

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

January 20, 2004

3:00 p.m.

Century Room A

Millennium Student Center

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. Minutes from the previous meeting (held December 9, 2003) were approved as submitted.

### **Report from the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction** – Dr. Peter Stevens

C&I Chair Peter Stevens presented a draft of the academic calendar for 2005-06, provoking many comments and complaints. Dr. Joseph Martinich expressed dismay at the early starting date (August 17) for the fall semester, pointing out that faculty contracts do not go into effect until September 1. New faculty are not covered by insurance until September 1 unless their supervisor takes the initiative and issues a contract to cover the gap between employment and contract dates. Dr. Martinich also noted that faculty work nearly seven weeks before receiving their first paychecks for the year and are seven weeks behind in receiving their pay for the remainder of the year. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Jerry Durham commented that we could correct this problem but it would likely cause budgetary ramifications.

Chair Reidhead reported that the other campuses have reduced their weeks of instruction. Columbia's calendar provides for 14 weeks now. We are the only campus that still abides by a 15-week instructional period, which was recommended by the Intercampus Faculty Council some time ago as the standard. Dean Mark Burkholder reminded senators that time on task was important to former Governor John Ashcroft, who mandated 15 weeks. The Dean said he favored changing the calendar.

Chair Reidhead suggested that the Senate approve the draft for now and ask the Academic Advisory Committee to investigate our options. Dr. Martinich suggested that the issue be taken up by the Intercampus Faculty Council, and Dr. Susan Feigenbaum followed up Dr. Martinich's suggestion with the recommendation that the IFC find out how the 14-week schedule is working. She pointed to the inconvenience experienced by faculty and students whose children do not start back to school until after Labor Day. Senators accepted the wisdom of dividing the issue of the number of weeks from the question of the appropriate starting date.

Dr. Martinich moved that for 2005-06 only, we start classes on August 22, the result of which would be that we would have 15 Mondays and Tuesdays and 14 Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Associate Dean Emeritus and Special Calendar Guru David Ganz commented that the start of the fall semester is not driven by the date chosen for commencement. December 25, 2005, falls on a Sunday, he pointed out, and final examinations would be scheduled to

December 23. The 2004-05 calendar begins the academic year on Wednesday, August 18. In 2006-07 it would start a week later because the Christmas break begins the following week. Guru Ganz noted that Dr. Martinich's amendment does not cover the second semester, which would then remain at 15 weeks.

Dr. Paul Speck inquired if we can proceed to amend the draft calendar, or if it must go back to committee. Chair Reidhead encouraged that some form of the calendar be adopted immediately.

Dr. Speck offered a substitute to the Martinich motion. Both semesters, he moved, shall consist of 14 weeks and, furthermore, the fall semester shall start a week later. This arrangement applies to the 2005-06 calendar only.

Dr. Carol Peck commented that laboratory courses are short shrifted, and Dr. Lawrence Barton preferred to keep the calendars at 15 weeks per semester. Dr. Martinich reminded senators that the starting date of the summer session impacts the College of Education because it must coordinate with the ending date of schools in the area.

At the conclusion of the debate, the Faculty Senate voted to move the fall semester starting date to August 24, start the spring semester at the same time, and finish the spring semester one week earlier.

#### **Report from the Committee on Committees** – Dr. Patricia Simmons

The following candidates were recommended by the Senate for appointment to the Chancellor's Honorary Awards Committee: Dr. Cecil Abrahams, Dr. Lawrence White, Dr. Patricia Parker, Dr. Allan Bird, Dr. Marvin Berkowitz, Dr. Roberta Lee, Dr. Jerry Christensen, and Dr. E. Louis Lankford. All but Dr. Christensen are endowed professors. Optometry does not have an endowed professor to date, but Dr. Christensen is well qualified, the Chair explained. Non-voting members of the Committee will include Vice Chancellor Dixie Kohn, the Faculty Senate Chairperson, and Ms. Lucinda Vantine.

The following candidates were recommended by the Senate for appointment to the Chancellor's Provost Search Committee: Dr. Paul Roth, Dr. Lois Pierce, Dr. Patricia Parker, Dr. Paul Speck, Dr. Patricia Somers, Dr. Jean Bachman, Dr. Carol Peck, and Dr. Jeanne Morgan Zarucchi. The Chancellor has appointed Vice President Stephen Lehmkuhle as an ex officio, non-voting member. Other appointees include: Ms. Ruthann Perkins, Ms. Kristin Runde, Vice Chancellor Curtis Coonrod, Dean Charles Schmitz, Ms. Sharon Holbrooks, Ms. Judith Aronson, and Dr. Fred Willman (representing the Faculty Senate Steering Committee).

The Senate elected Dr. L. Douglas Smith (Business Administration) to replace Dr. Michael Harris on the Committee on Appointments, Tenure, and Promotion for the current year. Dr. Harris, who is on leave, will resume his seat on ATP next year to complete his term.

The Senate elected Dr. Edward Bennett (Optometry) to replace Dr. Larry Brown on the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction. Dr. Brown has left the University.

The Senate elected Dr. Carl Bassi (Optometry) to replace Dr. Ralph Garzia on the Committee on the Assessment of Educational Outcomes. Dr. Garzia has been inactive on the Committee.

