Minutes of University of Missouri Intercampus Faculty Council Meeting December 8, 2006

Present: Rex Campbell (UMC), Frank Blum (UMR), Burton Dunbar (UMKC), Gary Ebersole (UMKC), Tim Farmer (UMSL), Kurt Kosbar (UMR), Jenice Prather-Kinsey (UMC), Robert Schwartz (UMR), Frank Schmidt (UMC), and Nancy Stancel (UMKC),

Absent: Teresa Thiel (UMSL) and Richard Wright (UMSL).

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 Knorr, Vice President for Government Relations; Steve Graham, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; Debra Noble, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs

Frank Schmidt, Chair, called the December 8, 2006 meeting of the UM IFC to order at 9:35 AM in 321 Conference Room, University Hall.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved as distributed.

Minutes: The minutes of IFC Meeting, November 16, 2006 were approved with minor changes.

Subcommittee Meetings: Schmidt announced that the first hour would be in the sub-committees working. At 11:00, the committees broke up; and there was some general discussion of several issues. Schwartz asked what other campuses were doing for assessment. There is a need to “get ahead of the curve” on this issue. Ebersole commented that at UMKC, evaluation is tied to the budgetary process.

Discussion with John Gardner, Vice President for Research and Economic Development

Vice President Gardner presented a brief PowerPoint presentation in which he emphasized that the purpose of his group was to lead the Missouri transformation to knowledge-based economy with emphasis on innovation and entrepreneurship. The goals include: better preparation for future workers; research to support faculty; and stimulate innovation based research for economic growth. The strategies to make this happen include: improved campus environments, enhanced technological transfer, better markets for ideas with partnerships with other Universities such as Washington University in St Louis to get more capital, and initiate focused international efforts to engage East Asia (China, Vietnam, Thailand, and Republic of Korea) in research and economic development projects.
Discussion with Steve Knorr, Vice President for Governmental Relations

He reported that:
- He conducted tours of UM campuses with 28 new legislative members.
- Twelve new members had gone through a higher education briefing.
- It takes two years to get a major new idea passed by the legislature.
- With the Missouri higher educational institutions working together on goals such as budgets, they have considerable political power.
- The “Bearden bill” is not likely to come back unless the MOHELA proposal fails.
- There is likely to be additional discussion of the “stem cell” issue and possibilities of additional legislation to further restrict research on stem cells.

Discussion with Elson Floyd, President

- Curator Watsinger has asked for additional information on gay organizations on the University of Missouri – St. Louis and Columbia campuses.
- Steve Lehmkuhle is working on an analysis of how courses are approved, continue and eventually die.
- Nikki Kratwitz has worked with the Chancellors at UMR and UNSL to resolve a continuing problem of power outages. UMKC is installing backup generators in cooperation with the Kansas City Power and Light.
- The amorous relationship policy will be present to the Board of Curators at the December meeting.
- Missouri is fiftieth in terms of two-year increases in funding for higher education. Missouri has had a seven percent increase compared to 14.4 average national increase.

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

Campus Reports to President Floyd

Campus reports were not given in any detail because of President Floyd’s tight schedule.

Ebersole described a new budgetary process at UMKC which pushes much of the budgetary decision making back to the unit level. All funds both appropriations and student fees will be allocated to units and then decisions will be made concerning administration and other costs. The new process has the advantage of being transparent and fully implements shared governance between faculty and administrators. More details are available from the UMKC web page.

Debra Noble, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs distributed a draft copy a proposed Faculty and Family Medical Policy. This will be further discussed at the January IFC meeting.
The meeting was adjourned by Frank Schmidt, chair, at 2:00 PM.

Submitted by

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Secretary