

Present: Peter Rolnick, Nabil Alghalith, Bryce Jones, Susan LaGrassa, Terry Olson, Kathryn Brammall, Scott Olsen, Jennifer Thompson, Daniel McGurk, Garry Gordon, Barbara Dixon, Doug Davenport, Pam Gardner, Lucy Lee, Alec Koch, John Bohac, Deb Cartwright, Candy Young, James Guffey, Liz Esfeld, Jana Morton

**CALL TO ORDER**

J. Guffey called the meeting to order on January 31, 2008 at 3:05 pm.

**IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATES & THOSE CARRYING TWO VOTES**

Carrying two votes: John Bohac, Scott Olsen & Diane Johnson

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by B. Jones to approve the minutes with correction of members names. N. Alghalith seconded the motion to approve the minutes with these changes. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

**REPORTS**

**President's Report** – President Dixon stated that the Governor will be releasing the second installment to Truman with a possible 4.2% increase.

Art & Science report has been reviewed and several things are linked to the Strategic Plan. There are several short term things that can be implemented right away: 1) Campus Life, Spirit and Fun 2) Enrollment Management 3) First-year Experience 4) "Truman Shuffle"- Administrative Effectiveness 5) Community Relations. She said that working groups will be formed soon and encourages anyone with ideas or thoughts on these areas to email your ideas or join one of these working groups. Long term (which means in 1-2 years): 1) need to have a distinct thing that says Truman 2) the curriculum needs to be updated/changed 3) revise how scholarship hours are promoted or packaged

**Provost's Report** – G. Gordon shared a hand out that included information about faculty sabbaticals and how they were being awarded 2009.

S. LaGrassa asked if the Reorganization Implementation Committee is still meeting and if the web page could be updated. G. Gordon said that the committee plans to meet again mid-semester or the end of the semester to evaluate the changes and see how things are going.

B. Jones asked if Faculty Senate would get to see the evaluation report of the Department Chairs. G. Gordon stated that Department Chair evaluations were not the same as the Dean's Review that had been done in the past so Faculty Senate would not see these. The Deans will do annual reviews of the Department Chairs based on completion of goals set by each Dean. Faculty can give feedback to their Dean about a Department Chair.

D. Johnson asked that the Faculty Senate Restructuring Blog link could be added to the Provost web page.

**Student Senate Report** – Liz Esfeld said that Student Senate is concerned because a new student representative has not been appointed to the Board of Governors and asked if anyone knew how to get this done.

She reported that Student Senate has a new blog at [senate.truman.edu/blog](http://senate.truman.edu/blog) if anyone is interested.

She also stated that the Student Senate recently passed a resolution about getting course syllabi on the internet. This resolution will go to UGC in February.

Student Senate has had long discussions about the Art & Science report and hope to become very involved in the new changes.

They still do not have a slate for the Professor Rating Committee. They are having a hard time finding a Graduate student and asked if Faculty Senate could help them find someone.

Student Senate has created the Safe Rides Program and will have a trial of this program on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Faculty Senate Report** – J. Guffey reported that an faculty are still having problems getting feedback from the Promotion & Tenure Committee. He will send an email today asking for copies of all materials that the committee has received and ask that an update be sent to the Department Chairs.

J. Guffey and S. Olsen have met to discuss the President's Evaluation form. They are finalizing the form. He asked if the members would like to receive this form on-line or as a paper copy. He stated that the Provost only had 87 respond and is concerned with having a low response if we go to email.

T. Olson made a motion to extend the meeting 15 minutes. D. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

J. Guffey then presented the Provost Evaluation with a hand out and Power Point. He feels that overall the evaluation was positive especially with all of the changes the last 1 ½ years.

**ACTION ITEMS** - No items.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS** - No items.

**CONSENT ITEMS** - No items.

**INFORMATION ITEMS** - No items.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5.15 pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 3:00 pm in VH 1424.