Minutes of
Intercampus Faculty Council
March 18, 2007
321 Conference Room, University Hall
Columbia

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

Absent: Richard Wright (UMSL).

Ex-officio members present and presenting: Gary K. Allen, Vice President for Information Technology, Elson S. Floyd, President, Steven W. Graham, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, R. Kenneth Hutchison, Vice President for Human Resources; Stephen C. Knorr, Vice President for Government Relations; Natalie (Nikki) Krawitz, Vice President for Finance and Administration and Stephen W. Lehmkuhle, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Deborah S. Noble, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs

Frank Schmidt, Chair, called the March 18, 2007 meeting of the UM IFC to order at 9:30 AM in 321 Conference Room, University Hall, Columbia, Missouri.

Minutes:
The minutes of IFC Meeting, February 9, 2007 were approved.

Subcommittee Meetings: The meeting divided into sub committee meetings that lasted until 10:45.

The sub committee chairs gave brief reports of the discussions. The assessment sub committee reported that a report on the general principles of assessment was being drafted and would be available for the next IFC meeting.
The other sub committee chairs gave brief summaries of their discussions.

Discussion with Senior Vice President Steve Lehmkuhle

A draft of the proposed policies for Family Leaves was distributed for discussion purposes. This version describes four types of leaves: Research, Development, Sabbatical and Family and Medical. Most of the discussion centered on the Family and Medical leaves as to whether these would be automatic in cases of illness or pregnancies. A final draft is being prepared and may be discussed at the summer Board of Curators meeting.
Discussion with Steve Knorr, Vice President for Governmental Relations

Vice President Knorr described the current state of Senate Bill 389. The state legislature was on spring break. He did not expect additional major changes to be made in the bill. The current version significantly reduces the amount of capital funds available for UMC and UMKC. If the bill passes there will be significant additional money available for student support. The section requiring that tuition be limited to the Midwest CPI has been modified to the national CPI.

Discussion with Ken Hutchison, Vice President for Human Resources

Vice President Hutchison answered question concerning the presidential search. The process is still in the initial stage. He was going to UMKC for a public hearing that afternoon.

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

Campus Reports to President Floyd:

UMSL: Three items were reported: (1) Student grievance procedures are being worked out. (2) Student retention is a major concern. They are developing a early alert system based upon attendance, etc. (3) Human Resources Action Plan for staff needs of Provost and Chancellor. There is a need to include staffing in campus planning.

Rolla: (1) Recruiting is continuing for the vice provost for academic affairs. (2) The discussion of a possible name change is continuing. (3) The campus has developed a set of plans for emergencies. (4) The funding has been reduced for the student newspaper which has resulted in a lawsuit. (5) The campus continues to have electrical power problems. (6) The problem continues of a one-half constructed building without the additional funds needed to finish it.

UMKC: (1) The provost has resigned. (2) A reception for President Floyd was held. (3) The Chancellor is moving ahead with $350m building projects. (4) The campus continues to make progress towards a new budgetary model that will be implemented for the next year. There is opposition by some deans.

UMC: A resolution from the MU Faculty Council of appreciation for the services of President Floyd was given.

President Floyd announced that he planned to step down from the presidency after the April Board of Curators meeting.
Frank Schmidt, Chair, presented President Floyd with a bronze plaque that included the signatures of the current and previous IFC members.

A general discussion with President Floyd of a range to topics followed.

Discussion with Gary Allen, Vice President for Information Technology

Vice President Allen discussed the problems the UM system is having with portability between the PC, Apple and Linux operating systems.

Discussion with Natalie (Nikki) Krawitz, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Vice President Krawitz distributed a summary copy of the 2008 fiscal year budget that will be up for action at the April Board of Curators meeting. It includes a three percent salary increase (two percent increase plus one percent for matching offers, etc.) It currently includes a $6m. deficit that will have to be made up by cutbacks elsewhere.

Discussion with Steve Graham, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

Vice President Graham reviewed the procedures for making background checks of new staff and faculty hires. Some concerns were raised about the proposed process.

The meeting was adjourned by Frank Schmidt, Chair, at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by

Rex Campbell
Secretary