

**Meeting of
UMKC Faculty Senate
January 17, 2006**

Major Topics

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Announcements

The Chair welcomed all senators as we begin a new semester.

The Chair reminded senators that the Peoplesoft Kickoff is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon in Pierson Hall.

It was noted for the record that the Senate has received the By-Laws from the School of Computer Science and Engineering.

It was noted that Senator Karen Bame will serve in place of Senator Ed Gogol who is on leave.

Kevin Lutjen, a reporter from the Aurora newspaper requested the right to record during open portions of Senate meetings. Senators discussed this request and agreed to allow recording as long it is for personal use only. Senators added that they expect and want assurance of fair and accurate reporting. Any recording of Senate meetings will be announced at the beginning of the meeting.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Guy Bailey addressed the Senate. He began by thanking the faculty for the sincere hospitality and warmth which has been extended by the campus to himself and his wife Jan. Chancellor Bailey indicated that his transition from his form institution to UMKC was an interesting experience and very smooth overall.

Chancellor Bailey recognizes that he is coming into a university with a rich past. It is a very unusual university which can garner a lot of support from the community. He stated that he looks forward to working with faculty. Has no pre-determined agenda and will work with the university community to determine the course of the university for the future. There will be no hidden agendas. The workings of the university will be transparent in all areas including the repairing and building of relationships with the Kansas City community.

The Chancellor then asked the Senate for questions.

The Chair asked Chancellor Bailey about how the Provost search was proceeding.

The Chancellor indicated that the Search Committee will be doing airport interviews this week. There were approximately 40 applicants in the full pool which was winnowed down to a short list. The finalists will then come to campus for interviews within the next two months. The Chancellor said that an excellent search firm is being used. He also indicated that he is very pleased with the work of Interim Provost Bruce Bubacz, and that he relies on The Provost heavily especially in these early days of his administration. The position of Provost is a crucial position.

A Senator asked the Chancellor to detail what he was looking for in a Provost.

The Chancellor stated that he seeks several qualities in a Provost including integrity, a full commitment to transparency and openness, and broad academic experience which is necessary because of the various professional schools which we have at UMKC. He seeks an experienced administrator who is a good collaborator and who can work with the other Vice Chancellors and himself. The Provost needs to be the public face for the university must be able to represent the Chancellor therefore he needs excellent skills in interaction with others within and outside of the university. The Chancellor was asked about the role of the Provost and he stated that he believes that the “buck stops” with Provost on academic issues. A senator stated that the Provost needs to know the urban community. The Chancellor agreed fully with this.

Chancellor Bailey indicated that he wants to teach and do research if he can because he believes that that is one very good way of knowing the campus, the faculty, the academic programs and the students.

A senator indicated that there had been problems recently in the bookstore. The problems centered on the stocking of textbooks, their timely arrival and general availability. The Chancellor stated that he wants to be kept informed about such problems.

A senator asked about money now that Governor Blunt has allowed for some increase in money for higher education in the next budget. The Chancellor stated that the increase makes the job fiscal planning a bit easier. The recent cuts have been hard on UMKC, for example, the Provost’s Office has no discretionary money left at all. It is true that we are better off than we were, but the fiscal situation is still very tight. The Chancellor will work with campus to build a 5-7 year budget plan. He wants everybody on same page about building the plan and understanding it. It will take several years to get a financial plan in place, but we will work together to accomplish this.

Chancellor Bailey will come to discuss issues with the Senate at the beginning of each meeting. He thanked the Senate again for his warm welcome to UMKC and looks forward to working with the Senate.

Following the discussion with Chancellor Bailey the Senate went into closed session to hear more of the COSCO report and to consider an issue from the Academic issues Committee.

Adjournment

Senators Present: Wateborg, Murphy, Loncar, Stancel, Ward-Smith, Adler, Green, Driever, Potts, Pennington, Joy, Crossland, Gardner, Bame, Jones, Neau, Krause, Hood, Luppino, Thompson, Honigberg, Mardikes, Coles, Knopp, Mitchell, Igwe, Durig, Stein

Senators Excused: Ebersole, Fieldman, Russell, McCunniff, Rice, Reese