UMKC
Faculty Senate Meeting
February 1, 2005

Major Topics

BAC Election Results
Chancellor’s Search Committee
Discussion of Faculty Accomplishment System
Nominations for IT Committee
Report of Senate ad hoc committee on Privacy Policy

Information Items

A communication between Provost and Senator regarding the authorship of the “White Paper” was shared. Senators wanted to discuss this with Provost Osborne. There was discussion of the Provost’s attendance at senate meetings.

One senator indicated he had attended a lunch with President Floyd. The Senate determined that whenever senators have discussions with administration that information needs to be shared with the full senate.

The Chair announced that President Floyd has decided to return the 5% draw down of funds previously taken from all units on campus. A letter from President Floyd regarding this matter is posted on the Faculty Senate website.

Closed Meeting

A motion to close the meeting to all but senators was made and seconded. The vote on this motion was 13-yes, 5-no, 1-abstention. Issues concerning the role of the senate chair were discussed at length.

Statement of the Sense of the Senate

The following “Sense of the Senate” resolution was proposed in closed session by Senator Hood and seconded by senator Durig, amended and passed by a vote of 15-yes and 8-no. It was communicated to Provost W. Osborne and President E.S. Floyd.

It is the sense of the UMKC Faculty Senate (“Senate”) that the chair, Jakob Waterborg, has not fulfilled the expectations of the Senate in representing the voice of the faculty. Consequently, the Senate requires that the chair represent the faculty (as distinguished from the administration) in the future. Furthermore, the following conditions shall apply, effective immediately:

1. The Senate meeting agenda and order of the items on the agenda will be set by majority decision of the Executive Committee of the Senate, and must be approved by the full
Senate at the start of each meeting. At least one week before each Senate meeting, Senators will be asked for input on the agenda via e-mail.

2. The chair and the executive committee will inform the Senate of ALL official discussions and interactions with University administrators. All official communication between the Senate and the administration at the level of Provost, Vice-Chancellors, Chancellor or President, must be done jointly by the chair and vice-chair (or by the vice-chair’s appointed representative), not by the chair alone.

Chancellor’s Search Committee

The list of the seven professors nominated to serve as chair of the Chancellor Search Committee was distributed and discussed. This list will be forwarded to President Floyd with brief biographies of the nominees. The President has indicated that he intends for the search committee to be in place by end of February and a new chancellor named by September 1, 2005. President Floyd has also asked the Faculty Senate for a list of recommendations for faculty to serve on the committee. The senate considered that professors on the chair nominee list should be recommended to serve as on the search committee. Additional nominees will be identified by senators and discussed at the next meeting then forwarded to President Floyd.

Following the discussion of these two issues, the meeting was re-opened and the senate proceeded with the agenda set for the meeting.

Budget Advisory Committee

The results of the election for the nine seats on the Budget Advisory Committee were announced to the senate. The distribution of the 1, 2, and 3 year terms, and three alternates were recommended to the senate. The report was approved unanimously and the results will be sent to Provost Osborne, Vice-Chancellor Gates, and all persons named on the ballot. The results of the election have been posted to the Faculty Senate website.

IT and Privacy Committee

The draft of the Policy Governing Use of the University Computer Network was shared. The draft of the policy was examined and approved by officers and counsel of the university system. A sample policy preamble from the policy of the University of Pennsylvania was also shared. It was noted that the faculty representatives on the oversight committee be regular faculty. It was recommended that the libraries be represented on the policy oversight committee in an ex-officio position. The policy statement was approved by a unanimous vote of the senate (a copy of the approved policy is attached below). It will be forwarded to Provost Osborne and also shared with the Intercampus Faculty Council for their consideration as requested by system administration.
ITC Nominations

Nominations are being collected for the 6 faculty seats on the Information Technology Council. One faculty seat will be a senator, Tim Cole, and there will be five at–large faculty seats. Vice-Provost Hines had requested that the five seats be distributed such that they provide representation from the mission areas of our campus. It was recommended that the 5 seats represent the College of Arts and Sciences, the Professional Schools health and life sciences, the visual and performing arts and humanities, the sciences and research, and urban community development. The names of nominees will be sent to senators as soon as nominations are closed on February 7, 2005. The Chair will send out one more campus-wide call for nominees.

