Intercampus Faculty Council Meeting
Minutes – May 23, 2012

IFC faculty attendance: Harry Tyrer (C), Leona Rubin (C), Joe Parcell (C), Michael Murray (StL), Michael Davis (R), Steve Moehrle (StL), Carole McArthur (K.C.), Christopher Spilling (StL), and Nancy Stancel (K.C.)

Dr. Stancel chaired the meeting for Dr. Ebersole who is in Paris for the month.

Campus Reports

UMSL
The last UMSL Faculty Senate meeting was held April 24. The few things remaining were reporting on the results of the annual Administrator Evaluation Committee—and this year, the Deans and Directors were reviewed. The Provost and the Chancellor will meet with those Deans and Directors who were reviewed, along with the results. The University Assembly Budget and Planning Committee held its last regularly scheduled meeting, May 18 -- to review the University Communications Office, which included a report on planned giving, plans for the upcoming Jubilee Celebration, and the ongoing campaign for giving, which raised almost 150 million dollars towards the goal. The Senate also received a report from the Office of Research Administration at its meeting last Friday, May 18. The SenateChair concluded his report by recognizing the contributions of Prof. K.M. Isaac of MO S&T, who oversaw the UMSL Senate’s “Five Year Review” and also President Wolfe, for all of his hard work with the legislature this year.

MU
Results are coming in for both divisional elections for Council and for Officer elections. Tyrer will be returning as Council Chair next year, Dr. Katti has been elected Vice Chair, and Dr. Christensen has been elected IFC representative. For the coming year the MU campus will be examining: plus/minus grading and issues surrounding it; diversity initiatives (cultural competence) and why each division needs their own office; and a review of tenure particularly in terms of NTT ranked faculty and who can vote on Council. MU is also looking at extending the tenure clock for NTT promotion tracks other than research, and how to define faculty. MU had its Kemper award celebration. There will be a shared governance workshop at beginning of the year.

MS&T
Faculty Senate has one more meeting to go in the academic year. It needs to complete committee assignments and work on promotion and tenure issues. For these discussions, the Senate wants members to be in the room when voting is done and not allow phone in votes.

UMKC
We’ve had two administrative appointments: Dr. Julie Banderas (Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies & Allied Health at the School of Medicine; and Dr. Bonnie Postlewaite (2 year appointment as Dean of University Libraries). UMKC is exploring the possibility
of changing the campus’ name to clarify who we are and better describe our unique relationship with the city. The campus held a reception for our Guggenheim Fellows on May 1st. Our general education model was approved by the Faculty Senate. An Oversight Committee will work over the summer to have procedures in place to implement the model in the fall. We had a ground breaking ceremony for the MNL Learning Center with a one million donation from the Miller Nichols Charitable Foundation and a gift of $250,000 given by Jeannette Nichols. A venture capital challenge was held for the Kansas City area and local businesses. 157 applications were submitted. UMKC was recognized for two of the projects from the Business School which made the finalists.

V.P. Nikki Krawitz - Discussion with Finance & Administration

Budget Update
The legislature will pass a flat budget which is good news. There has been a shift in the culture from merit based to performance based awards. Budget principles for the year will be determined by: strategic planning; student fees; and available resources. We need to concentrate on what is sustainable at the campus level. We are in the process of creating the 2014 appropriations request. Performance funding is in the works. There are differing ideas of how financial aid can be administered in the future. Money for capital improvements will come from bonds and general revenue in the future. There may be donor money as well.

V.P. Knorr - Discussion with Government Relations, Legislative Update
A summary handout of pending legislation was distributed. It was a good Congressional session with the university receiving full funding. Interim President Owens was credited for his work to make this happen. Knorr discussed how equity funding came about. Next year issues such as financial aid programs, capital campaigns, and the affordability of public institution education will be under way. The UM system accounts for the majority of the growth increase in enrollment. It was noted that MS&T is at capacity for student enrollment. In the next few weeks the issue of a cigarette tax will come up. If this passes it will benefit education.

Associate V.P. Kelley Stuck - Discussion with Human Resources

Tax Deferred Investment Transition – V.P. Stuck gave a PP presentation about the restructuring of the TDI program. The University will be using a master administrator as it is advantageous to us to do this. There will be an investment platform, proximity for fund selection, a payroll deduction option beginning October 1, and a timeline for communication and implementation of the plan.

V.P. Graham – Discussion, Academic Affairs

Security
The Saint Louis campus reported that it now has a security officer on campus. IFC members felt that we need secure access to buildings but we also want to be
faculty/student friendly. There was discussion of using security badges for access to buildings.

**Proposed changes to CRR regarding Student Conduct (attachment)**
V.P. Graham said that the CRR policy has not been updated in some time. He would like IFC members to read it over. It would be taken to the BOC in June so that it is in place by the fall. IFC would like this to go out to campus Student Conduct Committees before IFC approves it. IFC will let V.P. Graham know by June 8 if we have any concern about the revisions in the policy. Other campuses have student disciplinary committees that need to be informed. If it does not get on the BOC agenda in June, then it can be taken up at the July or September BOC meeting.

**UMKC Librarians & NTT Faculty Policy update**
The UMKC librarians voted 90% to continue NTT ranked faculty status. The campus is working on a transition plan. The document has been sent to legal counsel for a minor change in wording. Once this is done, it will go to the President to sign.

**Online Journals & Document Archiving**
The MU Librarian (Jim Cogswell) is requesting faculty approval for the creation of an on-line journal. It would be published entirely online and would be open access with no subscription fees. This is different from MoSpace where an author uploads their papers for no fee. It is seen as a cost saving device. IFC is interested in having Dr. Cogswell come and talk to the IFC about it this coming year.

**Trimesters**
V.P. Graham will put together a summary for IFC to review over the summer. It is hard to find a large university that uses trimesters. We need to consider if this is really what students want or would a robust summer session do. At one time the MU campus declined using three semesters because it felt the time periods were too short.

Meeting adjourns, 2:17 PM