

Report of the Intercampus Faculty Council
October 16, 2007

IFC met for its annual retreat on September 10th and 11th, 2007. The retreat was devoted to introducing new members to the functioning of IFC and to setting a brief agenda for the year to come, which will include, among other things, continued work to refine the proposed faculty leave policy, monitoring the implementation of criminal background checks for new faculty and graduate teaching assistants, and discussion of issues surrounding Senate Bill 389. Committee members also received brief reports on IT issues from VP Allan and on Human Resource issues from VP Hutchinson. There was a spirited discussion of UM-Columbia's proposed name change, during which two of the representatives from the Columbia campus indicated that there was very strong support for the change among faculty there. The discussion ended without resolution, but it is fair to say that representatives from the other three campuses expressed substantial opposition to the name change.