largest undergraduate population schools, one from each); positions to be elected by the faculty, election to be run by Faculty Senate
 - ✓ Luppino noted that the University Budget Committee has tasks for this committee as well.
 - Blue Ribbon TF Commissions
 - ✓ Visual and Performing Arts one is furthest along

- ✓ Talking about putting in place a committee/commission that is constantly reviewing what is going on in the various fields, disseminating news, what various programs, etc. are doing
 - ✓ Health and Life Sciences ones responding to Danforth report and other ideas not mentioned in that
 - ✓ The Urban Affairs Commission has spent a great deal of time figuring out what activities at the University truly constitute urban engagement.
 - ✓ Hoping to put mechanisms in place to keep work going that is central to the university missions
 - ✓ Trustees have been part of this as well, various projects won't be funded by trustees, but have list of priorities and projects a group of thoughtful people in these areas think should be funded at some level. Getting some clarity from the commissions where resources need to be directed.
- Question from one senator regarding the proposed cooperative MFA program with Columbia in Art. Provost responded that the proposal is on hold for now.
 - Regarding presidential search for UM System, lots of speculation out there, Curators meet later this week.
 - Any word regarding new curators? Warren Erdman is the nominated curator from this congressional district.
 - Question regarding midyear commencement. No speaker was planned for the combined commencement by design.
 - May commencement is planned to be an outdoor event again.

3. Campus Parking and Traffic Committee report/issues

Questions from Jerry Place, Chair:

The Parking and Traffic Committee (PTC) met yesterday and two topics were on the agenda that I'm referring back to the Faculty Senate for action.

First, the PTC discussed refunding all violations collected as a result of the coercive and un-enforceable demands in the letter send by Provost Bubacz about parking violations between July 2004 and April 2006. It seems that Parking Operations does not directly bill students, faculty and staff for violations. Violations are turned over to Billing as they become due, thus any refunds for violations paid under the duress of Provost Bubacz's letter must originate there. Since the PTC does not have jurisdiction over billing activities, I'm not sure further action is possible.

In this case, I think the appropriate action is a resolution from the Faculty Senate that violations collected from Faculty and Staff under duress of Provost Bubacz's letter must be refunded. I strongly support such a resolution.

In a similar vein, the PTC discussed the practice of turning over-due parking violations to an outside collection agency for action. I find this practice particularly egregious. Suppose a student has several unpaid violations and these violations are given to an outside collection agency for collection. Further suppose the agency is particularly vigorous in its collection activities -- including hurting the student's credit rating as part of the collection process. Finally, suppose the former student gains some measure of success in commerce. What

are our chances of getting a donation from this former student after we've treated him so scandalously over a few parking tickets?

The policy of turning over parking violations to outside collection agencies must be stopped. Again, this is not done directly by Parking Operations. Rather, Parking Operations passes the violation to Billing Svcs for collection. Again, I think a resolution by the Senate should be taken that condemns this onerous practice in the strongest terms.

I'd be very interested in what you think about this and, of course, I'm interested in the Senate's view also.

What does it mean for the long-term good of the institution for a student to not be able to graduate because of unpaid parking tickets and have credit rating damaged.

One senator suggests tabling issue until the committee chair can attend. Should the head of the division attend as well?

Another senator suggests that a collection agency is overkill for parking tickets. Budget chair Luppino noted parking operations makes a profit over the plans for capital improvements and maintenance.

Collections issues—how long before turned over to collections, how many notices to people?

How much money total is involved in this issue relative to the total budget?

4. UM System priorities for the new legislative year in Jefferson City
Burton Taylor, Government Relations

UM system government relations approach:

Bottom-up, priority-setting process:

- ✓ Campuses communicate needs to chancellors who communicate to president – president develops federal and state priorities with the Board of Curators
- ✓ Government relations team seeks legislative support for federal and state priorities

Seven members to the government relations team in the University of Missouri – each has specific issues to address and each campus is assigned a team liaison.

