

Present: Tom Marshall, John Bohac, Cynthia Cooper, Bryce Jones, Dana Delaware, Lucy Lee, Diane Johnson, Kit Hadwiger, David Gillette, Kathryn Brammall, Amanda Langendoerfer, Chet Breed, James Guffey, Brian Kubin, Mike Ashcroft, Peter Rolnick, Candy Young, Sal Costa, Terry Olson, President Krueger, Troy Paino, Jane Sung, Vaughn Pultz, Rebecca Charles, Scott Olsen, Maria DiStefano, David Hayes, Elaine McDuff, Julie Lochbaum, Diane Richmond, Todd Kuhns, Donna Liss, Julie Seidler, **Joan Mather, Dana Smith** and Jana Morton.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

J. Guffey called the meeting to order on January 29, 2009 at 3:05 pm.

Before business began a special presentation was made by D. Richmond from ITS along with T. Kuhns and D. Liss on the new Smart Classroom-VH 1324. This classroom space is in response to the requests from students asking for more technology in the classrooms. It is anticipated to have two smart classrooms per academic building by the end of the summer of 2009. D. Richmond gave a brief overview of the many features of the smart classroom. A handout was given with information on the Classroom Technology Improvement Initiative and can be found under the January meeting materials on the Faculty Senate web page. They are considering different classroom setups to meet the function of all disciplines. Another option may be to add textbooks to the smart notebook which would reduce textbook costs for students in the future.

T. Kuhns of ITS presented a demonstration on the Instructor Ratings Survey results. These results have not been posted live anywhere on the web yet but will need to be posted 10 days prior to registration. The results will be a collection of two years data but at this time only one semester's results are available since this is the first survey. The results will note the range of the results at the top of each page. A link to the open course list will be added so that students can go back and forth to the results and open course list. A disclaimer will be added to the top of the results to state that this information is required by HB 389, is consumer information only and is not the same as the course evaluations they are asked to do each semester by their professor. It was also suggested that faculty be informed about this survey and the results so they can view them. A press release may also be sent to the Index.

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

**Carrying two votes:** K. Hadwiger and E. McDuff; **Alternates:** none; **Votes at the table - 24**

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

A motion was made by P. Rolnick to accept the minutes from the old senate meeting on December 12, 2008. D. Delaware seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were favor. Motion passed. A motion was made by K. Brammall to accept the minutes from the new senate meeting on December 12, 2008. K. Hadwiger seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

#### **REPORTS**

**President's Report** – D. Krueger reported after a recent visit to Jefferson City it seems there are changes again to what we can expect from the state in funding. In about three weeks we hope to have indication of what we will be getting but we can expect at least a 5% cut. He noted he heard a lot of support for Truman State University and found that we are being funded at a higher level than others at this time. The A+ program needs more work. There are some who are pushing to allow A+ student to attend a community college and then transfer to a four year public school with continued funding from the A+

program. This is of some concern for four year schools. The report on Access Missouri shows some legislation to assist in leveling out funding that is given to private and public institutions. At this time more dollars are going to private schools. Caring for Missouri is still moving forward. This will be a huge plus for both communication disorders and the nursing programs. The President noted that he's still meeting with student groups to keep the momentum going on campus. He stated that budgets have been sent out to all departments asking for 5%, 10% and 15 % cuts. There are currently vacancies in the St Louis area and he is interested in building a St Louis center for Truman. We need to look at two year college agreements and bring more programs to campus to serve the graduate programs and students. He noted that applications for incoming freshman are up 1.8% but that international enrollment is down by 100 for fall. We need to continue to improve our quality. Our number to work towards is 6250 students based on the five year plan. He would like to improve technology on campus so that we draw more students and stand out more. He noted that the University of Missouri currently has a higher graduation rate than us and we need to work on improving this area as well.

**Undergraduate Council Report** – C. Young stated on February 12 the new members for UGC will begin their term.

**Faculty Senate President's Report** – J. Guffey (via email 1/30/09 since time ran short at the meeting)

1) As a reminder, the instrument for the President's evaluation now has two sections, one for longitudinal questions and one for current issues. I expect that we will want to change most, if not all, of the questions in the current issues section from last year. I will be speaking with President Krueger and Provost Paino about their evaluation processes and the instruments that will be used. We have an opportune time to reconsider the evaluation instrument for the Provost, since we have felt it needed to be reworked for some time now. For your convenient reference, I have attached a copy of SB#1897 (which establishes evaluation of administrators) and last year's instrument for the President's evaluation. You may have some input concerning the questions in the current issues section. I encourage you to send those to me. I'll also be working with John Bohac on these evaluations, in his role as President Pro-tem.

2) We discussed the results of the Instructor Ratings committee work during the presentation by Todd Kuhns. I will be working with the committee to get the disclaimer ready for the results and to craft a message to faculty and students about the upcoming release of the results from last fall.

3) As far as I know now, there will be three of us attending the spring meeting of the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates (MAFS) in Jefferson City on February 9 and 10: Kathryn Brammall, Candy Young, and me. This meeting will include some time in the capital lobbying and visiting with legislators. Kathryn is our elected representative to MAFS and is serving as secretary/treasurer for that group this year.

4) The Personnel Policies committee has had some turnover in membership and is now back to work. They are concentrating on the timeline and the process for tenure and promotion. Amber Johnson has agreed to serve as chair, and Provost Paino is also now a member of the committee.

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Instructor Ratings Results** – This was covered in the presentation at the beginning of the meeting.

**Update on Process for populating specific University wide committees and sub-committees** – Due to a lack of time, this item will be added to the February agenda.

**Amendment to SB 3408 Undergraduate Council By-Laws** – Per the request of the Student Senate, an amendment to change the student representation on UGC is being proposed from two student reps to three student reps. D. Johnson made a motion to accept the amendment. B. Jones seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all approved. Motion passed.

**SB 4308 Attendance Policy Proposal** - Due to a lack of time, this item will be added to the February agenda.

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by D. Delaware to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by C. Young. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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