Academic Affairs
Intercampus Faculty Council Minutes
President’s Conference Room, University Hall, Columbia
Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Call to Order

11:00 AM, by IFC President Ralph Wilkerson


Absent: Nancy Stancel, Richard Wright

Agenda and Minutes

Motion to accept agenda – approved on voice vote

Motion to accept October 21, 2005 minutes – approved on voice vote

Professional Track / Non-regular Faculty

Matter is being referred to subcommittee, which is meeting immediately after IFC meeting.

Three charges sent to subcommittee: outline issues, identify approaches, develop guidelines.

Concerns expressed during IFC meeting:

Currently the university has no guiding policies on the use of professional track faculty. This results in wide variability in the number hired, the positions they fill, their rights and responsibilities, etc.

Non-regular positions give Deans a great deal of flexibility, which could allow them to dramatically change the composition, or focus, of departments. There appears to be at least one example of where this has already happened in the UM system.

There is also at least one example where professional track faculty have been used with great success, where they augment and improve on services being offered by a department, without changing it’s focus or direction.
When meetings are held to discuss these issues, professional-track faculty turn out in large numbers.

Questions were raised about how an IFC produced document would be distributed and used.

**Privacy Statement from UMKC**

A copy of the UMKC privacy statement, with respect to electronic communication and records, was distributed. There was little interest in extending this to other campuses, or implementing any system-wide rules changes. It appears other campuses would be free to adopt a policy similar to UMKC, should they wish to.

**Campus Reports**

**UMSL**
- Groundbreaking for Express Scripts
- Still some questions on how the UMSL/Express Scripts relationship will work
- Math Learning Labs have improved student success in entry level Math courses
- UMSL faculty working with UMR faculty on student response devices (clickers)

**UMR**
- Still working on clearing up by-laws miscommunication
- Considering instructor-drop issue, waiting for legal opinion
- Considering mid-semester teacher evaluations
- Shared governance a “work in progress”

**UMKC**
- Two meetings with non-regular faculty, to discover what issues concern them
- Differential parking fees for employees
- Facilities advisor committee used to prioritize projects
- In the future all faculty representatives will be elected, not appointed

**UMC**
- Establishing automatic 1 year extension of tenure for new parents
- Faculty governance at college and department level - extending campus rules down to lower levels. Departments are being asked to develop by-laws.
- Some concerns over transfer student standards

**Comments from UM System President**

Chancellors have been asked to review a proposed policy to automatically admit the top 10% of MO high school graduating class, if they have taken college prep courses.
Direction of tuition discussions same as last month, still moving away from guaranteed tuition, toward some linking of state appropriations, inflation, and tuition rates.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Submitted by Kurt Kosbar, IFC Secretary