Intercampus Faculty Council Meeting  
February 21, 2012 - 321 University Hall

Approved Minutes

IFC Faculty attendance: Harry Tyrer (C), Leona Rubin (C), Michael Murray (StL), Gary Ebersole (K.C.), Michael Davis (R), Joe Parcell (C), Steve Moehrle (StL), and Susan Feigenbaum (StL) on telephone connection]

The remaining IFC meetings have been rescheduled to allow President Wolfe to meet with the IFC. The March 16th meeting has been moved to March 21st (9:00AM-12:00PM – TelePresence Rm). The May meeting has been moved to May 23rd from 10:00AM-2:30PM (321 University Hall). A notification will be sent out to all IFC members and UM Administration. An IFC representative is needed as a replacement on the Shared Services Committee. IFC Representative Tyrer will serve in this capacity. IFC Representatives were interested in discussing the classroom size issue and crowded student housing as a first discussion with President Wolfe.

V.P. Steve Graham, Deborah Noble-Triplett & Chris Weisbrook

BMP presented by Beth Chancellor

There was general discussion about who are authorized signers for the “access to electronic resources” form. In the past there has been a problem getting a signature from an authorized signer. The BMP policy does not cover personal devices.

NTT Policy CRR 310.035 for UMKC Librarians

The language for the NTT policy will have to go back to legal for one more look. It would go from IFC, to the Provosts, Chancellors, then back to legal. IFC members voted on the motion with the original plus the amended language. It was seconded.

Thomson/Pearce SB455

This bill addresses college courses and transfer equivalents. V.P. Graham said that a proposal has gone to the MDHE. It is calling for a statewide database that tells a student what courses he/she needs when transferring between higher education institutions. V.P Graham said that Indiana has done a good job with this. It would also allow students to transfer back to a community college to get an AA degree and could be a way to attract students.

V.P. for Finance & Administration, Nikki Krawitz

V.P. Krawitz said that in February the BOC discussed possible budget cuts. We are looking at permanent lower state reductions. SB389 limits us to the inflation rate if we are considering raising tuition. There was discussion on subsidizing academic programs. We fund research more than other institutions and we will be taking a close look at this. The Procurement card and ShowMe Shop are ways of saving money.
V.P. for Information Technology, Gary Allen

IT Update regarding MS Outlook transfer as well as UM Website speed

V.P. Allen said that we have switched out search engines in the CRR’s and it is working much better now. We changed our SPAM filter with a Microsoft SPAM filter. Though there are 15 steps in this new SPAM filter, 80% of SPAM still manages to get through. There are some email problems as well. In Outlook 2007 you can adjust your own filter using the toolbar on the screen to filter out more problematic email. What this does is set filters on the system email so that it never reaches your mailbox. He said not to respond to any unknown origin email.

Software for annual reporting

V.P. Allen said IT is in the process of upgrading the software. There is a strategic plan for IP units across the system and we are looking at fiber optic systems across all campuses. We try to outsource as much as possible. He will finalize the IT report and bring it to the next meeting. He mentioned that you should not use wireless connections for business/work purposes for security reasons.

President Tim Wolfe - Discussion

President Wolfe was introduced to the IFC members. President Wolfe states that the heart and sole of the academy is its faculty. He asks of IFC members, what are the challenges that we are facing? President Wolfe states that we continue to chip away at salary just to get to the “middle”. He states that there is some hope that the Missouri revenues will be up. Higher Education is the biggest industry in the world and we need to adjust to the demands of the marketplace.

Campus Reports

UMKC

We are trying to arrange next year’s IFC calendar to meet on Wednesdays so that we can meet with President Wolfe as often as possible. A hiring freeze has been announced so no new offers will be extended without a strategic budget plan. An outcome of this may be that we will not be able to teach certain classes. The Kansas City campus has been named in the “Top 75” top buys in the country. The Faculty Senate is working on a tiered fee parking fee and arranging spring break so that it aligns with local schools calendars.

UMSL

The UMSL Senate will hold its final meeting for the academic ear on April 24.

MU

We are reviewing our on-line courses. Representative Rubin has served on a group that put together an academic approval process for online courses and traditional courses.

MS&T

The campus is preparing for its new Chancellor. Budget discussions are under way. Preparations are being made for the upcoming St. Patrick’s celebration. President Wolfe and V.P. Graham will be attending the celebration.
V.P. for Government Relations, Steve Knorr
The Governor has reduced the cut to higher by $40 million dollars. In Jefferson City the budget will dominate all topics this spring and summer. We won’t see any increases which is the best case scenario. The reality is that we will get a 7.8% cut – there is a 100% chance that both houses will improve on that figure. System does have a plan to protect our university.

2:46PM Meeting Adjourns.