

Senate Minutes
Special Emergency Meeting
Thursday, June 4, 2020
3-4:30pm, Zoom

Present: Tom Mardikes, Erik Olsen, Stephen Dilks, Deb Chatterjee, Jamie Hunt, Karyn Turla, David VanHorn, Amanda Grimes, Anthony Shiu, Bill Keeton, Ceki Hamen, Charles Robinson, DeeAnna Hiett, Jacob Marszalek, James Wooten, Jen Salvo, Johanna Nilsson, Lorie Holt, Mark Patterson, Peter Morello, Rita Barger, Scott Curtis, Sookhee Oh, Timothy Lynch, Viviana Grieco, Jennifer Allsworth, Jamila Jefferson-Jones, Michelle Maher, Erin Blocher, Hari Bhat.

1. Special Meeting to discuss and decide upon two issues: FSEC course reduction and F2020 UMKC academic schedule
2. Item 1 concerns the increased workload upon members of FSEC, both in terms of Senate duties, UMKC Forward participation, ongoing IFC meetings, etc, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we have proposed to the Provost that FSEC members be exempted from increased teaching loads for FY21. The request and rationale from FSEC to the Provost is attached in the document FSEC Course Reduction Request FY21.
Faculty Senate Executive Committee therefore submits the following motion to Senate for deliberation and a vote during the Emergency Meeting:
"FSEC moves that Faculty Senate support and approve the FSEC request of the Provost for the right of an FSEC member to be exempted from any teaching load increase for FY21 due to additional duties and service time in Senate and IFC activities."
Senate voted to support the proviso for the course reduction for FSEC members for FY21, (Dilks, Grieco, Nilsson) The vote was 28 YES with 0 NO and 1 ABSTENTION.
(The Provost has accepted the recommendation and informed the necessary deans to implement the recommendation.)
3. Item 2: The four UM System campuses were looking to alter the Fall semester schedule. Fall 2020 Schedule Brainstorming states the proposals from the other campuses; the UMKC Plan for Fall semester schedule states the proposed UMKC plan with comments from various departments and schools on implementation of the UMKC plan. The document Student Government Association Fall Semester Opinions is from SGA senators reflecting on student concerns.
As per the UM System CRRs, the Provost has asked for the UMKC Faculty Senate to take a vote as to whether Senate supports the proposed schedule changes in the UMKC plan. Faculty Senate Executive Committee therefore submitted the following motion to Senate for deliberation and a vote during the Emergency Meeting:
"FSEC moves that Faculty Senate support the UMKC proposed Fall semester schedule plan, subject to any exceptions which units would need to negotiate with the Provost."
After deliberation the UMKC proposal failed, gaining 7 YES and 22 NO votes.

Senate then spent an hour deliberating an alternative proposal and crafted the following:

“Senate recommends that UMKC maintain the Fall Academic Schedule as planned, with the option of making the decision to go online after Thanksgiving, if necessary.” This proposal passed with 17 YES and 8 NO with 2 ABSTENTIONS. This was forwarded to the Provost, and accepted by the Provost and Chancellor.

A final idea was presented as a recommendation to the Provost to consider that after Thanksgiving classes of 50+ go online.

4. The Senate voted to adjourn at 4:38pm