

(to be considered for
approval at 1/23/96
Senate meeting)

SENATE MINUTES
UM-ST. LOUIS
December 5, 1995
3:00 p.m. 104 Stadler Hall

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. with the Chair's explanation that the customary meeting location was unavailable. Minutes from the previous meeting (held November 7, 1995) were approved as submitted.

Report from the Chairperson -- Dr. Lois Pierce

The Chair reported that the elimination of references to sexual orientation as a protected category under the Academic Grievance Procedures is a source of concern to faculty from our campus and from UMC. President Russell believes that review of the document in light of this concern is an appropriate task for the Intercampus Faculty Council. Members of the IFC who served on the subcommittee which worked on the document believe that discrimination based on sexual orientation is prohibited but in a non-specific way. Another cloudy issue concerns the applicability of the Grievance Procedures to non-regular faculty. The Academic Grievance Procedures will be on the agenda for discussion at the next IFC meeting, as will the possibility of extending the probationary period for tenure-track faculty.

President Russell has accepted the IFC's recommendation to move to a common academic calendar--at least in terms of semester start and end dates and break periods--to accommodate and encourage cooperative ventures among the campuses. He has not, however, specified the procedure for determining the dates. The Chair reported that the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Instruction prudently has drafted a calendar recommendation for 1997-98 for the Senate's consideration later in the meeting, but she cautioned that the dates proposed by our campus may not prevail when the four calendars are coordinated.

A lack of consensus on the part of the Curators has led President Russell to withdraw from discussions exploring the possibility of merging the University Hospital with Tenet. The Chair observed that the hospital, which is now financially sound, will need \$200 million in improvements over the next five years. As managed care becomes a basis for funding, there is concern that the hospital may be unable to maintain its current level of support, requiring an infusion of funds from the System.

In closing, the Chair reported that two subcommittees of the Board (Resources and Planning and Academic Affairs) are scheduled to meet in the

coming week to prepare for the planning documents that will be submitted by the respective campuses to describe how each proposes to respond to the new strategic plan.

Report from the Chancellor -- Chancellor Blanche Touhill

The Chancellor reported that the campus is in the final stage of negotiating a one-year lease agreement to house our St. Charles County Educational Center on the campus of the St. Charles County Community College, an arrangement that will allow us to consolidate all courses and administrative functions in one location. In January, the Center will offer courses in business administration, education, and nursing.

The campus is also working to establish an educational center in Jefferson County. Several faculty and staff members are scheduled to travel to Jefferson College to discuss such topics as course offerings and possible sites.

For Student Affairs, Chancellor Touhill reported that

--the women's volleyball team finished the season ranked among the top 24 teams of the NCAA Division II, and Senior Jenny Burton was selected first-team All-American.

--a free one-day basketball clinic recently attracted more than 300 grade school students.

--a Kwanzaa Celebration, sponsored by the Counseling Service's student-to-student mentoring program, will be held on December 6.

--more than \$300 was contributed and 106 food baskets were collected in the annual University Center/Student Activities Holiday Fest.

For University Relations, the Chancellor announced that a three-year, \$300,000 gift has been received from the Southwestern Bell Foundation to support faculty research in developing prototypes to deliver technology-based community services and programs that measure the effectiveness of multi-media technology. The gift will establish one of five TeleCommunity Centers in Missouri. Our campus is, however, the only site receiving funds to engage in research activities.

Another gift--\$400,000 from the Whitaker Foundation--has been received jointly by UM-St. Louis and the St. Louis Symphony for our first-of-a-kind comprehensive music program pairing professional musicians with music educators who teach in the Lindbergh, Ferguson-Florissant, and St. Louis City school districts. Also, a new branch of the Symphony Music School will be formed on this campus to provide additional music education opportunities for children and adults living in this area.

Report from the Intercampus Faculty Council -- Dr. Stephen Lehmkuhle

(Dr. Pierce read the attached report in Dr. Lehmkuhle's absence.)

There was no report from the Student Government Association, nor was a report presented by the Faculty Council. The Chair noted that the Council has not met since the last Senate meeting.

Report from the Executive Committee -- Dr. Lois Pierce

The Chair reported that the Executive Committee discussed the difficulty posed by the lack of an up-to-date Faculty Handbook. The possibility of forming an ad hoc committee of the Senate to work on updating the booklet was considered and rejected on grounds that this is clearly an administrative task. Instead, the Chair reported that the Committee will ask Academic Affairs Vice Chancellor Roosevelt Wright for regular reports on the status of this project.

Dr. Joseph Martinich inquired if the Vice Chancellor would be working on his own to update the Handbook, or if faculty would be advising him. Vice Chancellor Wright stated that he could use help and promised to discuss with the Senate Chairperson how best to proceed.

Report from the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction -- Dr. Lawrence Friedman

Dr. Friedman began by calling the Senate's attention to course actions and "housekeeping" changes to degree requirements detailed in the agenda. He then presented the Committee's recommendation to approve a proposed new degree program, the M.A. in Philosophy. The proposal was approved without discussion or dissent.