Another inactive member, Dr. Harvey Chiles, was replaced by Dr. Carole Murphy (Education) on the Committee on Recruitment, Admissions, Retention, and Student Financial Aid.

The Senate elected Dr. Shirley Bissen (Biology) to replace Dr. Robert Ricklefs on the Spring Panel of the Committee on Research. Dr. Ricklefs has resigned his seat.

Now that the Committee on Physical Facilities and General Services has had space assignments added to its charge, it is necessary to configure the Committee so as to include representation from all academic units. Added by election for a term to expire in 2005 were: Dr. Stephanie Ross (Philosophy), Dr. Wesley Harris, (Chemistry), Dr. Mark Madsen (Music), and Dr. Peggy Ellis (Nursing).

**Report from the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction (resumed)** – Dr. Peter Stevens

The Senate approved without dissent a proposal to amend the 2004-05 academic calendar to schedule commencement on December 18-19, 2004, from its original date of January 9, 2005.

Curriculum and Instruction Committee Chairperson Peter Stevens turned to the Committee's recommendation to approve a waiver of the residency requirement for a 3+3 articulation agreement with Logan College. Dr. Joseph Martinich sought and received clarification that the Senate is being asked to approve this program and waive the current residency requirement. What, in general, is the rationale for creating a 3+3 program, he asked. Dean Mark Burkholder explained that Logan approached us. We would get the students for 90 hours, and they would get the students for an additional 90 hours. Students would receive a doctorate in chiropractic in 6 years, rather than 7. After their fourth year (first year at Logan), students would receive a B.S. in Biology from UMSL. Their first 90 hours would be in residency at UMSL. Dean Burkholder described the program as a win-win situation for Logan and us. Dr. Paul Speck inquired how many students are anticipated. Dean Burkholder reported that we currently supply them with more students than any other institution. The Senate then voted to approve the program and waive the customary residency requirement.

Turning to the proposed change in degree requirements for the B.A. in Communication, Dr. Martinich asked about the nature of the change. Communication Department Chairperson Michael Beatty reported that the old arrangement requires us to offer the B.A. degree with two concentrations – Theory and Rhetoric and Mass – to both day and evening

students. Dr. Beatty explained that the current faculty is far too small to meet this obligation. The proposal was then approved by the Senate.

The Senate's attention was then called to course changes/additions/deletions that were approved by the Committee.

At the conclusion of the C&I report, Dr. Patricia Somers urged that the Academic Advisory Committee be charged with looking into issues concerning academic calendars.

Chair Reidhead thanked the many persons who attended the meeting to provide information to the Senate.

### **Report from the Chairperson** – Dr. Van Reidhead

After thanking Chancellor George, Vice Chancellor Dixie Kohn, and Ms. Lucinda Vantine for their parts in effecting the reorganization of the Honorary Awards Committee, Chair Reidhead noted that our experiment with multiple graduations appears to be a success. The old model, which allowed the awarding of two honorary degrees per cycle, has given way to an arrangement allowing eight. To meet this number, the Faculty as a whole will need to take an active role in proposing names to the Committee. The process is somewhat constrained, however, by the fact that there is no budget for the transportation, accommodation, and entertainment of honorary degree recipients. Commenting on the desirability of bringing to the campus nationally renowned candidates, Dr. Susan Feigenbaum suggested that such candidates do double-duty by heading up symposia, for example. In response to a suggestion by Dr. Paul Speck, University Relations Vice Chancellor Dixie Kohn agreed to work with the Committee to identify and secure funding from external sources.

The action plan continues to be posted on the web, Chair Reidhead reminded senators. The next stage in the process will be to forward the draft to the Budget and Planning Committee for evaluation.

### **Report from the Chancellor** – Chancellor Thomas George

The Chancellor opened his report by thanking those who participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King celebration on January 19. He reminded everyone that the State of the Union speech was scheduled for the evening of January 20 and the State of the State address for January 21. He remarked that the content of the Governor's speech remains unknown.

He mentioned a life sciences proposal that we launched in December as a bi-partisan effort.

Chancellor George expressed appreciation for the suggestions he has received for forming the Provost Search Committee, whose chairperson he will appoint.

The action plan is progressing, he said. The Chancellor has received many electronic responses to the draft. His plan is to hole up in his office for a few days to finalize the document.

Concerning fundraising, Chancellor George reported that we are gearing up for the quiet phase of the campaign. Hearings with deans and development officers are being held. Soon we will draft case statements to describe our needs and shape our fund raising efforts. Curator Connie Silverstein will host a conference on fund raising before the Columbia Board meeting next week. Dr. Lawrence Barton questioned the impact on fund raising that would occur if President Floyd adds the chancellorship at UMC to his job description. Chancellor George stated his plan to utilize the President to assist us.

Dr. Susan Feigenbaum, referring to membership rosters that were distributed during the Chancellor's report, suggested that specific terms of office be designated for those serving on the Chancellor's Council and the Friends Board. Chancellor George assured her that we do set their terms.

**Report from the Intercampus Faculty Council** – Dr. R. Rocco Cottone

(see attached)

Following a brief discussion and the reporting of election results detailed elsewhere in the minutes, the Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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