

MINUTES

Intercampus Faculty Council Meeting

Friday, May 12, 2017, University Hall, Columbia

Approved by email June 31, 2017

Present were:

IFC Members: Susan Brownell (Chair, UMSL), Mark Fitch (S&T), Viviana Grieco (UMKC), Camila Manrique (MU), Sahra Sedighsarvestani (S&T), Nancy Stancel (UMKC), Keith Stine (UMSL), Pamela Stuerke (UMSL), and Jerry Wyckoff (UMKC). Anne Alexander and John Gahl replaced Ben Trachtenberg and Bill Wiebold (MU).

UM System Staff: Steve Graham and Marsha Fischer

The meeting began at 10:00am.

10:00 – 10:35 IFC members discussion

Susan Brownell reported the follow-up on action items from the previous minutes.

Jill Pollock had communicated that:

She was looking into including NTT faculty in the transition assistance program.

Outstanding matters had not been resolved with the campuses; she had met with three NTT representatives and had tasks to complete.

The emails about retiree medical benefits had not been finalized, and thus not yet sent to IFC for review.

She is hoping to finalize recommendations about tuition assistance for a spring resolution by the Board; she will review them one more time with IFC at the next meeting.

Ryan Rapp had communicated that:

They were working on communications from the system about the deadlines in the budget process, and were making sure that campuses communicate as well.

He had given a presentation at the UMKC Faculty Senate meeting and would be willing to share it at the next IFC meeting, or with faculty leadership on other campuses. He had shared his powerpoint with SB.

It was moved that the minutes for the April 21, 2017 meeting be accepted with the changes suggested by Pamela Stuerke, and with a friendly amendment to retain the action items related to the presentations by Jill Pollock and Ryan Rapp. The motion passed 11 in favor, with one abstention.

In view of the previously circulated email, which clarified that MU Faculty Council's Rules of Order state that an officially designated alternate is authorized to vote at IFC meetings, it was

The questions were discussed that had been sent to the Curators beforehand.

It was discussed whether IFC should have contact with the other Curators, perhaps when Board meetings were held on their campuses. It was concluded that it would be difficult to schedule, and the fishbowl atmosphere is not good for meaningful conversation. It was felt that the group setting was best for communication. However, we can explore this possibility in the fall.

2:30 – 3:00 Statement on Commitment to Free Expression

It was moved that IFC endorse the three paragraph statement at the beginning of the Recommended Statement: University of Missouri “Commitment to Free Expression” and take a version of the entire document back to the campuses for input. The motion was approved with 7 in favor, 4 opposed, and 1 abstention.

3:00 – 3:10 Budget Reduction Progress Update Steve Graham

There was confusion about the budget reduction process by the system and campuses. What is meant by “program prioritization” and must it be done in unified fashion?

¾ SB will draft an email and send it to IFC for revision before sending it to President Choi.

3:10 – 3:11 IFC Members for AY 2017-2018

Faculty Senate/Council Chairs were requested to send Jessi Whitehurst the names of the IFC members for the next academic year.

3:11 – 3:15 June Meeting

¾ It was decided that the June telepresence meeting would allow three hours and would be scheduled from 11-2, or at a time that accommodated President Choi’s schedule.

3:15 Adjourn

Attachments:

1. MU Policies on Protests, Public Spaces, Free Speech and the Press
2. Report on the Committee on Freedom of Expression at the University of Chicago

3. Recommended Statement: University of Missouri “Commitment to Free Expression”
4. Behavioral Intervention for Students at Risk
5. MU NTT Standing Committee Resolution on Potential Layoffs of Ranked NTT Faculty