

Inter-campus Faculty Cabinet Meeting Notes

December 12, 2022

Discussion with Choi

Overall enrollments down 16% in the past 5 years

State Board of Higher Education recommends a 7% increase in state revenue and a 5.4% increase in tuition.

Discussed the potential for S&T and UMKC to reach R1 status.

Next Generation Leadership Partners, Phil Goldstein and Mary Beth Baker took input on what IFC would like to see in the next UM Vice President for Information Technology and what priorities this individual should focus on. These two listened to passionate requests to reduce the amount of time-consuming authentication and purchase of badly designed software. A more user-centered process for procurement was recommended.

MyVita discussion led by Susan Halsted (no longer at UMKC), the UM Coordinator. Susan fielded a lot of complaints about MyVita and Academic Analytics. She has proposed a decision-making board with faculty membership (including one representative from IFC), which will offer ongoing feedback.

January 23, 2023

Discussion with Choi:

Total enrollments. MU up 16.6%, UMSL up 32.1%, S&T down 15.3%, UMKC up .2%

Governor supports 20 million for capital projects for UMKC for 2023 and will appropriate the same amount for 2025

Bylaws changes. UMKC's have moved to Board for approval.

What are the duties of a Chancellor (what happens when Chancellor interferes in Dept Curriculum decision, example: Math Dept failure rates at S&T)?

Todd Graves, opinion in KC Star (1/18) disparaging public education as president of the board of the Herzog Foundation, a Christian education foundation. Since he is on the UM Board of Curators, IFC members wondered if he has a conflict of interest. Choi seemed to be on the fence about this.

Next Gen Precision Health. It was pointed out that the website does not give the impression this is anything other than an MU initiative. Choi promised to get the website changed to reflect its collaborative nature.

Report from Dusty Schneiders, UM Assistant Vice Pres, and Emily Lucas, Dir. Govt Relations

There are multiple bills working their way through the MO legislature that are of concern. Senate Bill 410 (the "Do No Harm Act") reduces the amount of DEI materials and training required of students, faculty, employees, contractors, etc. It primarily targets medical schools and is not likely to pass. Senate Bill 473 removes special status for UM as the only Universities in the state that can offer PhDs.

CRT Bills are still in motion along with a proposed Parent's Bill of Rights

Ryan Rapp (VP of Finance), Marsha Fischer (HR), and Eric Vogelweid (Controller)

Pension Plan currently has 4 billion in assets and 5 billion in liabilities. CRR 530.020 stipulates minimum actuarial contribution paid every year. The Board of Curators has always honored this. Obligations to cover both annual investment and liabilities results in reduction in faculty pay increases.