

Present: Tom Marshall, John Bohac, Cynthia Cooper, Bryce Jones, Dana Delaware, Lucy Lee, Diane Johnson, Kit Hadwiger, David Gillette, Kathryn Brammall, Amanda Langendoerfer, James Guffey, Brian Kubin, Mike Ashcraft, Peter Rolnick, Jim Przybylski, Sal Costa, Terry Olson, Troy Paino, Rebecca Charles, Scott Olsen, David Hayes, Dana Smith, Elaine McDuff, Ed Rogers, Jay Bulen, Doug Davenport, Adam Davis, Sam Minner, Marie DiStefano, Jay Self, Priscilla Riggle, Jamie D'Agostino, Ian Lindevald, Amber Johnson and Jana Morton.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

J. Guffey called the meeting to order on March 26, 2009 at 3:10 pm.

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

**Carrying two votes:** 0 ; **Alternates:** two; **Votes at the table** - 20

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by D. Delaware to accept the minutes. T. Marshall seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were favor. Motion passed.

#### **REPORTS**

**President's Report** – D. Krueger reported that flat funding is being recommended for higher education. He also mentioned that the Governor was on campus. Capital improvements are still being discussed. There will be some space changes now that the Admission space is available in McClain. We will also look at using the newer part of the Grim Smith building. ITS is working on getting nine smart classrooms completed by fall. The President's Office will be sending out a letter to new students welcoming them to Truman and providing them with the information about getting access to the new Netbook computer.

T. Paino gave a report regarding textbooks and Netbooks. To help with the budget crisis, the rising costs of textbooks and to increase efficiency, several options have been discussed. The President appointed a Technology Taskforce of students to review different options. One option was to go to laptops, e-books, etc. Netbook is an option for students who can't afford to have a laptop when they get to campus. Netbooks are bigger than a Blackberry but smaller than a normal laptop and lightweight. They cost around \$300 but will be offered to new students through ITS to use in the classroom.

The Textbook Taskforce was created and charged to develop a plan to reduce the cost of textbooks for students. After their first meeting they decided that there was no one solution so the group divided into four work groups. (See attached detailed hand out for details.) The next step is to get this information out to students and faculty.

**President's Report cont'd** – At this time, forty faculty have shown interest in teaching in the smart classrooms and training will begin on Friday, March 27. The goal is to improve technology and decrease costs for students so we can build better relations with them. Enrollment for fall is up as well as transfer students. In May we will graduate one of the largest classes from Truman so it will be hard to hold the numbers. We have interviewed three people for the Truman Institute Director position and will possibly interview one more then a decision will be made. The search for a new President will begin after the Board of Governor's meeting in April.

**Graduate Council Report** – J. Bulen reported that Grad Council has been working with graduate students to improve efficiencies, to see what students need and what they value in the Truman experience. Many indicate that they want one-on-one contact and the hands on with mentoring. They like the small programs, the strong commitment to each program and the fact that these programs build on the Liberals Arts. Grad Council has also been working on some bills, new courses, and general housekeeping in the education program. They have been working on ways to offer more courses in the summer and even offer courses so that working people can fit them in their schedules. They continue to work on assessment and revisions to the English curriculum. There has been an interest in the return of the Counseling program. There are three areas within this program 1) school counseling 2) community counseling 3) student affairs. There are plans to reactivate the school counseling area but we are waiting for DESE approval for school counseling certification requirements. A survey was sent out to nineteen schools in our area and twenty-five faculty have indicated interest in this offering. At this time, there aren't any plans to reactivate the other two areas.

**Faculty Senate President's Report** – J. Guffey reported that Sabbatical Guidelines need to be finalized. He noted that the letter of interest normally due to Dean's in early May has been dropped as it doesn't seem to be useful. The deadline for requests has been set for September 8, 2009. There is a question on whether to include a CV of the applicant. After some discussion it was agreed to leave the guidelines at a two page CV but encourage applicants to include the full CV as an appendix. Letters of support, videos or web items could be added as an appendix as well.

A special meeting has been set for April 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in VH 1236 to hear five-year reviews for Nursing and English.

Is it possible to change the date of the last Senate meeting to May 6<sup>th</sup> since this is a busy time around Graduation? It was decided not to hold the meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> since many have department meetings. Another day will be considered and discussed at the April meeting.

Faculty Senate, UGC and Grad Council will present a year end report at the Board of Governors meeting in April.

Some courses for Exercise Science were overlooked and haven't gone through governance yet but are being offered this fall. Students need to register for these classes. T. Paino has asked if we could provisionally approve these courses so they can be posted until there are able to go through governance. There are seven that will need to go to UGC and 2 course updates that need to go to Grad Council. It was agreed to endorse these courses provisionally until they are able to go through governance. A vote was taken and all were in favor. It was agreed that approval for JINS 389, a new course, would need to be tabled until the next meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS-none at this time.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Promotion and Tenure Guidelines** – Amber Johnson gave a report from the Personnel Policy Committee. (see hand out) After much discussion she asked Senate members to send comments to her in the next two weeks on the current document so that a resolution can be created and brought to Senate for approval at the April meeting. If approved, it will then go to the Board of Governors at their June meeting.

**SB 4308 rev. – Attendance Policy Proposal** – A motion was made by D. Delaware to move this to an Action item. The motion was seconded by K. Hadwiger. All were in favor. Seeing no discussion, a vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

**SB 4508 – New major BFA Creative Writing** – After a short discussion, P. Rolnick made a motion to move this to an Action Item. T. Marshal seconded the motion. On page 6 a correction was noted, to add a \* under Philosophy & Religion. All agreed to this minor change. A vote was called for and all were in favor. Motion passed.

**At this time the votes changed to 22. A motion was made by L. Lee to extend the meeting 15 minutes. S. Costa seconded the motion. A vote was taken and 19 were in favor, 3 declined. Motion passed.**

**SB 4608 – HLTH 100 Seminar in Wellbeing-NEW** – After a brief question, D. Johnson made a motion to move this to an Action item. J. Bohac seconded the motion. A vote was taken and 20 were in favor and 2 were in absentia. After a short discussion, a vote was taken. 21 were in favor and 1 in absentia. Motion passed.

**SB 4708 – Spanish Minor for the Professions-NEW** – B. Jones made a motion to move this to an Action item, D. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Seeing no discussion, a vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

**CONSENT ITEMS** - All items were approved without objection.

**INFORMATION ITEMS-** All items were noted without objection.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by D. Johnson to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by S. Costa. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.