Minutes of
Intercampus Faculty Council
April 20, 2007
321 Conference Room, University Hall
Columbia

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

Absent: Burton Dunbar (UMKC), Gary Ebersole (UMKC)

Ex-officio members present and presenting: Gordon Lamb, Interim President, R. Kenneth Hutchison, Vice President for Human Resources; Stephen C. Knorr, Vice President for Government Relations; and Stephen W. Lehmkuhle, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Deborah S. Noble, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, David Russell, Chief of Staff, President's Office.

Frank Schmidt, Chair, called the April 20, 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 March 18 Meeting were distributed and 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 Steve Knorr, Vice President for Governmental Relations: Vice President Knorr provided a update on several legislative bills. Senate Bill 389 is likely to be passed the Missouri House largely the same as was passed by the Senate. Provisions had been added in the Senate to prohibit public higher education institutions from hiring "sexual predicators". A provision was also added that allows former politicians to serve on university faculties after serving eight or more years in the state legislature. The cap on student tuition stayed in the bill. House Bill 213 will receive a hearing in the Senate.
Discussion with Board of Curators Member John M. Carnahan III from Springfield:
A discussion of several issues occurred with Curator Carnahan stating his support for the University. Curators Bo Frazer and David G. Wasinger briefly joined the discussions. Curator Carnahan reported that the search for a new president was still open for additional nominations.

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

Campus Reports to Interim President Gordon Lamb:

Rolla: (1) Work on the administrative reorganization continues. (2) New Promotion and Tenure rules have been passed. (3) The campus has developed a set of plans for emergencies. (4) The new name change is still being discussed. (5) A new $111 million endowment campaign has started.

UMSL: Four items were reported: (1) The student newspaper won a statewide award. (2) A debate over MOHELA occurred without a resolution being passed. (3) Fund raising for the endowment continues. (4) The review of administrators by faculty continues to be a concern.

UMKC: (1) The provost search committee has been formed. (2) Differential parking fees that range from $20 for to 60 per month have been established. (3) There is concern about safety on campus. (4) Preliminary work is starting for the 2009 accreditation review.

UMC: Seven items were reported: (1) The new faculty grievance process is working well. (2) The policy for admission of transfer students was re-examined, but no changes were made. (3) An extension of the time allowed for expenditure of health care funds has been made. (4) A resolution condemning the Neo-Nazi march was passed. (5) A new set of by-laws for the representation of faculty on the MU Faculty Council was passed and sent to the General Faculty for vote. (6) A resolution concerning the tragedy at Virginia Tech was passed. (7) A new committee to address the mandatory one percent reduction has been formed.

President Lamb reported he was disappointed in the vote for Senate Bill 389. There is a Governor’s Task Force looking at campus safety

Discussion with Senior Vice President Lehmkuhle and David Russell, Chief of Staff, President’s Office:
The “Pick a Prof” web site was discussed and the University polices concerning the provision of information concerning the grade distribution for each course was discussed. The University provides such information under the Missouri Sunshine Law with the provision that the costs of generating such data must be paid.

A draft of the Faculty Leave Polices was distributed. The Provosts are currents vetting the draft.
The meeting was adjourned by Frank Schmidt, Chair, at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by

Rex Campbell
Secretary