

UMKC
Faculty Senate
Meeting of September 6, 2005

Major Topics

Campus Level Search Committees
Campus Building and Planning Information
Senate Committees for 2005-2006
Senate Budget Committee Report

Announcements/Updates

Katrina Relief - UMKC will accommodate several displaced students from Hurricane Katrina and will provide temporary office space for displaced faculty who might need it.

Campus Elections - The ballots for the campus wide elections for IFC representative, IT Privacy Oversight Committee, and Committee on Tenure will be mailed within the next week. Ballots will be due by 5:00PM September 23rd.

Voting Lists- Senators were asked to return updated voting lists to the Chair or Secretary of the Senate as quickly as possible.

Chancellor and Provost Joint Report

Interim Chancellor Lehmkuhle and Interim Provost Bubacz discussed the priorities they will pursue in the months prior to the arrival of Chancellor Designate Bailey. These priorities are:

- * improve relationships between the UMKC Trustees and the Board of Curators
- * improve the relationship between UMKC faculty and trustees
- * select and implement a budget model for the campus
- * improve the culture of community among campus units
- * discuss and reaffirm three focus areas of life sciences, the urban mission, and the visual and performing arts
- * continue to pursue funding raising efforts and the capital campaign
- * assist Chancellor Designate Bailey in the campus level searches

All faculty members were encouraged to attend Celebrate UMKC which will be held on September 15th.

In response to a question Interim Chancellor Lehmkuhle assured the Senate that the campus workload policy was still in effect.

Personnel Issue

The Faculty Senate was in Closed Session briefly to discuss a personnel matter.

Campus Building and Planning Report - Bob Simmons, Director-Campus Facilities Management

Bob Simmons, Director of Campus Facilities Management presented a summary of the current capital construction projects, including the Health Sciences Building, the Hospital Hill Parking Structure, and the Oak Street West Development. Discussion centered on the Oak Street West Development, including the type of student apartment housing to be constructed, the parking that would be provided and the anticipated student population. The need for a campus planning committee, with elected rather than appointed faculty representation was discussed. Director Simmons indicated that the formation of such a committee was being pursued.

Senate Committees Composition for 2005-2006

Senate Committees - The standing committees of the Faculty Senate; Academic Issues, Administrative Issues, Faculty Benefits and Welfare, Budget will begin meeting soon and new members are needed on all committees. The Chair reminded the Senate of the tasks each committee needs to address this academic year.

Campus Committee Composition for 2005-2006

The Chair asked that academic units elect faculty to fill the following positions on campus level committees.

Senate: Bloch School, 1 senator, Pharmacy, 1 senator, College, 2 senators

Campus Promotion and Tenure: College, 2 members, Bloch School, 1 member,
Pharmacy, 1 member

Academic Grievance Hearing Panel: Senate, 2 members, College, 2 members,
Computing/Engineering, 1 member,
Dentistry, 2 members

Standing Committee on Research Dishonesty: Bloch School, 2 members,
College, 3 members, Medicine, 1 member,
Pharmacy, 1 member

Campus Committee on Tenure: Bloch School, 1 member, College, 3 members

Program Evaluation Committee: Bloch School, 1 member, College, 1 member,
Biological Sciences, 1 member

Research Advisory Council : request from J. Bauman expected soon.

Senate Budget

The Chair explained to the Senate that the Executive Committee had just learned that Provost Osborne had taken away the Faculty Senate's budget surplus of \$15,000 this past June, 2005. The Senate budget for the academic year 2005-2006 is \$ 10,000. A full financial report is being prepared for the Senate. In the last academic year the Senate spent almost \$15,000. Approximately \$8,000 of the money spent last year was for paper, copying, and mailing for several elections and deans evaluations. To facilitate management of the Senate's budget for this year the Executive Committee proposes the following motions for consideration at the next Senate meeting.

1) It is moved that the Senate Report be distributed via e-mail to all recipients with the proviso that anyone who wishes to receive a hard copy of the report should inform the Senate secretary who will provide the paper copy via campus mail.

2) It is moved that an Ad-Hoc Technical Committee be established to (1) evaluate whether the Blackboard survey function can meet all criteria for anonymous, safe and secure electronic voting of faculty in campus-wide elections, (2) to report to the Administrative Issues Committee, and that the Administrative Issues Committee establish rules and guidelines for an acceptable electronic faculty voting process for use in faculty elections in the Winter 2006, to be accepted by Senate.

Senate Budget Committee Report

The Senate Budget Committee Report is attached as an addendum to this report/

Adjournment

Senators Present: Waterborg, Murphy, Loncar, Ebersole, Stancel, Jones, Stein, Hood, Luppino, Gogol, Honigberg, Crossland, Gardner, Driever, Durig, Mardikes, Knopp, Fieldman, Adler, Thompson, Green, Cole, Reese, Russell, Igwe, Neau, Joy

Excused: McCunniff, Ward-Smith, Rice

Addendum to Faculty Senate Report of September 6, 2005

Faculty Senate Budget Committee Report

The report of the Senate Budget Committee was provided by the Chair who stated that a review of the Miller Nichols and Law Libraries was carried out. A major problem is collections are underfunded, but it appears that adequate personnel are available. Both libraries need inflationary increases each year.

A major activity has been interaction with the University Budget Advisory Committee (BAC). The charge to BAC by the University Administration is a presentation of a model. Tuition/Block grant model has been extensively discussed. Possible other models will be discussed. The Senate Budget Committee made a 7-point request to BAC which was included as part of the report (see attached) along with justification for the request. Two of the requests have been discussed by the BAC.

So far, the BAC has taken the following actions. Student tuition should not be used to fund priority items such as libraries, information technology, building maintenance, etc. A motion to not utilize tuition funds in the budgeting process with all of them accruing to the units generating them was defeated.

Expect a new model to be developed by the November projected deadline.

Jim Durig, Chair, College A&S

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF FACULTY SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE
TO BAC REGARDING UMKC FY '07 BUDGETING MODEL**

July 6, 2005

The Faculty Senate Budget Committee recommends that the Budget Advisory Committee modify its current discussion proposal and deliberations as follows:

1. Do not establish a "Campus Priorities Tax" on any component of the General Revenues.
2. Each academic unit should be allocated 100% of the student tuition/fee revenue it generates plus an equitable share of the State Appropriation. The only exceptions to the 100% revenue allocation would be cases in which it is demonstrated to a committee that includes significant faculty participation that a portion of a unit's tuition/fee revenue must be reallocated to provide adequate funding for other academic or support priorities.
3. Establish a faculty committee to review the financial status of each academic unit, in order to determine its budgetary needs and balance them with those of the other academic units.
4. Absent extraordinary financial circumstances, and assuming that review of FY '06 GRA apportionment does not show any significant inequities, each unit should receive at least 95% (or 97%) of its previous year's budgeted GRA. The remainder may be available for reallocation based upon appropriate criteria.
5. Establish a Campus Priorities Subcommittee, comprised of a cross-section of Faculty and Administration, to identify and quantify Campus priorities and report to the BAC by October 1, 2005. Input from a current Faculty Senate committee investigating administrative structure (COSCO) is recommended.
6. In consultation with the committee currently studying student fees, explore the possibility of adding a library fee to the student credit hour fees to facilitate growth in the materials acquisitions budgets of all UMKC libraries.
7. Until all components of the FY '07 Budgeting Model are discussed, make only tentative decisions on the direction of budget planning, and target a final decision on all aspects of the Model for November 20, 2005.

