Minutes of the July 27, 2017 Faculty Council Meeting

Attendance

Approval of Minutes
Chair Trachtenberg called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. New and continuing council members introduced themselves. The minutes of the 06-08-17 meeting were approved as presented.

Report of Officers
Chair’s Report sent by email to Faculty Council (FC). He noted that Berkley Hudson and the Race Relations Committee were not mentioned in the report. He apologized for the omission.

In October, FC recommended to Interim Chancellor Hank Foley that the Business Policy and Procedure Manuel (BPPM) be updated and revised. These changes were sent to the General Council and then to the Chancellor’s office, Provost and Interim Chancellor Garnet Stokes approved them. As of August 1st, the changes go into effect.

The university is working on preparations for the solar eclipse on Monday, August 21st. Students need to know which classes are on and which are not. Chancellor’s office gave guidance on this. Faculty teaching on 8/21 will be asked to state if they are teaching. Jim Spain’s office, Undergraduate Studies, will push this information out to students.

Action Item(s):
Proposal concerning voting rights of NTT faculty – Bloom
Trachtenberg reviewed proposal which was largely supported but had remained. The Deans and Department Chairs were consulted via the Provost’s office. The response was largely silence or support. There were no strong arguments against. Vote was called and all were in favor. Proposal accepted unanimously.

Proposed amendment to MU Faculty Bylaws concerning faculty conduct – Wiebold
The vote is to start the process for faculty vote on change to bylaws. No further discussion. Vote was called and all were in favor.

Discussion Items(s):
Guests: Jim Spain, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, and Cooper Drury, Associate Dean, College of Arts & Science (reporting on SB997 and Common Curriculum Advisory Committee)

Jim Spain stated that in June 2015, David Russell, then Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Missouri, submitted the Missouri Mathematics Pathways report. The report contained a recommendation to create college math classes that could serve as alternatives to college algebra. A task force recommended that the University of Missouri, as state wide initiative, look at what are appropriate math classes, and whether students should have alternatives to college algebra. The University of Missouri has adopted the recommendation that we should provide alternative pathways. The mathematics department has designed a
quantitative reasoning course and is offering it this fall. The course has been approved by the appropriate curriculum bodies on campus.

The state is also looking at a much broader realignment of education through SB 977, specifically the Missouri Higher Education Core Curriculum Transfer Act. The Committee on Undergraduate Education (CUE) is looking for a variance so that the quantitative reasoning course will count for credit. There will be more realignment in the future due to SB977. Asking for variance now to avoid having to work on quantitative reasoning and then doing it all over again later along with other topics for the reorganization and realignment. Requesting that FC endorse a one-time variance for the academic year.

Proposal was discussed. It was pointed out that currently Jim Spain can approve individual requests to allow alternatives. FC did not need to take action.

Spain introduced Cooper Drury who spoke on the SB997 legislation – Common Curriculum Advisory Committee. The committee has one representative from every state institution including two year and four year institutions. Drury is the MU representative.

Basics of the Missouri Higher Education Core Curriculum Transfer Act are that:
- Transfer students must be able to seamlessly transfer lower division general education courses
- 42 credit hour block transfers as is, as does any portion on a 1 to 1 basis. Therefore, if a student completes 42 block at a two year college, if they transfer to MU, MU would accept the 42 credit hours and the student would be done with general classes.
- “Native” students (first time students starting at your institution) are exempt.

Cooper explained potential challenge regarding English composition. Will need to add in two more communication/English classes in addition to English 1000.

Process is not complete. However, it is a state law so we must comply. Effective Fall 2018. The local process to change curriculum will depend upon whether we are changing general studies, which will require faculty vote, or whether we are just matching course, which will not require a vote.

Guests: Cooper Drury, Associate Dean, College of Arts & science, and Matthew Martens, Faculty Fellow for Academic Programs (reporting on Task Force on Academic Program Analysis, Enhancement, and Opportunities)

Drury reported that President Choi required each campus to engage in an academic review, and Provost and Interim Chancellor Stokes has formed task force. We’ll review all academic programs at MU and evaluate them, looking for cuts, consolidations, and enhancements.

Martens spoke to the process which has three phases: 1. look at programs that we should invest in further. 2. Look for programs to consolidate. 3. Look for programs to cut. The entire process is to be completed by January 15, 2018. Information is on the Provost’s website and a link was sent out by FC Chair.

Discussion was held. No action required.

Proposal to restructure the Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) – Jago
Jago reviewed the issue. There are only twelve faculty members on IFC which is too few. Additionally, MU is not proportionally represented. The proposal would add more seats on IFC. Will have to go through committee then ICF, then the Board of Curators. Introduced as a motion today. Vote will be at next FC meeting. Discussion ensued.

**Faculty Handbook housekeeping items – Jago**
Jago reviewed changes to the handbook. Error of listing 7000 graduate class as 200, and misrepresentation of incomplete versus complete grades. Voted to suspend rules in order to vote today. Majority in favor. Vote called on approval of changes to the handbook. All voted in favor.

**Presentation of plaques to Faculty Council members finishing their FC service – Trachtenberg**
Trachtenberg thanked those who had completed their service on FC.

**Standing Committee Reports:**
- **Academic Affairs (Jago)**
  No report
- **Diversity Enhancement (Baker)**
  No report
- **Faculty Affairs (Bloom)**
  No report
- **Fiscal Affairs (Gahl)**
  No report
- **Student Affairs (Peters)**
  No report

**Adjournment**
Faculty Council went into closed session at 4:46 p.m. to discuss campus committee nominations.

Reminder that September 7th is the FC Workshop.

Council adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Graves, Recorder