Major Topics

Promotion and Tenure Procedures
Amending of Senate By-Laws
Resolutions on Campus-Wide Committees
Proposal for Campus-Wide Committee on Undergraduate Education

Information Items

- Celebrate UMKC: Convocation – A handout was distributed and discussed regarding plans for next fall’s convocation.

- S. McAninch has resigned from his position as IFC representative. The Senate Chair will contact the person receiving the next highest number of votes on the ballot to determine if he is willing to accept the position and finish out the term.

- The Budget Advisory Committee will be co-chaired by Jim Durig, Chair of the Senate Budget Committee, and Vice Chancellor Gates.

- Karen Bame has agreed to chair the Faculty Welfare Committee.

- The Senate’s Administrative Issues Committee needs two new members. The committee is updating the by-laws and will continue to work over the summer.

P&T Procedures

A document on the Clarification of the Promotion and Tenure Process was distributed and briefly discussed. It will be discussed again at the next meeting. The senate needs feedback from the academic units on the procedures described in the document. A senator raised the issue of the disclosure of the content of review letters that is discussed in item #5 of the document. The benefits to the candidates of disclosure of review letter contents were discussed. Arguments for full disclosure were presented. The Senate believes that the language in # 5 needs to be clarified. Some issues raised by the Report of the Roles and Rewards Task Force will be discussed at the next meeting when the senate receives the comments on the Task Force Report from the current Promotion and Tenure Committee.
Amending Senate By-Laws

A motion to amend the Faculty Senate By-Laws was distributed. A senator reported that no response regarding the legal implications of the motion had yet been received from university counsel. Arguments were presented for going forward with a vote on the motion based on the inherent right of bodies to self-govern. Senate chose not to wait on response from university counsel and to proceed with the vote. There was discussion of the language of the motion particularly regarding the phrase “2/3 senators voting.” The vote count was yes = 21 No = 0 Abstention = 0. Some senators chose not to participate in the vote. The text of the motion is available on the senate webpage.

Ad Hoc Committee Proposal

The Senate considered a resolution to establish an ad hoc committee to explore organizational structure and community outreach at UMKC. Membership on the committee and the number of senators on the committee was discussed. The chair of the committee will be a member of the senate. The senate decided to drop the ad hoc from the committee’s title, as it will be an on-going committee. The Committee will focus on campus level structure only, and will report to the senate. The resolution passed unanimously. Seven senators volunteered to serve on the committee. The text of the resolution is available on the senate webpage.

Resolutions and Recommendations

Resolution A, B, C regarding the membership and procedures for electing faculty to serve on the Standing Committee on Research Dishonesty, the Campus Faculty Committee on Tenure, and the Grievance Hearing Panel were discussed and there was some minor editing of the resolutions. The three resolutions were passed unanimously. These resolutions will be available on the Faculty Senate webpage.

Resolutions D, and E on the membership and procedures for electing faculty to the Grievance Hearing Panel and the Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Promotion and Continuous Appointment were distributed and explained. These two resolutions will be voted on at the next meeting. There was some brief discussion of the resolutions. There was also brief discussion of exploring the establishment of a separate committee for non-regular faculty going up for promotion only. There was discussion of the role, status, and treatment of non-regulars faculty.
Faculty Elections

The Chair will send out to the senators of each academic unit a list stating which committee positions the unit will need to elect faculty to fill. There will need to be a campus wide election for the second IFC position and the two seats on the System-wide Committee on Tenure.

Campus-Wide Committee on Undergraduate Education

The Senate was asked to consider supporting the establishment of a campus-wide committee to explore issues in undergraduate education at UMKC. The Senate recommended the development of a proposal detailing the scope of the committee. The members on this committee would be elected by academic units (?). The Senate will consider the need for this type of committee and discuss it at the next meeting.

School of Nursing Representation

The School of Nursing is increasing the number of non-regular faculty and requests that 1 of the senate seats for the School be held by a non-regular faculty. This will be discussed further in the School and will be discussed again by the senate.

Adjournment


Excused: K. Vorst, K. Schweitzberger, T. Stein, D. Murphy, S. Driever, S. McAninch

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