**Minutes**

**UMKC Faculty Senate**

**Meeting of 3 May 2016 3:00 – 5:00 pm**

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

**Present:** Peggy Ward-Smith, Gerald Wyckoff, Kathleen Kilway, Jack Nelson, Michelle Maher, Nancy Stancel, Carole McArthur, Margaret Brommelsiek, Kathleen Schweitzberger, Susan Sykes Berry, Roger Pick, Dee Anna Hiett, Linda Mitchell, Marilyn Taylor, Nathan Oyler, Laurie Ellinghausen, Leo Dobens, Zach Shemon, Kathy Krause, Deb Chatterjee, David Van Horn, Bi Botti Youan, Mark Johnson, Christopher Holman

**Also Present**: Barbara Bichelmeyer, Michael McDonald, Curt Crespino, Ginny Blanton, Anne Spenner, Troy Lillebo, Ceki Halman, Aaron Reed, James Benevides, Rhiannon Dickerson, Jenni Frangos, Ruth Cain, Crystal Doss, Brenda Bethman, Jane Greer, Becky Bergman

**Excused:** Michael Wacker, Ed Abreu

**Absent:**

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

Chairperson Ward-Smith welcomes the senators.

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

Provost Bichelmeyer gives the senators an update. The Provost thanks the senators that are rolling off their terms for their service. She also discusses faculty awards and general education requirements and encourages senators to come up with suggestions and recommendations as they hear presentations about faculty awards and the CAS statement about general education at today’s meeting. There is pending legislation proposing a 42-hour general education block. Over the summer, the Provost hopes to determine students’ opinions (benefits and concerns) about the general education curriculum. The Provost also thanks the senators in their efforts in helping define UMKC’s values as a result of the listening sessions this semester. There is currently a draft document of the value statement from the facilitator and will be an important agenda topic in the upcoming fall semester.

1. **Approval of agenda / minutes**

Today’s agenda and the minutes from the last Faculty Senate meeting are approved.

1. **Announcements (20 minutes)**
2. **Vote results – campus election and unit senate replacements**

Chairperson Ward-Smith shares the voting results which are posted below.

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| Unit | Number of Voters | Chair-Elect | Number of Voters | IFC Representative |
|  |  | Brommelsiek % | Mitchell % | No Vote % |  | Grieco % | Koulen % | No Vote % |
| A&S | 38 | 23.684 | 73.684 | 2.632 | 34 (of 36) | 73.529 | 23.529 | 2.941 |
| Cons. | 6 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 6 | 83.333 | 16.667 | 0 |
| Bloch | 6 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 6 | 50 | 50 | 0 |
| SBS | 6 | 66.667 | 33.333 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| SCE | 4 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| SOD | 9 (of 10) | 77.778 | 22.222 | 0 | 8 (of 10) | 25 | 75 | 0 |
| SOE | 4 | 25 | 75 | 0 | 4 | 75 | 25 | 0 |
| SOL | 0 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |
| SOM | 5 | 40 | 60 | 0 | 5 | 60 | 40 | 0 |
| SONHS | 5 | 80 | 20 | 0 | 5 | 60 | 40 | 0 |
| SOP | 3 (of 4) | 66.667 | 33.333 | 0 | 4 | 50 | 50 | 0 |
| Library | 9 | 33.333 | 66.667 | 0 | 10 | 100 | 0 | 0 |

1. Senate chair-elect Mitchell with 60/90 votes
2. IFC representative Grieco with 56/92 votes

1. **Letter to the curators – status report**

Senator Wyckoff has yet to receive any additional comments.

1. **Resolution from the April 19th meeting – status report**

Senator Roger Pick presents on the resolution draft from the Ad Hoc committee presentation from the last Faculty Senate meeting. The draft is moved as a resolution. Senators make recommendations to change the wording of the draft. Senator Roger Pick withdraws the motion and introduces a new version of the resolution which is stated below. Only one senator opposes the new resolution and this resolution will be sent to the chairs and deans.

New resolution:

The UMKC Faculty Senate is dismayed by the decline in numbers of tenure-track and tenured faculty at this institution and urges that resources be raised and/or reallocated in order to replenish the ranks of Assistant Professors.   In order for UMKC to excel in the future and keep the numbers of tenured Faculty consistent with the growth in enrollment and to meet our research and teaching missions, we must also develop plans to convert part-time, non-tenure-track positions or contingent faculty positions to full-time, tenure-track positions or positions that are long-term.

1. **Bookstore information**

The flyer is currently on the Faculty Senate website.

1. **Total Rewards Committee nominations**

Supplementary material is currently on the Faculty Senate website. Nominations do not have to be a senator, but must be a faculty member. If there are no nominations, the Chair of the Faculty Senate will serve on the committee.

1. **Faculty Awards (Curt Crespino, 30 minutes)**

Supplementary material will be on the Faculty Senate website. Curt Crespino discusses how faculty awards will be presented in the future. There was a faculty taskforce implemented this past spring semester by the Provost that discussed recommendations on how to recognize faculty for their service. In general, faculty do not necessarily feel appreciated and that there are opportunities to create a comprehensive plan

to recognize faculty achievement at all levels. Faculty also believe that less formal outreach in faculty recognition should be implemented. Because UMKC is an urban university, many faculty believes that it is important to include external stakeholders to have a broader communication with the faculty and community about UMKC’s accomplishments. Recognition of Achievement and Climate of Appreciation are the two broad categories that the taskforce created in response to faculty concerns. The presentation discusses revamping the awards for P&T, creating a new category for new faculty to receive recognition, and forming permanent awards for curator professors and tenure achievement.

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

IFC representative Nancy Stancel discusses the IFC meeting at MU on May 17th. At the meeting, the concealed carry bill was discussed and MU and S&T are in support of this bill. The AAUP has drafted a report in response to the actions taken against Professor Click. Whether MU will be sanctioned will be determined at the annual meeting. MU will face an $8 million budget cut. The Board of Curators will engage and communicate better with the IFC, although there is no provision for staff to meet with the Board of Curators. Also, there is an audit underway for the CRRs. There have been a list of qualities and recommendations compiled from the system wide president search. Moreover, there are only six members on the Board of Curators.

Chairperson Ward-Smith states that the Waivers taskforce gave its review to the president. Currently, the waivers are stalled. There will be an educational session on June 3rd with the House of Representatives. The Waivers taskforce had a meeting to revise the wording of its review.

Senator Wyckoff gives an SOP update and states that the committee lists will be updated this summer.

1. **CAS Statement on General Education (Michael McDonald, Ginny Blanton, Becky Bergman 15 minutes)**

Supplementary material is currently on the Faculty Senate website. CAS faculty discuss the decoupling of Discourse and Anchor classes. There will be an additional Faculty Senate meeting on June 7th to further discuss this matter.

1. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5pm