Minutes of the September 14, 2017
Faculty Council Meeting

Attendance

Approval of Minutes
Chair Wiebold asked for a motion to start the meeting, which was moved seconded and approved.

Report of Officers
The chair reported that Teresa Davies (temporary support person) has accepted a position in CAFNR dean office, FC is working with the provost office hire a 60% FTE support staff member.

Standing Committee reports on discussions during FC workshop (full reports will be placed in FC Box folder):

Academic Affairs (Jay Dow).
Focus areas include: academic program review, math course requirement for transfers; Common Curriculum (42 hours transferrable and English as general ed.); Tuition waiver for 0.25 FTE graduate students; and Sustainability issues (also alternative admission, graduate student integrity policy). Chair Wiebold also suggested Faculty Handbook will be maintained by AA.

Diversity Enhancement (Berkley Hudson).
Hudson will be on research leave, K. Taylor will help. Focus areas: reaching out to MU colleges about diversity; building bridges, activities and speakers; Faculty initiative; discuss memorial for slaves involved in building the university; and meet and work with Chancellor Cartwright on diversity issues.

Faculty Affairs (Tina Bloom).
Focus areas: NTT representation on FC, Librarians request for NTT status; role of Graduate Faculty Senate; concerned about admin positions recently filled without faculty input; ideas to improve faculty/stall morale; P&T process to be more streamlined/expeditious (work with Provost Office; Dow suggested to get tenure success rate; and COACHE survey to determine implementation and follow-up.

Fiscal Affairs (Leslie Lyons).
Sheila Baker has some health issues and Lyons presented report. Focus areas: increasing faculty input about budget decisions; fiscal impacts on faculty including RIF; developing a budget model (direction, size, degree changes); facilities update including building elimination.

Student Affairs (Clark Peters).
Focus areas: revisit changes to Student Affairs and provide input on future restructuring, Greek life including liability issues; disadvantaged students and how to support them for better retention; work closely with student organizations.
Recognizing Angela Speck. Ben Trachtenberg will draft citation nomination to recognize Angela’s work on the recent solar eclipse activities.

Climate Survey town halls. The council discussed the costs ($300K-$500K) of the company that developed and managed the survey. Ben Trachtenberg was on the committee and several faculty members helped to promote the survey on campus. Faculty Affairs committee will study the Climate survey report, especially information related to faculty.

Adjournment
Faculty Council went into closed session to vote on Academic Affair committee chair and to nominate persons for several campus standing committees.

Council adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Teng Lim