

Minutes of the October 21, 2009  
Fall Semester General Faculty Meeting

Call-to-Order and Attendance

The Fall Semester General Faculty Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chancellor Deaton in Jesse Wrench Auditorium of the Memorial Unions. Approximately 25 faculty were in attendance.

Opening Remarks & Introductions-Chancellor Deaton

Deaton welcomed the attendees of this meeting. He opened the meeting with an announcement about the United Way annual drive. He indicated that during difficult economic circumstances the university sees United Way as part of the university's community responsibility. He also announced that they are considering the possibility of holding a joint faculty-staff meeting and earlier in the fall semester he held a Town Hall meeting for the staff.

Report from Faculty Council-Leona Rubin

Rubin began by introducing all the members of the executive committee. She then reviewed the current activities of Council's five standing committees: academic affairs, faculty affairs, fiscal affairs, diversity enhancement, and student affairs. She mentioned a couple of task forces: Course Evaluations; and General Education that are in the process of being organized.

Report from Chancellor Deaton

The university faces unusual and unprecedented economic challenges. The university has strength in its faculty, staff, students, record enrollment numbers, and record research dollars. The university did not have a budget cut for this fiscal year unlike other universities around the country in exchange for not raising tuition. The "For All We Call Mizzou" fundraising campaign is finished. Some of these funds have been used to endow 90 chairs and 1,500 scholarships. The university is receiving nationwide recognition for its "Difficult Dialogues" program. There have been 98 new faculty hires since November 2008 (including the School of Medicine). The university's distance education programs have doubled over the past five years. There are more scholarships and other university financial aid available to lower income students.

The university's budget over the next two fiscal years will be difficult. Currently state revenues are down the first quarter by 11 percent.

Report from Tim Rooney, Director of the Budget

The FY10 "budget snapshot" will be posted at: [budget@missouri.edu](mailto:budget@missouri.edu), sometime next week. The budget is broken down into three business units: campus, health system, and extension. The general operating budget is composed of 483 million dollars from tuition, state support, and indirect costs from grants and contracts.

He notes some changes to the general operating budget over time. In 1990 27 percent came from tuition, 70 percent came from state support, and 3 percent from F&A. In 2010 54 percent will come from tuition, 39 percent from state support, and 7 percent from F&A.

How is the university managing during these difficult times: no increase in salaries; deferred maintenance; increased enrollment; and, increased tuition rates. The FY11 budget for the present remains uncertain. The federal stimulus funds were used in the 2010 budget and they may not be available for 2011. We may be facing a possible 25 million dollar deficit. Nonetheless, a two percent salary increase (although not approved yet) has been put in the budget for planning purposes. The university has 9 million in one-time funds that can be used if funds must be given back to the state this fiscal year or next fiscal year. They are projecting an improved budget situation in 2012 & 2013.

Report from Brian Foster, Provost on Mizzou Advantage

Chancellor Deaton stated that this is the time to define what we're doing and to be moving forward in that direction. Provost Foster stated that the next year will be a turning point for the university.

Mizzou Advantage will build on MU's strategic advantages in the areas of: food for the future; sustainable energy; new media; comparative medicine; and, understanding and managing disruptive transformational technologies. The implementation of the program will increase MU's impact and increase the stature of MU. Mizzou Advantage will lead to the creation of collaborative networks and this in turn will lead to more research, new educational programs, and more conferences.

The budget for Mizzou Advantage is six million dollars a year. These funds will be used to hire facilitators, create new courses and certificate programs; hire researchers; and provide funds for faculty and student travel and undergraduate assistantships.

The Provost was asked when the starting date is for Mizzou Advantage. He responded that facilitators will be appointed by the end of this semester and advisory groups for each strategic area should be in place by spring semester.

New Business and Adjournment - Leona Rubin, Chair, Faculty Council

Rubin explained revision of section 300.010, L12 of the "Collected Rules and Regulations" to allow electronic balloting. The rationale is an expected cost savings and increased return rate for ballots. On the last paper ballot, which dealt with changes to the grievance policy, approximately 1,200 ballots went out and only 300 were returned. Rubin asked for questions and there were none.

A motion was made for adjournment and the meeting adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Recorded,  
Shelley Worden, Recorder for the Faculty