Faculty Senate  
January 18, 2005

Major Items

Selection of Search Committee Chair  
Role of Senate Chair in Faculty Governance

Information Items

The Chair welcomed the senators back to the second half of our year of service as faculty senators.

Celeste Tarantino, a senator from the Medical School, is being replaced by Adam Reese who will now be the second senator from the school.

The Chair reminded the senate that nominations for the nine positions on the BAC closed as of the beginning of the meeting.

The Chair explained that the Workstation Replacement Policy has changed. Old workstations must now be turned in to Information Services. The change is being made to assist with security issues. The intent of the new policy is to insure that computers with potential problems are not being streamed down to others causing the virus or other security risk to remain on the server.

During fall semester, the HERI survey was sent out to 1300 employees. Since only 130 were turned in it is not likely to provide a representative sample of opinions on our campus.

Selection of Search Committee Chair

Senators expressed concerned about faculty having an appropriate level of input into the selection of the next chancellor. A list of criteria was proposed with some additional criteria being added. The senate voted unanimous approval of the criteria. The criteria are as follows:

The Chair of the Search and Screening Committee must be:

1. Full professor
2. Minimum of 5 years at UMKC
3. Active in research, publication, and teaching
4. Understanding of university as a whole
5. No current administrative appointment other than as Dept. Chair.
6. Good administrative skills
7. Regular faculty status
8. Not currently holding a elected campus wide faculty governance position

Senators are asked to send names of faculty who meet the criteria to Gary Ebersole by the next senate meeting.

**Role of Senate Chair**

A senator requested that the senate have a discussion of the role of the Senate Chair.

There was extensive discussion of this issue. Senators expressed a concern about how the senate is operating. The duties of the Chair and were discussed, in particular the difficulties of separating the Chair’s personal views from those representative of the faculty as a whole. The chair’s relationship to the administration and the Chair access to documents and information were also discussed. The discussion ended with a motion being made and seconded that the senate request that the current Chair resign. The motion will be addressed at the next senate meeting.

**Other Business**

The ballots for the nine positions on the Budget Advisory Committee were distributed to attending senators and will be delivered to absent senators.

The surveys for the 9 deans will be distributed the week of January 24th.

An op-ed piece on academic tenure was distributed to the senators for their review and comment.

The draft of the Privacy Policy was distributed and briefly discussed. The draft has the approval of system, and campus offices. If the draft of the policy is approved by our faculty it will immediately go into effect on the UMKC campus.

The proposed system-wide academic calendar was distributed and briefly discussed. The IFC wants comments about the calendar from each campus before the Curators act on it.

The Campus-wide Committees List was distributed and briefly discussed.

**Library Funding** – Dean Joan Dean distributed and discussed data on libraries expenditures at comparator universities and other data regarding library funding. In order to stay at current level of services UMKC libraries will face a serious crisis in the next fiscal year. Costs have gone up due to electronic journals and other electronic services. If 5% draw down is left in effect the libraries will face a deficit next year of 1.3 million. The Libraries have spent down endowments and gifts funds.
The Dean provided the senate several charts showing the libraries expenditures. It was also mentioned that the search for the new dean of the libraries is progressing. The Dean also announced that the National Archives Regional Center has been invited to accept space in the projected MLN Library expansion.

Adjournment


Excused:  J. Snell, T. Stein

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