Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC)
Meeting
February 20, 2013 (10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Present for the opening executive session discussions were Steve Moehrle, Harry Tyrer, Carole McArthur, Gary Ebersole, Nancy Stancel, Kattesh Katti, Susan Brownell, Chris Spilling, Dennis Miller, Michael Davis, Mark Fitch, and Bala Balakrishnan.

Steve Graham, Christa Weisbrook joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

I. Collected Rules and Regulations

Revised Sections 310.015 (Procedures for Review of Faculty Performance), 320.035 (Policy and Procedures for Promotion and Tenure), and 320.090 (Emeritus designation) were discussed for final approval. Changes were made to address situations when there are not professors of adequate rank available to serve on a unit’s committees to make decisions about promotion, tenure, or emeritus designation. The IFC expressed satisfaction with the changes and approved the revised sections of the Collected Rules and Regulations.

II. UM Faculty Scholars

Chris Weisbrook provided an update on the revived UM Faculty Scholars program. This development program for early career faculty had been discontinued as a cost saving measure about five years ago. During discussions with faculty across the system, President Wolfe learned that the program had a very positive impact. As a result, he asked that it be revived. The IFC expressed appreciation that it is back and agreed to encourage their campus colleagues to nominate candidates for the program’s 2013-2014 cohort.

III. NTT Policy

A minor revision to the Collected Rules and Regulations was approved related to the clinical department faculty at the hospitals in Columbia and Kansas City. Wording was approved to add clinical faculty as qualifying for certain rights under the Non-tenure track designation per section 310.035 of the Collected Rules and Regulations. The changes were discussed and unanimously approved.

IV. Patents and Commercialization in the Tenure and Promotion Process

The UM system administrators and faculty have been discussing the appropriate role of patent and commercial successes in the tenure and promotion process. Mike Nichols joined IFC to discuss his perspective on the matter. It is his opinion (and this opinion is shared by several administrators) that such successes are currently
underweighted in the promotion and tenure process to the potential detriment of the University. Initial discussion on the matter was held. IFC members expressed an understanding of the matter but also concerns about putting the policy into practice. IFC members decided that they would conduct discussions on their respective campuses regarding the matter and then discuss it more at an upcoming meeting.

V. University Relations Update
Steve Knorr provided an update on activities at the federal level and the state capital. Budget discussions are ongoing in both places and it is difficult to predict the outcome at this point. UM officials remain active in the process.

VI. Discussion with President Wolfe and Nikki Krawitz
President Wolfe and Nikki Krawitz provided an update on their activities. President Wolfe discussed his statewide tour to promote higher education in several of Missouri’s small and mid-sized cities. He also discussed the status of the strategic planning process that is underway. Nikki Krawitz provided a budget update.

X. Other business
A call for other business was made. No requests came forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.