Next, Dr. Friedman presented the Committee's recommended academic calendar for 1997-98 (see attached). Again, the Senate was cautioned that the dates may be changed as part of the effort to synchronize calendars of the four UM campuses. The Senate's endorsement of the proposed calendar was being sought, it was explained, in order to convey to UM our needs and preferences in the absence of stated procedures for determining date selection. During the ensuing discussion Dr. Ronald Munson suggested reducing the number of instructional days to bring our campus in line with the other UM campuses, Dr. Joseph Martinich underscored the need for an equal number of instructional days spread across the week, Dr. Jane Williamson commented that December 23 is late for a semester close, and Dr. Jean Bachman recommended scheduling spring break at Easter. Dr. Mark Burkholder moved to amend the calendar to change commencement from January 4 to a date not in the midst of the break period, offering as an

example this year's commencement (January 14). His motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

Dr. Donald Driemeier reported on a recent conversation he had with Academic Affairs Vice President Richard Wallace concerning the length of semesters. The Vice President explained to Dr. Driemeier that two instructional days were added to the calendar when John Ashcroft was Governor. Since that time, the individual campus calendars have been within one or two days of each other. After the calendars are synchronized, Dr. Driemeier pointed out, differing semester lengths will cease to be an issue.

At the close of the discussion, the Senate voted to approve the calendar in the form recommended by the Committee but with a commencement date change in keeping with the spirit of Dr. Burkholder's motion.

Report from the Budget and Planning Committee -- Chancellor Blanche Touhill

The Chancellor reported that the Committee has met once since the last Senate meeting and will meet again prior to the Board's December meeting. At that time, each chancellor must announce the source of funding for the new priorities the campuses are setting for themselves. Discussions on the new System priorities are about to begin. They are likely to include infrastructure support for faculty.

Report from the Committee on Faculty Teaching and Service Awards -- Dr. Edward Andalafte

(see attached)

Report from the Committee on Computing -- Dr. Fred Willman for Dr. Susan Sanchez

(see attached)

Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Integrated Technology -- Dr. Richard Rosenfeld

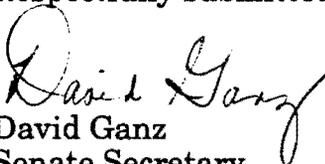
(see attached)

Report from the Honorary Awards Committee -- Vice Chancellor Kathleen Osborn

The Committee met in Executive Session to consider candidates proposed to receive honorary degrees.

Completing the business at hand, the Senate adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


David Ganz
Senate Secretary

Attachments: Report from the Intercampus Faculty Council
Proposed academic calendar for 1997-98
Report from the Committee on Faculty Teaching and Service
Awards
Report from the Committee on Computing
Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Integrated Technology

(minutes written by
Ms. Joan M. Arban, Senate
Executive Assistant)

IFC Report University Senate December 5, 1995

The IFC met on November 17. The IFC revisited the its Infrastructure Report with President Russell. He assured us that the issues related to faculty infrastructure were part of the ongoing planning process. The IFC discussed with the President various benchmarks that one could use to define a baseline and monitor improvement in the this area over the next 3 to 5 years.

There was some continuing discussion with the President concerning student "passports" and the transfer of more than six credit hours for Master's degrees. Both were suggestions of a continuous improvement group.

The IFC again discussed with the President the removal of "sexual orientation" from the list of bases for discrimination in the Academic Grievance Procedures. He was asked that if there was faculty support for including sexual orientation in the list, where should the faculty direct their inquiries. President Russell indicated that the IFC was the appropriate forum for this discussion.

Finally, Ralph Caruso, Chief Information Officer, updated the IFC about the implementation the technology plans on the various campuses.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI - ST. LOUIS
PROPOSED
CALENDAR 1997-98

1997

August 25
August 30
September 2
November 26
December 1
December 10
December 11,12
December 15
December 23

FIRST SEMESTER

Monday, classes begin 8:00a.m.
Saturday, Labor Day holiday begins at 3:00p.m.
Tuesday, classes resume 8:00a.m.
Wednesday, Thanksgiving holiday begins 11:00p.m.
Monday, classes resume 8:00a.m.
Wednesday, classes end at 11:00p.m.
Thursday, Friday, intensive study days*
Monday, final examinations begin
Tuesday, first semester closes, end of day

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Sunday, mid-year commencement

SECOND SEMESTER

January 12
January 19
March 7
March 16
May 4
May 5,6
May 7
May 14
May 17

Monday, classes begin 8:00a.m.
Monday, Dr. Martin Luther King holiday
Saturday, Spring recess begins 3:00p.m.
Monday, classes resume 8:00a.m.
Monday, classes end at 11:00p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, intensive study days*
Thursday, final examinations begin
Thursday, Second semester closes, end of day
Sunday, annual commencement

*Intensive study days-no classes held, no exams scheduled

SUMMER SESSION

May Intersession (4 weeks)

May 18
May 25
June 12

Monday, classes begin 8:00a.m.
Monday, Memorial Day holiday
Friday, session closes, end of day

