

Faculty Senate Report
Tuesday, 19 December 2006
3-5pm, Plaza Room, Administrative Center

1. Opening of meeting, information items- Ebersole
 - Additions to or modifications of the Agenda
 - Board of Curators 14-15 December meeting – brief report.
 - ✓ Tenor of meeting different because of Floyd accepting post in Washington.
 - ✓ Board of Curators will meet 1/11/2007 to plan search for new president; working out details of Floyd's engagement during spring semester (who an interim will be, when Floyd's tenure ends, interim begins)
 - ✓ Everything on agenda was approved, including amorous relationships policy.
 - ✓ Most of Curators were making quite a bit out of US News and World Report rankings of universities. Curators pummeled Chancellor Brady of Columbia campus about MU's falling rank in the US News rankings. Chancellors are having to report on campuses in terms of US News reports even though many programs are not reflected in those rankings (dentistry, music, dance, etc.).
 - ✓ Coming year expect the topic of intellectual diversity on campuses. Codeword for conservative perspectives on campuses, including in classes.
 - ✓ Senates/IFC will need to make sure shared governance is part of the search process for the new President.
 - Sense of the Senate resolution re: President Elson Floyd
 - ✓ Ebersole presented a draft resolution. After some wordsmithing, the following resolution was moved by Gogol, seconded by Foxworth and unanimously approved by the Faculty Senate:

UMKC Faculty Senate Resolution
December 19, 2006

Whereas Dr. Elson Floyd has accepted appointment as the tenth President of Washington State University; and

Whereas Elson Floyd has served the University of Missouri and the University of Missouri-Kansas City in exemplary fashion as President of the University of Missouri System since January 2003; and

Whereas Elson Floyd did greatly assist UMKC in a difficult time and critical moment in its history in November 2004; and

Whereas Elson Floyd subsequently served as Interim Chancellor of the University of Missouri-Kansas City, while fulfilling his duties as President of the University of Missouri System, bringing stability and hope to the campus; and

Whereas Elson Floyd helped to change the culture of the University of Missouri-Kansas City, putting education first; and

Whereas Elson Floyd has been a consistent advocate for shared governance and worked tirelessly to help implement it across the University of Missouri;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of Missouri-Kansas City does sincerely thank Elson Floyd for all that he has done for the faculty, students, and staff and the Faculty Senate wishes him well in his new position.

- Faculty Senate budget report (see <http://umkc.edu/fsenate/files/x061219a.pdf> and <http://umkc.edu/fsenate/files/x061219b.pdf>)
 - ✓ Budget reviewed. Expenditures are below that of previous years at this point.
- 2. Provost Bubacz (Provost and Chancellor could not attend today)
- 3. Proposed Recommendations on new UMKC Budget Model and Process
 - Tony Luppino, Gary Ebersole, Laura Gayle Green
 - ✓ Questions from Senate, discussion about proposed model?
 - ✓ Luppino has been compiling questions from various forums and attempting to integrate those issues into the budget model draft.
 - ✓ The University Budget Committee wants to promote excellence in education, not unnecessarily promoting enrollment growth in the new budget model.
 - ✓ Luppino and others on the budget model working group are drafting tentative responses to comments made so far.
 - ✓ Lots of comments regarding F&A. Right now looking at having Provost weighing in on this issue.
 - ✓ Proposed budget model doesn't give us more money, just a more rational way of allocating the funds – and adds transparency to the process.
 - ✓ January 11 is next UBC meeting; send comments to Tony, Gary or Laura.
 - ✓ Support Costs Review Committee proposal has been supported so far. Should Senate at its first meeting of 2007 have an elected representative? Tony suggests asking Provost about committee composition and having an election.
 - ✓ Gary asks if each unit has a robust budget committee in each school (with faculty representation) working with their deans.
 - ✓ Need to institute faculty governance in the budget work.
 - ✓ Ebersole would like to have Provost and Chancellor both say to deans that the new budget model requires faculty involvement and full faculty governance.
 - ✓ Deans must be held accountable for including faculty governance as part of budgeting.
 - ✓ Suggestion made that unit faculty budget committees need to include topics such as reviewing new/open positions, and importance of various programs vis a vis increasing enrollments.
 - ✓ Luppino noted the importance of having budget reports easily readable and easily accessible.
 - ✓ Discussion regarding how rate and cost will be determined in new model.
 - ✓ Question about ranges for faculty salaries – how are they set? Response – Deans set those ranges. Yet another reason for why a strong faculty budget committee is needed within units.

- ✓ Questions about if subsidies will occur for units for which increasing enrollments are not a viable option or for units deemed to be a priority program for the university.
 - ✓ Question about how to reduce costs of utilities—need for motion detectors with lights, etc.
 - ✓ Question about units coordinating work with development on increasing scholarship funds, enrollments, etc.
 - ✓ Questions about if deans know what their projections are yet – some estimates are out there, but nothing final yet because of model being modified.
4. Committee charges/activities – need to get these committees going
- ✓ Academic Issues—Joan Dean agreed to serve on committee, Igwe and Stein also on committee. Marilyn Yoder from SBS. Linda Payne, Steve Krantz, Nancy [need last name, please] from nursing. Honors policy, and the policy on determining grade point average are among topics needing resolution.
 - ✓ Administrative Affairs – needs to meet and get active. Need a chair, Stein is only Senator on it. Charged to examine need for nominations committee.
 - Was looking at CRR/Bylaws.
 - ✓ Nominations Committee – call for volunteers

Adjourned at 4:36pm

Attending: Ebersole, Green, Stancel, Dunbar, Gogol, Honigberg, Krause, Potts, Mardikes, Beard, Fieldman, Stein, Hood, Luppino, Sistrunk, Johnson, Yang, Foxworth, Igwe