FAS Discussion

The senate discussed the new Faculty Accomplishment System and the potential security and privacy issues surrounding it. Questions were raised regarding who will have access to the information, who can add, read, or access the information, the appropriate uses of the data, and who will handle the generating of reports. The senate wishes to know if there will be a policy statement to guide the access and use of the FAS data, and considered the point that any time data is loaded automatically in FAS files the individuals need to be informed. These issues will be discussed at the Intercampus Faculty Council since all four campuses are required to use it.


Excused: C. Rice, S. Thompson, L.G. Green, O. Ukopodu.

Submitted by

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UMKC Faculty Senate
Policy Governing Use of University Computer Network

1. Governing Principles
   - The University recognizes that all authorized users of university computer networks, equipment or connecting resources have a right of privacy in such use.
   - Privacy, confidentiality, and the values of freedom of thought and expression so essential to the integrity of the academic institution shall be paramount.
   - The University will maintain a functional computer network system available to all authorized users and will protect and respect privacy of all authorized users.

2. Authorized Users: Faculty, staff, students and authorized guest users.

3. Inspection and Disclosure
   A. The University acknowledges and honors the governing principles set forth in paragraph 1 above but reserves the right, within the guidelines set by the oversight committee described below, to examine the information on its networks and equipment when:
      a. there are reasonable grounds to believe that a user is abusing the electronic system as abuse is defined below;
      b. it is necessary in order to repair, maintain or improve the computer networks;
      c. it is necessary to prevent legally recognized injury to another person, property or system; and
      d. rules of duly enacted law or judicial decision require inspection.
   B. The oversight committee described below will develop and publish guidelines, which will:
      a. provide specifically limited authorization to identified persons within the University to examine and inspect its networks and equipment, and to make only those disclosures that are required (see Notice 3.C).
      b. establish acceptable procedures for inspection of networks and equipment for known conditions and for required disclosures, including such steps as isolating or shutting down network components or equipment, preserving evidence of abuse, informing the suspected abuser of these actions, as soon as possible, and defining allowable remote and direct procedures for inspection and threat assessment, which preserve privacy and confidentiality to the maximal extent achievable. No interception, examination, monitoring, recording, copying or disclosure of computer produced materials by authorized users of the network shall occur except with reasonable suspicion of abuse and as explicitly allowed by these procedures. Administrative action, authorized by the oversight committee, will be taken against any person who violates the privacy, confidentiality and free speech rights of authorized users.
c. establish guidelines and procedures for unforeseen circumstances with the intent to protect and preserve the governing principles of privacy and confidentiality, and to protect the legitimate interests of the University to control and maintain the integrity and use of the network resources. These guidelines will define allowable limited appropriate action by authorized personnel. They will include procedures to assess the specific situation encountered and timely consultation with the oversight committee to evaluate the actions taken by Information Systems’ staff, to approve further action(s) deemed necessary, and, when needed, to develop acceptable procedures for future responses.

C. Notice: In all cases where the privacy of the user will be compromised as authorized above, notice of such intrusion will be given to the user in advance of the intrusion unless such notice will clearly prejudice the ability of the University to further its interests.

4. Abuse

Abuse of the network or any part thereof shall consist of the following:

- Violation of the Acceptable Use Policy (University of Missouri, Collected Rules and Regulations 110.005);
- Violation of Federal or State Law in a manner making it more likely than not that the University will incur legal liability;
- Violation of the expectations of privacy, confidentiality or free speech of an authorized user.

5. Oversight

A. The oversight committee will consist of:

- three faculty representatives: one member elected from among Faculty Senators and two members at large, elected from among the UMKC faculty, by Faculty Senate election processes;
- two student representatives selected and appointed by the Student Government Association in such a way that one member is an undergraduate student and one member is a graduate student;
- two staff representatives at large, elected from among the UMKC staff by a Staff Council election process;
- one administration representative, appointed by the Chancellor;
- a representative from Libraries as an ex-officio, non-voting member;
- the Executive Director of Information Services or his designate as an ex officio, non-voting member;
- the Chief Information Officer as an ex officio, non-voting member.

B. Each member is elected or appointed for a 2-year term in such a way that maximal staggering of terms of membership for each represented group is achieved.

C. The committee will elect its own chair.

D. The committee will meet at least once per regular semester.

E. Any two members can convene the committee.