Eight Week Session

June 15
July 3
August 5,6
August 6
August 9

Monday, classes begin 8:00a.m.
Friday, Independence Day holiday
Wednesday, Thursday, final examinations
Thursday, session closes, end of day
Sunday, Summer commencement

Classes for the eight-week session begin June 15 and end August 6

*to be changed to a date not in the midst of the break period

REPORT
COMMITTEE ON TEACHING AND SERVICE AWARDS
December 5, 1995

Announcement materials for the 1996 Presidential Award for Outstanding Teaching and the 1996 Thomas Jefferson Award were distributed in mid-November. These are prestigious University System-wide awards, with substantial monetary stipends to the winner. Each campus is permitted to submit one nominee for the Presidential Teaching Award, but may submit more than one nomination for the Jefferson Award. Several members of the UM-St.Louis community have been recipients of these awards in the past.

Since nomination materials must reach Columbia by the end of January, our campus deadline for nominations is firm. All nominating materials must be turned in to the Senate Executive Assistant no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 12, 1996. It should be noted that the nomination format for the teaching award is substantially changed from previous years.

Again, members of the University community are encouraged to make nominations for these awards and to allow sufficient time for preparation of the nomination materials.

Senate Computing Committee Report
December 5, 1995

The committee has some "bad news, good news" to report.

- (1) Those of you with accounts on jinx have already been informed. For the rest of you, jinx will be down (except for limited e-mail and web-reading capabilities) for up to two weeks beginning Dec. 21. While this certainly may represent a major disruption in services for many of us, the good news is that during this time new hardware will be installed which will bring the campus' unix machines to commercial grade, with a system which will provide automatic backup and transparent restoration of data in the event of a disk failure. This means that we will have a system which will not go down in the future -- the changes are necessary since the web, gopher and other services are becoming an integral part of the campus. Further details may be found from the SCC's web page at <http://www.umsl.edu/~scc/>
- (2) Individuals may experience temporary loss of network connections over the semester break as the network backbone is switched over to the new, high-speed technology, although the old system will be run in parallel with the new system until the switchover is complete to minimize disruption. Ethernet connections for those not already on the network will also occur beginning January 11.
- (3) We are looking for a few interested people to join with OCNS and Instructional Computing staff to form work groups related to various topics. The purpose of these groups is to improve operational aspects of computing. The four work groups are:
 - (i) Open Labs Work Group: will interact with the new supervisor of instructional computing facilities to improve services and operations in the lab. This would include getting feedback from lab users re: hardware and software issues.
 - (ii) Computer Classroom Work Group: will consider issues of particular importance to those teaching in the computer classrooms. Evaluations of alternative projection systems will be one important issue in the coming semester.

- (iii) Unix or CMS Work Groups: those with particular interest in the "mainframe" operations will meet.
- (iv) Disk Allocation Policy Work Group: A group is needed to recommend a policy on disk space availability to students/faculty/staff.

Anyone interested in serving on, or finding out more about, one of these work groups should contact Susan Sanchez (Senate Computing Committee Chair) by e-mail at susan@whimsy.umsl.edu or by phone at 516-6169.

- (4) Once it has been approved by the business office, the PC's under the desktop program will be purchased from Dell, rather than built by OCNS staff. The price list has been (or will shortly be) sent to the Deans. If you have already ordered a machine, it may be possible to switch to a Dell if the order can be cancelled. The receiving dock will be closed during the break, so no new machines will arrive during that time. The Apple orders are still slow (primarily RAM problems). The committee views the move to "buy" rather than "make" PCs as a positive one which should reduce or eliminate many of the difficulties in hooking up to the network.

Report of the Integrated Technology Committee

Richard Rosenfeld
December 5, 1995

The Integrated Technology Committee (ITC) was formed to increase faculty awareness and informed use of new computing, information, and instructional technologies and their integration. Although traditionally housed in distinct administrative units, the technologies are increasingly used together in teaching and scholarly activity. After an initial organizational meeting, the committee met two times during the semester. (We may have one additional meeting before the holiday break.) We decided that a major task for the committee over the coming months will be to highlight existing campus projects or programs that combine information and communication technologies in distinctive ways.

Faculty, students, and staff will be invited to a series of demonstrations of these efforts, which will be followed up with assistance in developing similar activities in other areas. One such demonstration might focus, for example, on the creation or more sophisticated use of departmental Web pages. As more CD ROMS arrive with computers on faculty desk tops, more faculty will need assistance in how to use them in their teaching and research. I would encourage faculty to contact me with suggestions for such tutorials, and we will be searching for volunteers to offer them during the spring semester.

One context for the expansion of integrated information and communication technologies is distance learning. A member of the foreign languages department discussed with the committee technical problems in the delivery of foreign language instruction over the video network. The department has discontinued video courses for now, and faculty will review future proposals to insure adequate technical support for video instruction. The committee was told that the department is not opposed to this type of instruction in principle, and the instructional technology committee will work with department members and instructional technology staff to improve the technical quality of video instruction in foreign languages. As distance learning expands, and computing technologies are more fully integrated in such courses, the need for problem solving of this sort is certain to grow.