

UMKC
Faculty Senate
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Major Topics

- Chancellor's Report
- Chancellor's Search Report
- Parking Policies
- Senate Representative to Campus Committees
- Tuition Discussions

Announcements/ Updates

New Server - The Chair announced that the new server for our campus has been installed and is being used (Senate is now at www.umkc.edu/fsenate/)

President's Tuition Tour - President Floyd is visiting several locations throughout Missouri to discuss with taxpayers possible tuition programs for the University system. Concurrent with the President's visits, each campus has been asked to consider what tuition programs might work best for that campus. Tuition possibilities for UMKC are being examined by task force which has been meeting over the summer. Chancellor Lehmkuhle explained the need for predictable tuition revenues and the possibility of decoupling of the four campuses in regard to tuition scales. Tuition models will be designed to better address market needs for each of the four campuses. The task force is examining several approaches.

Chancellor's Report

The Blue Ribbon Task Force will issue a final report in September. The work of the Governor's Commission on efficiencies in state operations is very important to the university system. This group is giving careful consideration to the value of greater centralization in higher education. They have discussed the possibility of having one governing board for all of Missouri's public institutions of higher education.

There is a need to provide the UMKC Trustees with more opportunities to interact with the faculty and staff of the university so that they gain an increased understanding of not only the degree programs but the many other programs, projects, and activities in which the faculty are engaged in the community. The Chancellor asked that faculty help him plan some theme-based presentations for the Trustees to help them learn the university better. There is also a need to clarify for everyone, the role of the trustees in relation to

the curators, and the campus. The Chancellor hopes to have an on-going dialogue with the Trustees established by Jan. 1st so that Chancellor Designate Bailey will have that venue in place as he begins his leadership of UMKC. The regard of the Trustees for the faculty and its many endeavors has taken a very positive turn in recent months and it is important to continue improving their understanding of faculty perspectives. The Kansas City community is genuinely interested in supporting UMKC.

Interim chancellor Lehmkuhle gave a brief explanation of the Arthur Brand/James Farrell issue. Several faculty members have received numerous e-mail messages recently from Arthur Brand, who has claimed to be a BBC reporter. He has accused James Farrell, who is to be honored later this year by the Bloch School, of art smuggling. University legal counsel is investigating the allegations. There is currently no evidence of the validity of the allegations. The Chancellor asked that if any faculty know any information about this issue to share it with him.

There are two major searches pending for our campus, for a new Provost, and for the new Vice Chancellor for Advancement. The formation of the search committees was slowed because of the announcement of the new chancellor. Both committees have been announced and will begin working this fall. A search firm will be used for the Provost position. Chancellor Designate Bailey will be kept fully informed about both search processes and will participate in the decision-making throughout the search process.

Chancellor Designate Bailey will be visiting campus this fall but very informally. Interim Chancellor Lehmkuhle will be communicating with him regularly throughout fall semester.

Enrollment is up at UMKC this fall by about 3-5%. We may be the only campus in system with an enrollment increase. We have about 1000 new freshmen.

Grant funding was also up about 10% in 2005. We were up to about \$48M in grants in 2005. Overall, our budget will continue to be a challenge. We have an especially great need for capital funds for several projects. We will need to become more entrepreneurial to help with capital projects funding including west campus development needs, the health sciences building, the student center, and the library expansion.

Report of Chair of Chancellor Search Committee

David Atkinson reported that the Chancellor Search Committee has met its goal of finding a successful and experienced administrator. The committee had a good pool of candidates for a search which was difficult because of UMKC's national image. Blue Ribbon Task Force activities over the summer did not affect the search, since the pool was set before that issue arose and we did not lose candidates because of it. The search firm was also helpful. The search remained closed through the final selection, because the finalists wished to keep the confidentiality of the search. An open search would have affected the pool and the search result. Finalists were told about opportunities for growth

and progress at UMKC especially in the area of advancement. They were also told about the importance of shared faculty governance. Chancellor Designate Bailey is very open to both issues. There were some questions about how long Chancellor Designate Bailey might stay at UMKC, the quality of the other finalists, and the role of the community in interviewing the finalists. Dr. Atkinson commented that often good administrators move after a number of years, that the other finalists were also very good, and that Dr. Floyd felt he was doing “due diligence” in allowing some community representatives to interview the three finalists.

Search Committee for Director of Diversity and Equity

Chair Waterborg announced that there is a need for a senator for the search committee for the new Director of Diversity and Equity. The Chair asked for volunteer. Cynthia Jones volunteered, and the senate accepted unanimously. When it was discovered that a second position had to be filled by Senate, Jakob Waterborg was willing and selected to serve on that search committee.

Report from Assistant Vice Chancellor for Administration Rick Anderson

Vice Chancellor Rick Anderson shared with the Senate some information about the Parking System on campus. The administration and the Parking Committee have assessed parking needs on both the Volker and Hospital Hill campuses. In the future, parking facilities will need to be on the perimeter of campus and it will need to be deck parking. UMKC’s parking needs are increasing rapidly for both students and employees. Deck parking is five times as expensive as surface parking but have only space to build deck structures. Parking revenues must grow from 2.4 million in 2004 to 3.7 million by 2008 to cover financing bonds and the parking costs that will grow from 1.3 million in 2004 to 3.1 million in 2008.

The following changes in parking policies will occur in the academic year 2005-06:

- Provide consistent pay parking in 24West
- Increase violations fines
- Increase student and employee permits by 10%
- Increase student evening permits by 20%
- Provide temporary parking at Hospital Hill with shuttle service
- Increase booting and towing of chronic violators

Safety issues are also being examined for Hospital Hill especially during the evening hours, by providing a shuttle vehicle. The balance between metered spaces and permit spaces is constantly being adjusted to meet demands on both campuses. The Parking Committee will continue addressing visitor use of parking space on Volker Campus.

Other options for handling parking fees for students and employees are being examined and they include: using a sliding scale, creating reserved parking spaces, increasing

violation rates based on frequency, and charging clinic patients for parking, begin involuntary payroll deduction for employee violations not paid, selling advertising on parking permits and buses, implementing booting release and /or towing fees, and a single campus permit vs higher cost multiple campus permits.

In the near future we will develop a master plan, and use the Parking Committee to assist in making the major for policy decisions. There will also be forums on campus about parking, consideration of a global student parking fee, and exploration of mass transit options and incentives.

A Parking Committee vacancy had to be filled and Senator Chris Rice volunteered to serve as third faculty member of the Parking Committee. Other faculty members are Kathy Loncar, and Steven Neau who serves as chair of the committee.

Senate Representatives for Campus Committees

The following persons were selected to represent the Faculty Senate on the committees indicated.

IT Privacy Committee- Gary Ebersole selected.
Research Advisory Council - Dick Murphy selected.
One Card Project - Laura Gayle Green selected.
Oak Street West Development - Jakob Waterborg selected.

The Chair will send out a request for campus-wide nominations for the following positions:

IFC one year term - one faculty needed
IT Privacy oversight 2 at large faculty needed
Faculty Committee on Tenure - 2 full professors needed

The Chair also provided senators with information about the various academic units' need to elect faculty to campus committee slots.

Adjournment

Senators Present: Waterborg, Loncar, Murphy, Jones, Stein, Vorst, Cole, Stancel, Gogol, Green, Joy, Rice, Luppino, Neau, Adler, Holtsberg, Mitchell, Mardikes, Igwe.