

Present: Tom Marshall, Ray Barrow, John Bohac, Cynthia Cooper, Bryce Jones, Vaughan Pultz, Lucy Lee, Diane Johnson, Kit Hadwiger, David Gillette, Chris Maglio, Chet Breed, Jeremy Houser, Kathryn Brammall, Amanda Langendoerfer, James Guffey, Mike Ashcraft, Peter Rolnick, Candy Young, Sal Costa, Joan Mather, Darrell Krueger, Troy Paino, Terry Olson, JoEllen Flanagan, Isaac Robinson, Doug Davenport, Sally Detweiler, Judy Mullins, Dave Rector, Ian Lindevald and Kristin Flannigan.

CALL TO ORDER

J. Guffey called the meeting to order on October 22, 2009 at 3:05 pm.

IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATES & THOSE CARRYING TWO VOTES

Carrying two votes: Kit Hadwiger, Ray Barrow

Alternates: 2

Votes at the table: 22

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by R. Barrow to accept the minutes with changes. T. Marshall seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

REPORTS

President's Report – D. Krueger reported that the bids for the Pershing renovations have come in. The Board of Governors will likely approve the bids at their next meeting. He also expressed his appreciation for those departments who have worked hard to increase their enrollment, stating that they benefited from their work over the last year. The number of applications is currently up from this time last year and is optimistic that this trend will continue. He noted that he has had recent meetings with local businessmen and will continue having meetings. Information sharing and development of ways the local businesses can work with the university to keep enrollment up are current topics of these meetings. The Budget Task Force continues to meet, seeking to find ways to prepare the university for anticipated decreases in state funding. Another committee is looking at ways to control scholarships from getting out of control, how to keep enrollment up and how to maintain the quality of the university. He also encouraged faculty involvement in Student Senate's "The Big Event" held in the spring.

Benefits Advisory Committee – S. Detweiler and J. Mullins reported on important information from the committee. The Benefits Fair will take place Wednesday, October 28, 2009, which also marks the beginning of open enrollment for Benefits. Representatives from many of our benefits providers will be available at the fair as well as representatives from the tax-sheltered annuities. Despite the 8.83% rate increase from Anthem there will be no changes to the medical plans, with an expected \$300,000 cost increase to the university. Vision care will remain the same with only a \$10 co-pay being added to Plan A. Dental will remain the same. Life insurance bids came in lower than anticipated, which passes savings down to the individual. There will also be a voluntary short-term disability insurance offered this year through CIGNA.

Staff Council – R. Charles reported that Staff Council has a new chair and vice-chair, Rebecca Charles and Kristin Flannigan, respectively. All sub-committees now have chairs and are currently working on

their respective tasks. One thing Staff Council is currently working on through their Policies Committee is a review of the funeral leave policy with the intent to make some updates to the current policy. The Head to Toe warm clothing drive for local children is currently taking place. There have been several announcements go out via email and in the Truman Today. Council also has a few ad-hoc committees going: Staff Survey, By-Laws and Customer Service.

R. Charles also reported on behalf of the Registrar's Office that the new registration access process is in place. Advisors must log-in to Truview and clear their advises by placing a check-mark next to their name. An email from the Registrar's Office went out Monday with instructions. Should any faculty member have any problems with the system, please contact the Registrar's Office.

Faculty Senate President's Report – J. Guffey reported that the Evaluation of the Provost is live. An email should have gone out with the link. Senators are encouraged to remind their constituents about the evaluation. A response rate of 200 is our goal. He is pleased to announce that the Evaluation of the President is set to begin in November with the faculty having a set role in the Board of Governor's policy regarding the evaluation, where there had been no prescribed participation of the faculty before. J. Guffey provided more information regarding the Instructor Ratings Surveys. Student Senate is planning a public relations campaign for the surveys which will include as much language as possible to distinguish them from the course evaluations. Some discussion regarding the timing of the surveys ensued.

3:20pm votes at the table changed to 25.

D. Johnson proposed that the Instructor Ratings Committee be commissioned to consider changing the timeline for the administration of the survey; the committee should use its judgment and will notify Faculty Senate of its decision and will report again next semester. Proposal seconded by K. Brammall. By voice vote 23 approved. Proposal approved.

J. Guffey also reported on the Presidential Search Committee. Applications are due October 30, 2009. Once review of applications begins, committee is likely to have more information.

ACTION ITEMS – none at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS –

Shared Academic Positions – D. Rector and D. Davenport were in attendance to speak specifically regarding this discussion item. Therefore, with the consent of the whole, this item was discussed first. T. Paino, D. Rector and D. Davenport all provided input from a previous task force which investigated shared academic positions. Difficulties in creating a new policy from scratch, prohibitive costs in regards to providing both individuals with medical and retirement benefits given current state law, questions regarding who could share a shared position, and problems with advertising were among some of the difficulties found in attempting to create shared positions. Previous task force concluded that shared positions were not a feasible alternative. Discussion followed regarding the importance and opportunity costs of researching this option further as a university. Following additional discussion, senators are encouraged to speak with constituents to ascertain whether this is something faculty want to pursue. Any updates, corrections or ideas regarding wording of current bill should be sent to P. Rolnick.

SB1009 Information Systems Minor – NEW – This bill is presented with the intent of offering a minor that had previously been offered as a concentration from the School of Business, but that will require no new courses or additional resources. Following a brief discussion, T. Marshall moved that SB1009 be moved to an action item and was seconded by V. Pultz. Following no further discussion, T. Marshall moved to approve SB1009. V. Pultz seconded the motion and a voice vote followed with all approving. Motion carries.

SB0909 Computer Science Minor – UPDATE – This bill reflects the changes to CS 171 which provides a more appropriate terminal course for those not entering the major or the minor, making the minor consistent with this course change. C. Young moved to make SB0909 an action item and was seconded by V. Pultz. Upon a voice vote all approved and motion carried. Brief discussion followed. B. Jones called to question and was seconded by S. Costa. A voice vote was taken and all approved.

SB1109 MAE Exercise Science Secondary Content - UPDATE – This is a housekeeping bill to match requirements with new certification requirements. B. Jones moved that SB1109 be moved to an action item and was seconded by C. Cooper. All approved by voice vote and motion carried. Brief discussion followed. V. Pultz called to question and S. Costa seconded. Voice vote was taken and all approved. Motion carried.

Process for Awarding Honorary Degrees – The current resolution is coming from the English and History faculty to provide a process by which faculty through Faculty Senate and students through Student Senate would be included in the approval of the award of an honorary degree to a particular individual. Lengthy discussion followed regarding whether the current wording would be appropriate, the exact process by which the current resolution would be carried out and the intent of the current resolution. The lack of consideration of staff in this matter along with faculty and students was pointed out.

Votes at the table changed to 23 at 4:59pm.

John Bohac moved to extend the meeting by ten minutes. V. Pultz seconded the motion. Motion approved by all and carried.

C. Breed assured that the intent behind the resolution was not to be preemptory or provocative. It was decided that additional research should be completed before any such resolution is approved.

Limit Faculty Senate Summer Meetings – Due to lack of time, this item will be placed on the agenda for the November 19 meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS – none at this time.

INFORMATION ITEMS – All noted with no discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

D. Gillette motioned to adjourn. C. Cooper seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.

The next senate meeting will be held November 19, 3:00pm in SUB Conference Room 3000.