Year round operation:

- ✓ In session: monitoring committees and floor action; reviewing and analyzing bills
- ✓ Out of session: visits to legislative districts, etc.

Website and newsletter helps keep communities updated
(<http://www.umsystem.edu/ums/departments/gr/newsletter/>)

Government relations website: <http://www.umsystem.edu/ums/departments/gr/>

District data sheets also available on their website:
<http://www.umsystem.edu/ums/departments/gr/datasheets/>

Missouri currently ranked 49th in state funding of higher education.

Recap of 2006 legislative session:

- ✓ Operating budget for FY2007 up 2%
- ✓ Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative/MOHELA
- ✓ Access Missouri scholarship/funding plan
- ✓ Omnibus higher education bill
- ✓ Immigration issues

2007 Legislative session:

- ✓ Operating budget for FY2008
- ✓ Lewis and Clark Discovery initiative
- ✓ Financial aid TF plan
- ✓ Higher Education funding formula
- ✓ Immigration
- ✓ Medicaid reform

Operating budget request, FY08 – total request \$474 million

CBHE (<http://www.dhe.mo.gov/cbheoverview.shtml>) recommending \$463 million, a 12.6% increase

Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative

- ✓ \$335M for higher education construction projects (\$18.4 million in capital projects requests just for UMKC in MOHELA plan)
- ✓ Student loans being sold are from other states, MOHELA would be allowed to sell other types of loans. (see <http://www.mohela.com/> for more information)

Questions about what *is* the incubator?

Originally proposed to be on site at MRI (close to UMKC), Chancellor has proposed putting in motor freight building (high visibility). Building would house an environment where research conducted on UMKC campus could be put out in the marketplace. Business and life sciences initiative.

Number of questions from senators regarding who would pay for personnel, would current business incubator on Troost be moved to motor freight building? Chair Ebersole noted that the Chancellor and system Vice-Chancellor John Gardner would be better poised to answer these questions.

Financial aid proposal

- ✓ Developed by student financial aid TF
- ✓ Combines Gallagher, Missouri College Guarantee into single need-based aid program
- ✓ Calls for increasing state need-based aid to \$51 million next year
- ✓ Increases percentage of aid that goes to public schools

Higher education formula

- ✓ Senate interim committee reviewing ideas related to higher ed funding formula
- ✓ Institutions asked to provide framework for new formula that includes hold-harmless provision
- ✓ Other state formulas being reviewed
- ✓ UM will emphasize unique mission and role

Discussion regarding projects on other campuses and how funded; entrepreneurial opportunities on UMKC campus (Twin Oaks property)

Changing characteristics of the general assembly:

Term limits: a change that's here to stay

- ✓ 12 new senators and 82 new House members elected in 2002
- ✓ 12 new senators and 39 new house members elected in 2004
- ✓ 5 new senators and 26 new house members elected in 2006
- ✓ Only one in 10 legislators was there prior to 2002

Nov. 7 2006 election overview includes in senate, university alumni decreased by 1 from 18 to 17; house, increased by 4 from 43 to 47

Intellectual diversity act is newly introduced. Loosely written. Requires institutions to report that they're making an effort to include intellectual diversity and a free exchange of ideas. Article in current *Chronicle* on similar issue: <http://chronicle.com/weekly/v53/i19/19a03301.htm> .

Immigration issues continue to be an issue for the legislature.

Forward concerns to Burton Taylor (taylorbu@umkc.edu)

5. Committee charges/activities

COSCO, Mardikes. Next project is looking at parking issues; comprehensive look planned.

Administrative Issues committee needs two more faculty. Needs to look at bylaws, runs elections, conducts dean reviews. Ideally have one more faculty senator.

Attending: Ebersole, Driever, Green, Stancel, Honigberg, Gardner, Durig, Krause, Mardikes, Knopp, Beard, Fieldman, Butner, Luppino, Sistrunk, Foxworth, Igwe.

Excused: Gogol, Hopkins, Euler, Johnson