

Present: Ray Barrow, John Bohac, Bryce Jones, Lucy Lee, Dian Johnson, Kit Hadwiger, David Gillette, Chris Maglio, Ed Rogers, Jeremy Houser, Kathryn Brammall, Amand Langendoerfer, James Guffey, Brian Kubin, Mike Ashcraft, Peter Rolnick, Candy Young, Sal Costa, Terry Olson, Troy Paino, Rebecca Charles, JoEllen Flanagan, Jay Bulen, Maria DiStefano and Kristin Flannigan.
Guests: Marty Eisenberg, Jeff Gall, Sam Minner and Maria DiStefano.

CALL TO ORDER

J. Guffey called the meeting to order on July 23, 2009 at 3:03pm

IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATES & THOSE CARRYING TWO VOTES

Carrying two votes: Kit Hadwiger

Alternates: 2

Votes at the table: 21

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes were accepted by consent.

REPORTS

Provost's Report – T. Paino gave an update on the technology enhanced classrooms stating that the university is making every effort to get classrooms up to speed with the technology of the 21st century. The update includes a three level approach to technology: A-level, B-level and C-level classrooms. A-level classrooms have working blackboards and blinds, overhead projector, and a data projector. B-level will include a data projector, console, and document camera. The majority of classrooms will be at the B level with the above mentioned technology and a microphone. Level C is all of the above plus video capture, cameras and computers. These updates should be completed this summer. As part of the technology upgrade there are currently a total of five high-tech classrooms in Barnett Hall, Violette Hall, Ophelia Parrish and Library. There are about 40 courses currently scheduled in these classrooms for the fall semester.

T. Paino noted that the SB 8408 Promotion and Tenure Bill approved in May was presented to the Board of Governors in June. At their June meeting the Board wanted to include language of the teacher/scholar model as well as adding mention of the post tenure and promotion reviews. T. Paino stated that the Board was likely to approve the bill at their next meeting after being given time to review, discuss and ask questions.

T. Paino praised the success of the workshop in July and stated that we are now preparing for the Strategic Planning workshop which is currently in the planning stage. The workshop will be the mornings of August 19 and 20. Paul Wagner (Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Higher Education) will be presenting at the workshop. Mr. Wagner is a Truman graduate and knows the financial side of higher education within the larger context of the current economic situation and is able to forecast future challenges.

The recently commissioned Assessment Task Force has returned with a principles document in draft form which will be shared when appropriate. The Starting Salary Task Force is getting started and has met a few times. They are currently looking for comparison data with our peer institutions, examining other incentives, starting salaries, travel, start-up comparisons. Their task is to determine how to be more competitive in hiring new faculty.

Work continues on getting new deans settled: Priscilla Riggle, dean for the School of Arts and Letters, will be located in Ophelia Parrish in the old Fine Arts division office. Jon Gering with the School of Sciences and Mathematics will be in the old Science Division office. And Doug Davenport, dean of the School for Social and Cultural Studies will be the old Social Science dean's office. These locations were ideal as there was no great expense.

Results for the dean's evaluations came back. A handout was circulated. IDEA Center's ratings indicated that an area was an area of concern if the rating was 3.0 or lower and no more than 25% of the faculty rated the dean as doing a good or excellent job. A strong area was rated if the average was 3.75 or higher or if 75% of the faculty rated the dean as doing a good or excellent job.

Freshmen numbers are up 4-5% from last year; however, it will be hard to know how things really look until the year starts. How many returning students is a concern for others with the current economy. International student numbers are looking good at 101, this is where we wanted to be – about level. We are reminded not to forget we had large graduating class – don't be surprised if numbers are down by about 100.

Graduate Council – J. Bulen noted there are currently 109 accepted graduate students for fall. The council is currently working on activities to raise visibility of the graduate students on campus. Students participated in the research conference with 120 presentations and four moderators. Graduate education week was held April 2-9 and currently there is a website up. This particular project is a statewide enhancement for public awareness of the impact and outcomes of graduate schools. There was a luncheon on Wednesday and a mixer on Friday with a number of additional events. Current bills the Council is working on have to do with MAE housework, updating topics courses and the reactivation of the counseling program, which has been inactive since 2004. During the fall a survey was completed which found strong demand for the program within the state. Reinstating the program would also meet several goals of bringing non-traditional students to campus, increase enrollment and serve community needs. Counselors in high schools are the people that tell students about Truman. Faculty and administrators are currently working with DESE. Some changes have been made making this a strong program

Faculty Senate President's Report – J. Guffey stated that the July workshop was a success, and that T. Paino seemed pleased with the progress. He spoke about the conversation with the Board of Governors regarding the Presidential evaluations: what the evaluations are about, what they entail and what the process is. He mentioned the discussion brought about larger conversation about the mechanism of the entire presidential evaluation process, including faculty surveys. The process and discussion are ongoing, and they do intend to include faculty input although we're not sure how this will happen. We have been assured we will be involved and at the table. Discussion continues regarding the double counting issue. We are not currently ready to put forward a bill or to vote on this yet and will most likely have some version of #5 on the agenda in fall. We have decided #4 is not the one we want to pursue; #5 is most prudent at this time and deals with current issues for M. DiStefano and the Registrar's Office

ACTION ITEMS – none at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

SB 10308 Bill to Award Credit to International Baccalaureate Degree (IB) Recipients – This bill is being put forth by the IB Review group. Discussion ensued in which several concerns were voiced regarding the IB program specifically and the implications of accepting this bill. The IB program was

explained and advocated by guest J. Gall. It was determined that additional time was needed to educate constituencies regarding the IB program and that it would be taken up again at a later time.

School Counseling Program Proposal – This proposal is brought from the Graduate Council and the Department of Education. Discussion ensued regarding Faculty Senate’s role and concerns regarding staffing. S. Minner indicated that currently the programs will not likely start until either spring or next fall, depending on when we receive approval from DESE. After further discussion P. Rolnick moved to approve the reinstatement of the School Counseling Program as proposed by Graduate Council; the motion was seconded by D. Johnson. P. Rolnick made a motion to move this to an Action Item. D. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was called: 20 were in favor and 1 abstain. Motion passed. Additional discussion followed. P. Rolnick motioned to call to question to approve the program and a voice vote followed: 20 were in favor and 1 abstain. Motion passed.

CONSENT ITEMS – None at this time.

INFORMATION ITEMS – All items were noted without objection.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm. The next senate meeting will be held August 27, 3:00pm in SUB Conference Room 3000.