Call to Order

9:35 AM, by IFC President Ralph Wilkerson


Absent: William Lamberson

Agenda and Minutes

Motion to accept agenda – approved on voice vote

Motion to accept May 11, 2005 Minutes – approved on voice vote

Motion to accept revised Sept 29, 2005 – approved on voice vote

Joined by Steve Graham, Brian Foster, Kandis Smith

Faculty Accomplishment System Data Access and Uses Policy

Motion to approve the draft Faculty Accomplishment System Data Access and Uses Policy (distributed with meeting agenda), with the following modification to item (5) under “Administration” heading:

From: “If access is granted to another administrative entity the faculty member will be notified of the access and the purpose of the inquiry.”

To: “The Provost, in consultation with the Vice President for Academic Affairs, may grant access to other administrative entities; the faculty member will be notified of the access, and the reason for doing so.”

Concern was expressed that in the original version did not make it clear, who had authority for granting access. There were also concerns that the term “inquiry” had negative connotations. Motion passed on a voice vote.
Goals for year

Potential IFC goals discussed:

- Non-regular faculty
  - Titles, rights, responsibilities, strategic vision of university
  - General agreement this needs to be addressed

- System-wide privacy policy for electronic communication
  - UMKC recently addressed this. Unclear if we need a system-wide discussion of this

- Instructor Drops
  - Appears to be a single-campus (UMR) issue, not a topic for IFC

- Administrative Reviews
  - Need system-wide standards, good topic for IFC

Received report from John Gardner, VP for Economic Development

Joined by President Floyd

- Completing meetings on guaranteed tuition. Mixed reviews. Final recommendation will be given to Board of Curators at December meeting.

- Considering new proposal, fixing tuition increases to Higher Education Price Index and state appropriations

- Considering guaranteeing admission to top 10% of graduating class for MO schools. Suggestion was made to extend this to neighboring states, at least in the metropolitan areas.

Campus Reports

UMC
- Could handle more students – discussing methods of attracting them
- Faculty Council happy with benefits
- Diversity committee considering automatic extension of tenure clock for new parents, and concerned about not extending long-term care insurance to domestic partners

UMKC
- Parking issues
- Starting discussion on non-regular faculty
- 2 major administrative searches on-going
UMR
  Discussing administration/faculty relationship – shared governance
  Instructor Drops
  Mid-semester evaluations
  Strategic action plan/vision

UMSL
  UMSL/Express Scripts partnership
  Curator’s visit
  Sue Sheer Institute discussions
  Accreditation

Discussion on domestic partner benefits.

Concern as expressed that this is a politically sensitive topic, and not something that the UM system should try to implement through a simple rule-change in the benefits package. Such a change would likely be overturned by the Board of Curators, and could motivate them to much more actively review other, more routine, rule changes. There was general agreement that the current Board of Curators would not support domestic partners benefits. President Floyd offered to personally attend on-campus meetings to discuss this matter with faculty – if invited to do so.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Submitted by Kurt Kosbar, IFC Secretary