

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
UM-ST. LOUIS
FACULTY SENATE
March 15, 2005
3 p.m. 126 J. C. Penney**

The meeting was called to order promptly at 3 p.m. by the Faculty Senate Chairperson, Paul Speck.

Announcements

Chair Speck reported that elections for Faculty Senate/University Assembly representatives-at-large for the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business Administration, and the College of Fine Arts and Communication would conclude at 5 p.m. that day. He suggested that those who had not already voted do so before the deadline. Blank ballots were made available to senators who needed them.

Two organizational meetings of the 2005-06 Faculty Senate/University Assembly are planned. On April 5, there will be elections for the Chairperson, Secretary, and the Committee on Committees. On May 3, Senate/Assembly committee vacancies for the coming academic year will be filled. Both meetings will convene at 3 p.m. in 222 J. C. Penney.

Finally, Chair Speck announced that he will be a candidate for re-election. He invited those interested in chairing the Senate to consult Chairpersons Emeriti regarding the position and its responsibilities.

Chancellor's Report – Provost Glen Cope reported for the Chancellor, who was attending a meeting of the General Officers.

Provost Cope called on Dean John Hylton, who chaired the search committee for the Vice Chancellor for Development position. Dean Hylton announced the hiring of Tom Eschen, a former UM-St. Louis employee and, most recently, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Development at Washington University. Mr. Eschen will join us on April 18.

Provost Cope announced that the Year-Round Operations Committee will be getting under way within the coming two weeks.

The report from the Evening College Committee has been submitted to the Provost, and implementation of the plan is scheduled to be discussed with the deans on March 16. If the plan is acceptable to the deans, notification will be sent to students, donors, alumni, and friends. Dr. Susan Feigenbaum inquired as to when the dissolution of the Evening College and the disbursement of funds to the units will become effective. Provost Cope reported that we are talking about building budgets for 2006-07. Dr. Peter Stevens asked where information will be published. He was directed to the Academic Affairs website.

After students, faculty, and others are notified, Mr. Samples will send out press releases and other publicity, Provost Cope reported.

A report on the Advising Center should be finalized soon.

Consultants are working with the faculty and staff in the College of Nursing now. No feedback is available at this time.

Chair Speck reported that the Provost has requested names of potential Senate representatives to serve on a number of faculty committees. Senators were invited to offer suggestions.

Report from the Intercampus Faculty Council – Dr. Van Reidhead

(see attached)

Chair Speck clarified that Academic Affairs Vice President Stephen Lehmkuhle is not looking for a common, universal academic calendar, but rather a “normal” one. What, asked Dr. Carol Peck, constitutes a “normal” calendar? Provost Cope explained that it refers to starting semesters at the same time as the other UM campuses and scheduling spring break within a specific timeframe. Chair Speck commented that UMC wants a winter intersession. IFC Chairperson R. Rocco Cottone remarked that there would be a stipulation in the new calendar that allows for deviations approved by the Curators. Dr. Joseph Martinich questioned the need for a common calendar, saying that considering the various waivers would take up more of the Board’s time than simply approving four separate calendars. Dr. Susan Feigenbaum commented that when this first came up, the catalyst was cooperative programs. Ultimately, she pointed out, a case could be made for one Economics course for the whole System. Chair Speck said we can’t dismiss this concern. For a few years there were rules, Dr. David Ronen observed, and then there were none.

Regarding joint appointments, Chair Speck reported that it is our desire in certain cases to extend tenure to a candidate in more than one department. We want the rules changed in order to avoid discrepancies.

Due to the lower than expected sales tax revenues, the state will withhold payments to UM for the last three months of this year. Dr. Cottone reported that he asked President Floyd what to expect with regard to funding for the next several years. The President predicted flat budgets and questioned whether we can continue to afford duplicative schools of medicine and law, for example.

Dr. Reidhead noted that the legislature has suggested that we consider how we would deal with a 5-20 percent decrease in personnel.

Dr. Feigenbaum commented that Tom Eschen is coming at just the right time, and Provost Cope pointed out that, in addition to fundraising, we will have to increase our efforts at enrollment and retention.

Dr. Cottone reiterated the information that a letter of endorsement of the President was adopted unanimously and came into the hands of some print media. Chair Speck commented that it is unusual for a body like IFC to write and release such a statement. The President's detractors were pointing to the name change at Southwest Missouri State and the resignation of the Kansas City chancellor. At the same time, Chair Speck pointed out, President Floyd is providing us with an opportunity to define who we are, where we are going, and what assets we need to get there. Dr. William Long stated that the job of IFC is to serve as a liaison between the Faculty and the President. He felt that making such a statement inappropriately crossed a boundary. In Dr. Long's judgment, IFC should speak to the President – not to the press. Dr. Cottone responded by noting that he had spoken to many people from the press about this release. At all times, he was careful to represent himself as a member of IFC. Dr. Long inquired if the President initiated the statement. Dr. Cottone said a representative from UMC brought the suggestion to IFC. Chair Speck commented that he agrees with the spirit of Dr. Long's concern: that no matter how long we work with the Administration, we are faculty.

Report from the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction – Dr. Fred Willman

Dr. Willman opened his report by calling the Senate's attention to course additions, deletions, and changes that were effected by the Committee.

Concerning the degree changes proposed to the Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics, Dr. Joseph Martinich asked if the courses are new or if they are currently being taught. Dean Burkholder advised that the Computer Science component of the department has never been strong. Arts and Sciences has worked to strengthen the program, which will be assigned no new resources. The proposal was approved with one dissenting vote.

Concerning the Ph.D. in Business Administration, Dr. William Long asked if there is a demand for the program in St. Louis. Dr. Ray Mundy reported that this is a program that one can't get elsewhere. What is the degree necessary for this, asked Dr. Long. Dr. Mundy said it depends on what you want to do. There is a need for people at all levels. Dean Womer informed senators that he recently met with the management people at Boeing, and they were highly enthusiastic about the program. Dr. Martinich commented that many Business programs attract students from around the country and the world. This is, he said, an international and a national market. Commenting on our usual practice of hiring students to teach undergraduates, Dr. Peter Stevens asked if new faculty would be required. Dean Womer confirmed that faculty would be needed to teach some courses. Dr. Stevens commented that it doesn't seem like a good idea to have graduate students involved in undergraduate education. If there are no new faculty in the pipeline, why, he asked, would you propose a new program? Dr. Martinich pointed out that it isn't possible to go out and recruit faculty without a program in place. He reminded Dr. Stevens that we approve new programs all the time, with the understanding that they

won't be implemented until the resources become available. Dr. Feigenbaum suggested that it would be wrong not to creatively seek new dollars, and Dr. Vicki Sauter reported that the Business College expects its doctoral students to teach. At the close of the discussion, the proposed new program was approved by the Faculty Senate.

In the end, all action items in the Committee's report received a favorable vote from Senate members.

Report from the Budget and Planning Committee – Dr. E. Terrence Jones

(see attached)

Following a brief discussion, the Senate met in Executive Session to consider a candidate proposed to receive an honorary degree.

Completing the business at hand, the Senate adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Peck, Secretary
Faculty Senate and University Assembly

(minutes written by Ms. Joan M. Arban,
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