Welcome and Announcements

Chair Ward-Smith welcomed a new senator, Katherine Bloemker (Computing and Engineering), who is replacing Gregory King for the spring semester. Deans Witte (Conservatory) and Truman (Computing and Engineering) addressed their evaluations with their respective faculty.

Chair Ward-Smith requested nominations for the Secretary position be submitted by the end of the all faculty meeting on March 3rd.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved.

Provost Comments

Interim provost Cindy Pemberton requested that the senators let their faculty know that UMKC received national recognition with its recent Carnegie classification for community engagement (http://info.umkc.edu/news/umkc-earns-carnegie-classification-for-community-
This honor is directly related to the many things faculty and students are doing in the community, and it fits with UMKC’s mission and strategic plan. UMKC is one of three hundred universities that have received this recognition.

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**Provost Search Committee Update**

Senator Johnson (Dentistry) is serving as the Senate representative on the provost search committee and provided an update on the search. The search committee met for the first time two weeks ago. Johnson was soliciting information from faculty regarding what the faculty would desire from a Provost candidate. Many items were discussed about what the committee would like from a candidate. The firm is collecting names and approaching candidates. If any person has someone whom they would like to nominate, that name can be sent to Senator Johnson (MarkJohnson@umkc.edu).

The process will get fully started at the end of March when the committee will start reviewing portfolios and at that point Senator Johnson will not be able to speak about the process or specific candidates. After reviewing portfolios and prioritizing candidates, there will be some airport interviews and then campus visits. The firm hinted that it would hope to get 30-40 portfolios.
Senator Johnson offered to attend any faculty or staff meeting, hear comments and take questions to the search committee. The search committee roster includes:

- Lawrence Dreyfus, Research Services, Search Committee Chair
- Curtis Crespino, Advancement and External Relations, Search Committee Vice Chair
- Adrienne Hoard, College of Arts and Sciences
- Brent Never, Bloch School of Management
- Cindy Russell, School of Nursing and Health Studies
- Deep Medhi, School of Computing and Engineering
- Devon Cancilla, Academic Affairs
- Jennifer Lundgren, College of Arts & Sciences
- John Herron, College of Arts & Sciences
- Juan Bettancourt-Garcia, Student Government Association President
- Kimiko Gilmore, Community Representative
- Laurie Ellinghausen, College of Arts and Sciences/Faculty Senate
- LaVerne Berkel, School of Education
- Mark Johnson, School of Dentistry, Faculty Senate
- Mel Tyler, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
- Mike Plamann, School of Biological Sciences
- Nancy Levitt, School of Law
- Nancy Mills, Emeritus College/Retiree Representative
- Peter Witte, Conservatory of Music and Dance
Report from UMKC Communications (Curtis Crespino, Anne Spenner)

Curt Crespino and Anne Spenner presented at Senate on how UMKC Communications spreads the word regarding faculty activities and accomplishments. There are many communication channels for faculty news, such as local, regional and national media, UMatters, each unit’s website, Facebook, Twitter and other social media, UMKC-produced magazines, eRoos and other alumni publications.

Four PR staff members write about faculty and students, and more than 100 stories featuring UMKC faculty were published in newspapers, broadcasts, television or radio last year. A couple hundred more were published in UMKC venues, but many opportunities were turned down because there was not someone available to provide more information for the specific news item.

A story can be submitted many ways. One of them is as a tip in UMatters. There is also a “contact us” option for UMatters and faculty can even write their own story. Contact a member of the PR team. Each academic unit has a designated Communications staff person.

The PR team offers many resources including how to increase appeal of the story in the media, create a customized media list based on the topic area using a media database, provide media training (how to sound and look your best on the TV, radio) and also “practice” interview
for print media. The PR team can identify opportunities that make your story seem more appealing to newspaper or television.

There are two new opportunities for faculty. 1) Join “Faculty Media Opportunity” email list. When the PR team receives media opportunity, it needs people to quickly help identify faculty experts who might be available on short notice. 2) Phase II of the UMKC Going Places Storytelling Project will focus on student/faculty stories. This is happening next semester and the goal is to have 100 student stories on that project as well as having faculty/student combinations. Please forward any possible options.

More information can be found on the Strategic Marketing and Communications website: [http://www.umkc.edu/mcom/index.cfm](http://www.umkc.edu/mcom/index.cfm).

**IFC Update**

IFC met on Thursday. There were many IFC CRRs passed by the Board of Curators, with the caveat that the IFC has the right to review them and recommend changes if necessary. IFC agreed that Chair Ward-Smith would continue to be the IFC representative that will push this out to the campus and keep people informed.

MU School of Law faculty sent a letter objecting to the process of revising the Collected Rules and Regulations around Title IX. Because of these concerns, a Q & A session will be scheduled so that faculty can get more information regarding the changes and their impacts to the university.

**UMKC Faculty Bylaws Revisions**
Bylaws changes for Faculty Senate must be approved by Senate and then voting-eligible faculty before they can be submitted for ratification by the Board of Curators. Senate voted on the following three revisions.

1) Those who are eligible to serve as representatives shall be UMKC voting Faculty. Members of the Executive Committee must be regular voting Faculty.

2) In the case of an IFC vacancy, Senate shall determine at a regular or special meeting whether to fill the vacancy temporarily or for the duration of the unexpired term. For a temporary replacement, Senate shall elect a current or prior Senator to fill the vacancy. For replacements for the unexpired term, nominations will be requested from among current or prior Senate members, and a ballot containing the names of nominees will be sent to all voting Faculty. The person getting the highest number of votes will assume the office for the duration of the unexpired term. Should that person be unable to serve, the person with the next highest number of votes in that election will assume the office. In urgent cases, so as to provide full representation at IFC, the Senate Executive Committee may appoint a current Senator to attend IFC meetings until the Senate can address the vacancy at its next regular or special meeting.

3) When committee nomination requests are received from the campus administration or from the Student Government Association, the council Senate will designate nominees if it deems such action to be appropriate, following all applicable Collected Rules and Regulations. The Senate shall report at the next general Faculty meeting all requests and actions taken.

These changes shall be read at the March 3rd all faculty meeting and then issued via Blackboard to all voting-eligible UMKC faculty for approval. Voting results shall be reported at the April 7th Faculty Senate meeting.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Senate then met in closed session.