

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE FACULTY SENATE
OCTOBER 11, 2005
3 P.M. 222 J. C. PENNEY**

The meeting was called to order at 2:59 p.m. by Faculty Senate Chairperson Paul Speck. Minutes from the previous meeting of the Faculty Senate and University Assembly (held September 13, 2005) were approved as submitted.

The Senate turned its attention to reports from the committees.

Budget and Planning -- Dr. E. Terrence Jones

(see attached)

University Libraries -- Dr. Harold Harris

(see agenda attachment)

Referring to an item reported by Dr. Harris, Chair Speck noted that some time ago Intercampus Faculty Council representatives expressed concern about the use of social security numbers for technology purposes. Dr. Harris reiterated that current library practice is to use the employee's identification number preceded by "0." He conceded that this arrangement is not ideal.

Curriculum and Instruction -- Dr. Fred Willman

First, the Senate's attention was drawn to course actions that were effected by the Committee. Next, Dr. Willman presented and senators voted in turn to approve a change in the Certificate in Honors, degree changes to the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies and to degrees in Physics and Astronomy, and the **deletion** of the Bachelor of Health Sciences with an Emphasis in Clinical Laboratory Science or Cytotechnology. Dr. Joseph Martinich suggested that the elimination of this program be called to the attention of the Curators.

Report from the Chairperson -- Dr. Paul Speck

Chair Speck noted the presence of the Curators on our campus the previous week. They will return for their next St. Louis meeting in late-summer or early-spring of 2006. Senators were encouraged to attend Board meetings. A breakfast was held for the Curators on October 7. Chair Speck thanked all who attended for putting a "faculty face" on that event.

During the time of the Faculty Senate meeting, a meeting of the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates (MAFS) was under way. The Chair noted that in the recent past, the

meeting dates of our organizations have conflicted. MAFS exists under the auspices of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE), and Chair Speck suggested that someone from the campus should be elected to serve on MAFS for the next several years.

Report from the Chancellor -- Dr. Thomas George

The Chancellor remarked that he has been away for awhile but was able to make the St. Louis Board meeting. He thanked faculty who participated in the breakfast, which got good feedback, and shared the information that he heard many compliments on the campus's appearance. Chancellor George credited the Current for its detailed coverage of the two-day meeting and noted that although a Post-Dispatch reporter was present for the duration, we received only three paragraphs in that publication.

The Chancellor placed a high value on President Floyd's trip around the state and to the legislature to talk about his proposed tuition freeze.

Regarding the Sue Shear Institute, Chancellor George said the criticism that it is not bi-partisan was laid to rest. The Institute will now report to Provost Cope. Dr. Lawrence Barton lamented the negative press coverage the Institute received. Chair Speck reported that 33 percent of current Republican legislators and 29 percent of Democratic legislators have graduated from the Sue Shear Institute.

Dr. Joseph Martinich inquired as to when the surfacing of lot "N" will be finished. The Chancellor deferred to Vice Chancellor Schuster, who acknowledged that it was intended to be completed by September. He expressed hope that "N" will be ready within 30 days.

Returning to the Board meeting, Chair Speck commended Mr. John Kundel, Associate Vice Provost for Student Affairs, for his part in presenting an impressive report made by the four campuses on enrollment management. He also noted that Student Curator Maria Curtis took her place at the table and did a great job.

Chancellor George announced that the Express Scripts Task Force will be jointly chaired by Business College Dean Keith Womer and Mr. Steve Littlejohn, Vice President of Public Affairs for Express Scripts.

Report from the Intercampus Faculty Council -- Dr. Teresa Thiel

(see attachment to agenda)

Dr. William Long commented that referring to non-regular faculty as "professional track" faculty could be confusing.

Note was made of Representative Carl Bearden's House Bill 742 that would provide funding to Missouri public and private colleges and universities by allocation of money to students. Provost Cope offered the information that a number of Board members recently attended a forum about this in Columbia. They were concerned about funds

going to private educational institutions, but -- as the Provost pointed out -- no one really knows for certain what the proposed legislation will do. She remarked that Representative Bearden is very powerful.

Concerning the proposed Rule of 85, Dr. Lawrence Barton remarked that we have a good retirement program in place now. IFC representative Teresa Thiel reported that the Rule of 85 affects staff more than it does faculty. Chair Speck said he asked several people if they felt there would be merit to merging retirement plans for all state employees. The response was negative, but there was some interest in merging health care plans.

Dr. Mark Pope expressed thanks to Drs. Thiel, Speck, and Wright for their efforts to include coverage for domestic partners in University benefits. Chair Speck reported that this proposal has support from three of the campuses.

The Chair suggested the Faculty Forum be used to respond to Executive Order 6A, but Dr. Lawrence Barton felt the Forum should not be the locus of response because it is not used by all faculty.

Completing the business at hand, the Faculty Senate meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Peck
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(minutes written by
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