Minutes of University of Missouri Intercampus Faculty Council Meeting November 16, 2006

Present: Rex Campbell (UMC), Frank Blum (UMR), Burton Dunbar (UMKC), Gary Ebersole (UMKC), Tim Farmer (UMSL), Kurt Kosbar (UMR), Frank Schmidt (UMC), Nancy Stancel (UMKC), Teresa Thiel (UMSL) and Richard Wright (UMSL).

Absent: Jenice Prather-Kinsey (UMC).

Ex-officio members present and presenting: Elson Floyd, President; Stephen Lehmkuhle, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Natalie (Nikki) Krawitz, Vice President for Finance and Administration; Steve Graham, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; Debra Noble, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; Erin Elliott, Director, Government Relations; and William (Bill) Cooper, Chief Procurement Officer.

Frank Schmidt, Chair, called the November 16, 2006 meeting of the UM IFC to order at 9:30 AM in 321 Conference Room, University Hall. Schmidt opened the meeting by welcoming Burton Dunbar, the newly elected representative from UMKC.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved as distributed.

Minutes: The minutes of IFC Meeting, October 13, 2006 were approved as distributed.

Subcommittee Meetings: Schmidt announced that the first hour would be in the sub-committees working. At 10:30, the committees broke up; no reports of the committee progress were given.

Discussion with Erin Elliott, Director, Government Relations

Election Results – Elliott gave a brief summary of the October Missouri elections. In the Senate five new members were elected and the Democrats increased their numbers by two. The Republican majority now stands at 21 to 13 Democrats. In the house, 26 new members were elected with the Democrats gaining five members. The Republican majority is 92 to 71 Democrats. The number of UM alumni decreased one in the Senate (17 total) and increased four in the House (47). The constitutional amendment of stem cells passed in 17 counties and St Louis City which gave it a small majority. It failed in 97 counties. Most of the counties in which it passed were metropolitan. There is some discussion in the legislature to pass an additional resolution that would restrict the types of research permitted on stem cells. The proposed tobacco tax failed by a substantial margin.
Discussion with William (Bill) Cooper

SciQuest – The University is starting to implement a new computer software (SciQuest) program for procurement. It will when fully implemented be a delivery mechanism for “one stop shopping” for most equipment and supplies. It will provide a virtual marketplace with a catalog. Cooper gave the following advantages for the system: easy to use, allow better use of personnel and will save the University $5.4 to 9.0 million when fully implemented. SciQuest will not replace PeopleSoft and will not be mandated for everyone to use. It will not eliminate the ProCards currently in use. People will be able to continue to use existing suppliers in most cases. The vendors will be added to the SciQuest catalog without cost. There will be campus demonstrations starting with the first week of December. A committee has been formed on each campus to help in the implementation. The time schedule for full implementation is five months to start, four months to develop a catalog of vendors with a two to three month pilot program starting in September 2007.

Senior Vice President Lehmkuhle, Associate Vice President Graham, Assistant Vice President Smith and Assistant Vice President Noble

Spelling’s Report on the Future of Higher Education in America – Lehmkuhle made the following comments: The report will be on the December Board of Curators meeting agenda. It must be reduced to one to two pages containing the most important articles for busy people such as curators and legislators to read. Chancellor George will lead the discussion to the Board.

Faculty Salaries – There is a proposal from the Democrats in the state legislature to increase funding by 12 per cent over two year. However, the finances for the state are unclear at this time.

Board of Curators Legislative Affairs Sub-committee – There are four items on the December agenda: (1) course development, (2) course approval, (3) course life cycles and (4) enrollment management. MU still has additional capacity. There will be a decline in the number of high school graduates in the state in 2009 to 2012.

NTT – The president will issue the letter to the Chancellors shortly concerning the implementation of the new NTT policies.

Campus Reports to President Floyd

UMR – Kosbar reported:
- The on-going reorganization of the campus continues. Under the new plan, there are no deans, but four vice provosts. There are 21 departments reporting to the provost.
- As part of the reorganization, there may be some need for revision of academic programs.
UMR is continues to discuss the possibilities of a new name. There has been a large amount of discussion without any consensus.

There have been several power outages that have disrupted research and other activities.

A building has been started that needs the MOHELA funds which continue to be uncertain. The construction has reached a point where decisions must be made before construction can continue.

UMSL – Farmer reported on four items:

- The review of administrators remains a contentious issue on campus with the policies and procedures being unclear.
- There is concern about inadequate funding for the library. Journal subscriptions have been cut for the third time in ten years.
- Similar concerning concerns about the performing arts that are supported in part by student fees. A question was raised concerning the adequacy of the estimates for the proposed performing arts center that also included proposed MOHELA funding.

UMKC – Ebersole reported the following items:

- The campus has decided to stay in Division I athletics.
- The new Vice Chancellor for diversity has started.
- The new NTT policies were originally opposed, but are now supported.
- There is strong need for a decoupling of tuitions. At present the metropolitan campuses cannot compete with the community colleges.

UMC – Campbell reported four items:

- New Grievance Procedures: Some revisions in the new grievance procedures are necessary after the first year experience.
- NTT Update: The MU Faculty Council is working to include representation of NTT faculty on the Faculty Council. All colleges and schools have presented their plans for implementing the NTT proposal.
- New Undergraduate Degree: Discussions continue with Provost Foster and Vice Provost Mike Prewitt concerning a new undergraduate degree program in “professional services”
- Faculty/Classroom Shortages – The numbers of students have continued to increase on the Columbia campus, but the provision of additional classrooms and libraries has not keep pace with the increases. The same situation applies to tenure/tenure track faculty. The number of tenure/tenure track faculty has remained almost constant while the student numbers have steadily increased.

Discussion with President Floyd

- The question of whether to renovate or to build a new science building at UMSL could be changed by the state legislature funding. It is often more costly to renovate old building than to build new restructures.
- The question of tuition costs was briefly addressed. If the state legislature increases the UM appropriations by six percent, the tuition may increase only by the rate of inflation.
President Floyd introduced the topic of performance reviews and asked Vice President Krawitz to discuss the topic in more detail. She reported that as a result of a conference call with representatives of other four-year colleges in the state, agreement had been reached for each institution to set goals for the following:
- Enrollment of under-served students,
- Transfer student enrollments,
- Graduate and undergraduate student retention rates,
- Student satisfaction,
- Licensing and teacher certification programs, and,
- One or two programs unique to each institution.

Discussion with Vice President Krawitz on A21
The Office of Manpower and Budget monitor all federal funded research through the process of A33 audits. The UM Office of Sponsored oversee this at the system level. The A33 audit by OMB was graded poor last time and a number of problems were reported including:
- Some effort verification reports were missing,
- Some effort verification reports not done,
- Some draw-down of cash documents missing,
- Sub-contacts audits missing, and,
- Federal property listings unavailable or missing.
To remedy these, the UM Comptroller’s Office will:
- Examine post awards at the campus level, and,
- Provide oversight for the auditing and other record keeping.
A committee has been established to further examine the problems revealed by the audits. One important problem is how to get the faulty to file the effort reports accurately.

The meeting was adjourned by Frank Schmidt, chair, at 2:00 PM.

Submitted by

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Secretary