

Report of the Intercampus Faculty Council  
Meeting of October 23, 2007

The IFC spent most of the meeting talking with Nikki Krawitz, Vice President of Finance. Topics covered included:

- o Code of ethics. The Office of Finance & Administration at system and on each campus has adopted a code of ethics. It was suggested that the code be adopted for all employees. IFC reps were asked to determine if such codes currently exist on individual campuses.
- o 2007-2008 Budget. Details for each campus' budgets are now available on-line. There was discussion of how the 1% efficiencies mandated by the Board of Curators was being dealt with on each campus.
- o 2008-2009 Budget. A request for an additional appropriation of \$59.5 million is being requested, with an assumption that we won't get that much.
- o COPHE Funding Formula. A proposed funding formula that differentiates the cost of providing undergraduate, masters-level, and doctoral level programs is being proposed by COPHE. Such a formula, if adopted, would benefit the UM campuses.
- o Capital funding. It is unlikely that the legislature is going to fund any major capital projects this year. UM system was instructed to submit request for small items.
- o A-133 and A-21 Compliance. UM campuses are still facing potential problems with compliance reporting to federal funding agencies. We have improved in the area of SUBMITTING documentation about effort, but there is still concern that the accuracy of time reported could be a problem if individual reports are examined closely.

The Faculty Leave Policy was revisited with Assistant VP Debra Noble. The draft that had been recommended in the last academic year met with considerable opposition in Kansas City because of the differential treatment of NTT faculty regarding paid FMLA leave. The IFC recommended making the leave policy for NTT faculty consistent with the proposal for regular faculty. There is still a question about how the new policy will be funded.

IFC also heard updates from Chief of Staff David Russell, VP Ken Hutchinson, and Asst. VP Kandis Smith.