[Attendance/Agenda items] Meeting Notes

[IFC faculty attendance: Harry Tyrer (C), Leona Rubin (C), Michael Murray (StL), Gary Ebersole (K.C.), Carole McArthur (K.C.), Michael Davis (R), K.M. Isaac (R), Steve Moehrle (StL)]

Call to order: Approval of agenda: Additional Agenda Items

Discussions with V.P. Steve Graham, Asst. V.P. Deborah Noble-Triplett, Chris Weisbrook
An explanation of minute taking for IFC was given. The minute taker provides IFC with a detailed set of draft minutes. The IFC Secretary develops an official set of minutes from the original set for distribution and approval of IFC members. Once approved, the public minutes are posted on the IFC website. IFC would like draft minutes identified as such. Since MU chaired the IFC last year that group volunteered to develop the public minutes for last year’s IFC meetings. It was requested that the topic of domestic partner benefits be added to the agenda. The BOC will look at this issue in 2012.

Nepotism
This issue came up last year because the current policy does not address married couples. A statement such as “If you are married, you cannot be the administrative superior to a spouse,” would provide clarification on this matter. The revised policy will tentatively go forward to the BOC at the October meeting. It was noted that section F.3 talks about marriage and nepotism. This may be made clearer by adding the language mentioned earlier. A suggestion was made that an FAQ section would also be helpful. A vote on the revised policy was taken with; all Ayes, no nays; no abstentions.

[Discussion with Interim President Owens:
This will be a difficult budget year for the university. We will have a $3-5 million dollar gap to fill. We may be asked to take a 5-7% cut in appropriations. The Presidential search is on track and there will be more interviews in October. President Owens said that he will remain as Interim President as long as needed. The Rolla Chancellor search is proceeding as scheduled. It is lagging behind the Presidential search so that potential candidates will know who the new President is prior to accepting the position. The privacy policy document (sanctity of classroom discussion) stems from the academic freedom policy but it does not focus on students. It ensures that open classroom discussions can occur with civility and respect and that any recording of such discussions has been authorized. The policy has been reviewed by the General Officers and he would like IFC to comment on it. He intends to implement this policy soon via an executive order. The BOC recognizes that extension of health care benefits should be made available to everyone. This will be part of the discussions of health care at the University
of Missouri. He would like supporting evidence from IFC in the form of a business case to present to the BOC.

Campus Reports
MU
The faculty continues to deal with the metrics of preferred funding. It is working on its strategic plan and the Faculty Council is involved in the process. The campus has provided a website for listing committee objectives. On the issue of IP, a committee is working on ways to provide better communication to faculty and staff. The Task Force on online education is putting in a lot of time on this issue. It is working on decisions about how courses are approved and how to set policy for the campus. Two diversity issues are being discussed; CUE, and defined benefits for domestic partners.

MS&T
The main endeavor is the Chancellor search. Campus has hired a new Dean of Enrollment Management. It is working on developing a campus in China in a joint effort with Rolla and Kansas City.

St. Louis
The Senate met with a five year review board. It is looking at a proposal on “funding for results.” It is planning its 50 year anniversary in a 2013 jubilee that will be called “Founder’s Week”.

Kansas City
Homecoming is this Saturday. Our enrollment is up by 1%. The Kansas City Chamber of Commerce spent six months putting forward “Five Big Ideas” for the city to establish a “downtown arts complex”. This fall the city is conducting a feasibility study with the cost projected at $80 million. The campus is working at reforming our General Education program. Eventually, the Faculty Senate will be the body overseeing this process. Faculty continue to experience problems with the Office of Research. We are looking to Columbia to see how they are handling this. The Mayor will attend our October 18th Faculty Senate meeting. Our new Office of Faculty Ombudsman person has halved the number of grievances in the past year.

Revised guidelines on campus program reviews
This review will be done by the Provost and the General Officers. The suggested guidelines will be distributed to IFC to be vetted on the campuses and be an agenda item for the next IFC meeting.

Review policies of NTT faculty and processes used for promotion
Every campus had to develop campus specific policies for NTT faculty. Campuses have handled this in different ways and we may need to further review such policies.

Technology transfer, IRB processes, research restrictions on student research
We have technology transfer panels on each campus. MU created a committee consisting of 3 IP people, 3 Dean faculty appointees, and the Faculty Council will appoint two at-
large members. The activities of this committee are posted on the MU website. None of the other campuses have such an online resource and this should be rectified as soon as possible.

4:55 PM

Meeting Adjourns