

Senate Minutes  
Tuesday, December 17, 2019  
3-5pm, Plaza Room, Admin

Present: Oh, Morello, Van Horn, Turla, Blocher, Keeton, Hiatt, Robinson, Holt, Maher, Curtis, Salvo, Bhat, Patterson, Parker Burrus, Nilsson, Marszalek, Dilks, Mardikes

Absent: Zhu, Shiu, Godley, Chatterjee, Jefferson, Wooten, Allsworth, Hunt, Grimes, Horn

Excused: Olsen, Halmen, Lynch,

Others Present: Bichelmeyer, Agrawal

1. Business

- a. Call to Order & Approval of December 3, 2019 Minutes—Mardikes
  - i. Motion carries
- b. Approval of Agenda—Mardikes
  - i. Motion carries
- c. Committee recommendations: Steve Dilks serve as co-chair for: ACE Internationalization Laboratory Task Force, Teaching and Learning Subcommittee
  - i. Motion carries
  - ii. We need someone for Faculty Policies and Practices Subcommittee
- d. Nominations for Chair Elect Update—Mardikes
  - i. Will send another email asking for nominations
  - ii. Ask faculty in your academic units

2. UM System-wide Online Faculty Advisory Committee: Kati Toivanen, Amanda Grimes, Leigh Salzsieder

- a. Presentation attached
- b. Q: What is UMKC's role in UM eLearning?
  - i. Outside of the charge of the Faculty Advisory Committee. Phase 1 roll out includes established programs.
  - ii. System-level online program
- c. Q: If Faculty are interested in teaching online, who should they contact?
  - i. To get certification to teach online, Molly Mead. To get involved in the system level, unsure at this time. Maybe call for proposals will come out.
- d. Q: Does this represent a fifth campus for the UM system? Will this take away from the campuses?
  - i. Still trying to find out what the branding looks like. Things are still being decided, and some of these matters are outside of the charge of the Faculty Advisory Committee.

3. Chancellor Agrawal Q&A with Faculty Senate

- a. Q: What is the plan for conducting 3 Dean searches at the same time on the Hospital Hill campus and what will be the impact of not having a Provost in place who might impact those searches?
  - i. We have two senior Vice Provost positions open with searches happening. We have one more candidate for the Vice Provost for Student Success coming. That search will be finalized soon. Senior Vice Provost for Quality Assurance. The search has started, the search will continue. School of Medicine search is ongoing. All other searches will be suspended until a Provost is in place. New Provost search will take place when we come back from the holidays. System recruitment office will work as the outside. We hope to have a Provost start this summer.
- b. Q: What are your thoughts about the proposed reorganization of CAS?
  - i. Good conversations. We should not stop because of the Provost search.
- c. Q: The provost recommended a fast track approach in deciding whether or not to reorganize CAS. How, if at all, will the process change and how will this impact the search for a new dean?
  - i. We should continue with the fast track approach. If we complete structural changes, it will be easier for the new Provost.
- d. Q: When are we going to renovate and/or build classrooms?
  - i. Looking at highest need. Looking to expand the medical school and dental school (offices and classrooms). Continuing to work on the Conservatory. We'll work out. Money from Sutherland Foundation to make changes at Bloch School and Hospital Hill. The state is not giving money.
- e. Q: What is the plan for finding new Provost? How are you going to work with us to select the faculty-controlled Search Committee for the new Provost?
  - i. Would like to have representation from every academic school or college. Faculty, Chairs, Deans, etc. Looking at a committee of at least 20 people
- f. Q: What is the plan to engage in an effective marketing campaign to increase student enrollment?
  - i. Provost, Chancellor, Admissions meet for two hours every two weeks.
- g. Q: How is our progress in enrollment?
  - i. Last year held steady. Everyone around us went down (aside from Mizzou) Gained dual credit and graduate, decreased in undergraduates. Investing more in marketing geared toward enrollment.
- h. Q: How can faculty help enact the strategic plan?
  - i. Get students to graduate in a timely fashion. Retention and graduation.
- i. HLC Update
  - i. Will get the report sometime in January. Sense of trust, respect, generosity, and giving was noted on our campus.
- j. Q: What is the plan if we don't increase undergraduate enrollment?

- i. We are already in survival mode. Working on things we can change without too much effort.
- k. Q: What is a timeline for a decision regarding CAS?
  - i. Spring.
- l. Q: If we lower ACT and SAT requirements, we might need more academic support options.
  - i. Most major universities are not requiring test scores.
- m. Q: Can we make the application fee waiver more accessible?
  - i. We could look at it.
- n. Areas we have done well:
  - i. Retention: Numbers jumped 3% in one year
  - ii. Fundraising: \$14 Million raised.
  - iii. Research: Applications are up 15%-17%, Awards are up 22%, Money from awards increased.
- 4. Standard Operating Procedures vote—Mardikes
  - a. Tabled motion made active
  - b. Motion to approve SOPs as they stand
    - 1. Motion carries
  - c. Vote: to approve Standard Operating Procedures
    - i. 18 in favor, None opposed, 1 abstention
- 5. Academic Support and Mentoring: update on UMKC Tutoring (formerly MaST), Summer Bridge, Supplemental Instruction, and the Writing Studio: Julie Collins, Megan Cross, Jessica Elam, Megan Elsen, Thomas Ferrel, Laura King, Silvina Munita, and Josh Ware
  - a. Presentation attached
  - b. Packets distributed
  - c. Q: What training do you offer for tutors?
    - i. Pre-training for tutors, as well as training for continuing tutors.
  - d. Q: How could a student become a tutor?
    - i. Online application. Group interview. Individual interviews. Faculty recommendations/recruiting.
  - e. Q: How do you expand your course offerings?
    - i. Both student and faculty requests.
  - f. Q: Are tutors trained to assist diverse learners?
    - i. Part of ongoing professional development.
  - g. Q: Is SI support available through summer courses?
    - i. Tutoring is always available over the summer. Resources reflect what classes are available.
  - h. Q: What is the difference between advising students to form study groups and SI?

- i. SI sessions are led by paid students who have successfully taken the course.
  - i. Faculty and Advisor Luncheon: February 12
- 6. Recap of semester and discussion about future items and projects—Mardikes
  - a. Completed
    - i. Bylaws, SOP, Website, Presentations to Senate, Statement of Faculty Purpose, Gen Ed 2.0 Sessions
  - b. Ongoing
    - i. Closing the loop process, Environmental Sustainability (set up in January, Proposal to Chancellor), Website, Final Exam Schedule, Vacation 12-month Faculty
  - c. Future
    - i. Campus election for chair-elect, General Faculty meeting, Populate and reinvigorate committees
    - ii. A senator would like to open dialogue about advising issues.
      - 1. Could we add senators to the Enrollment committee?
- 7. New Business
  - a. Could we reexamine the room arrangement for the spring semester?
- 8. Adjournment
  - a. Motion carries