

**MINUTES FROM MEETING OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS
FACULTY SENATE
MARCH 18, 2008
3 P.M. 126 J. C. PENNEY**

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Faculty Senate Chairman Timothy Farmer.

Minutes from the previous meeting of the Senate (held January 22, 2008) were accepted as submitted.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Dr. Timothy Farmer

The referendum on the proposed bylaw changes is underway for full-time regular faculty. Voting is taking place on My Gateway. If you haven't already voted, please do so. On the right-hand side of the main page is a list of organizations to which you belong. "Faculty Bylaws Voting" is one of those organizations. If you have any problems voting, please advise the Chair. Faculty have until March 31, 2008, to cast their vote. The Chair urged senators to encourage their colleagues to vote as well.

Elections for new members of the 2008-09 Faculty Senate are nearly complete. The first organizational meeting of the new Senate will be held on April 8. At that meeting we will elect the Chair, Secretary, and Committee on Committees for 2008-09. Dr. Farmer stated that he would not be a candidate for re-election. If you plan to nominate someone, it would be a good idea to check with that person in advance of the meeting. Self-nominations are, of course, acceptable.

All eligible faculty – and most particularly Senate members – should fill out the Committee Service Preference Poll and return it to Joan Arban as quickly as possible.

The final meeting of the 2007-08 Faculty Senate will be a joint meeting with the University Assembly on April 29th. The annual banquet will follow that meeting. Invitations to the banquet for Senate and Assembly members will be coming soon.

REPORT FROM THE PROVOST – Provost Glen Cope

The Chair explained that because the Chancellor was in Columbia, the Provost would make herself available for questions from the body. The Provost introduced Ms. Molly Tallarico, Director of Government Relations, who spoke briefly about the budget process. "Preparing to Care" did not pass and the equity adjustment failed in committee with a roll call vote. There is hope that the equity adjustment will come forward next week on a voice vote. The \$100 million in need-based scholarships remains intact. Ranked faculty compensation is not flying. The years of 2010 and 2011 will likely be bad budget years for us.

REPORT FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Dr. Carole Murphy

(see attached)

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON THE ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES – Dr. William Klein for Dr. Judith Cochran, who was absent

(see attached)

Dr. Klein presented the five questions put forward from the Committee in response to Senate Bill 389. He reported that the Committee attempted to avoid making them popularity contests, instead trying to make the questions as useful as possible. The Committee will return again to the Faculty Senate in April. Comments were to be directed to: bill_klein@umsl.edu.

Provost Cope explained the requirement that course information be posted. Each institution gets to specify their questions. The information will be accessible to registered students. She stated that we have to show legislators and the governing board that we have them.

Interim Dean Teresa Thiel inquired how the information will get from a form to a website. Provost Cope reported that implementation issues are under consideration. We must have this information on the web by August 2009.

Interim Dean Thiel then asked if grades could be posted on MyGateway? Dr. Klein responded that it would have to be done carefully, especially if grades are locked. Jim Tom noted that Dr. Rocky Keel has done some research on this problem. Dr. Speck doesn't want to give incentives for students feeling left out. Christine Garhart doesn't think it's so bad for students to have to complete mandated applications.

Matt Keefer (told by T. Farmer) not until the release of mail evaluations. Dr. Klein said Opscan surveys have been released. Effectively, we will need to move all of this on-line. Information Technology could report on policy for deleted electronically informed for 90 days. When you delete your email and empty your trash, it will be available for 90 days. The good news: putting the policy on the web.

Interim Dean Thiel noted that the deleted time for email was 70 days and that we can have documents for 90 days. Jim Tom said that this was for the material that was deleted. Paul Speck said that about three years ago, IFC was informed that saved emails would be deleted at 30 days. Jim Tom said the back up statement is not archived still.

REPORT FROM BUDGET AND PLANNING – Dr. E. Terrence Jones

(see attached)

REPORT FROM FACULTY TEACHING AND SERVICE AWARDS- Dr. Rocky Keel

Reported that all information had not been received and will be given at a later date.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
– Dr. Michael Allison

All of the action items proposed by the Committee were approved by the Senate. Attention was called to various course changes/additions/deletions that were approved by the Committee.

REPORT FROM P.A.S.S.

A P.A.S.S. survey was distributed among the senators asking each to complete and return their opinion on a smoke-free campus.

Completing the business at hand, the Senate adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Willman
Assembly/Senate Secretary

(minutes written by Ms. Joan M. Arban,
Executive Assistant to the Assembly and
Senate Chairperson)