

MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF FACULTY SENATES-MAFS

Minutes of the February 5, 6 meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jeanie Crain at 5:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Truman building. Dr. Ruth Flowers, AAAU National Director of Government Relations, gave a talk and provided legislative training.

Members and guests for the meeting of February 6 were:

Thomas Plymate (SMSU), Liz topping (SMSU), Judia Goodman (MU), Lawrence Barton (U.MO./St. Louis), Susan Morgan (CMSU), Rick Althaus (SEMO), Barry Nelson (MWSC), Evan Noynaert (MWSC), David Gruber (Truman/AAUP), Ruthi Sturdevant (Lincoln), RogerChelf (Missouri Southern), Mathew Bosisio (NMSU), Gregory Haddock (NMSU), Craig Roberts (SEMO), Laura Widmer (NMSU), Douglas Dunham (NMSU), JodyStrauch (NMSU), Bryce Jones (Truman), Candy Young (Truman), Jeanie Crain(MO. Western), Paula Kemp (SMSU), Rhonda Ridinger (SMSU), Max Ruhl, Roger von Holzen, Robert Stein, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs for CBHE, and Madeleine Kernen, CBHE Faculty Fellow.

There were legislative visits in the morning.

Dr. Robert Stein (CBHE) said that the Committee on Transfer and Articulation has two new subcommittees: the Teacher Education Articulation Committee and the new General Education Implementation Committee. He also said that it is the intent of the Coordinating Board to encourage an appropriate balance between cooperation and competition among Missouri higher educational systems but avoid unnecessary duplication. He also gave an update on the Missouri K-16 coalition. He said that 2 year colleges are interested in offering a block of Teacher education courses.

Professor David Gruber talked about AAUP and the legislative visits. AAUP gave \$150 for the legislative visits and \$120 was donated from members of MAFS.

The Secretary of MAFS called the roll.

The reports of various senates and councils followed:

Northwest Missouri State University: Northwest reports its Faculty Handbook is undergoing revision. A workload committee has been meeting with the provost, deans, and chairs concerning workload issues and salary parity. Northwest has initiated a one-time course offering for a follow-up on electronic portfolio pilot offered in Freshmen Seminar. Northwest also reports it is reviewing committee structure at the institution.

Missouri Southern: The senate has discussed faculty development, equipment shortages and related expenditures, tuition rates, internet/overload pay and

policies, online registration, and course syllabi.

University of Missouri/Columbia: The main issue discussed last semester was post tenure review. The major issue this spring will be the general education requirements.

Missouri Western: Some of the Faculty Senate's concerns are: presidential transition, five year plan, salaries, general education, and improving lines of communication between faculty and the Board of Regents.

CMSU: Issues to come before the Faculty Senate are: Revision of promotion and tenure guidelines, post tenure review, intellectual property rights, and looking at ways to fill positions which have been difficult to fill.

Truman: The two main issues studied by the Faculty Senate are making procedures for promotion and tenure the same in all divisions and studying the plus/minus system in grading.

Lincoln: Some of the issues being discussed are: collecting information for the next NCA self study, and doing the assessment matrix required by CBHE. State Fair Community College was allowed to move into Jefferson City ostensibly to offer technical courses not offered at Lincoln University. However, the institution immediately began offering general education courses which duplicate those of Lincoln University. SFCC is allowed to offer a substantially lower cost per credit hour, and members of the Lincoln University family feel we have been subjected to unfair competition.

University of MO./St. Louis: The governance structure was reorganized and new bylaws define the faculty, the student body and University Assembly. Some of the issues being discussed are the relatively low number of programs available to students on the University of MO.-St. Louis campus, possible cuts in library series, post tenure review, and enrollment shortfalls.

SMSU: Prior to the 2000-2001 academic year, the College of teacher Education underwent a major change. The Professional Education unit will be recommending changes to their bylaws. Total credit hours for all undergraduate programs are being studied. A Faculty Salaries Committee has been formed to collect data and survey the faculty.

SEMO: The following issues are under consideration by the Faculty Senate: merit pay, status and evaluation of department chairs, faculty promotion policy, role and evaluation of service activities in the teacher-scholar model, intellectual property rights, compensation, health benefits and emeritus faculty status.

Dr. Max Ruhl and Roger Von Holzen talked about the Online Masters Program in Elementary Education. Max Ruhl said that the program would go through the various universities' faculty governance processes.

During the business meeting the minutes of the Oct. 2, 2000 were approved with the following changes:

In the CMSU report, the first sentence should be replaced by faculty representation on two subcommittees formed by the Board of Governors with respect to having people on committees.

In the MU report, the first sentence replaced by-- post tenure review, a plan developed in a four campus that was initiated by the system office is a major issue.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

The fall meeting of MAFS will be October 5, 2001.

Nominating Committee: Chair, Rick Althaus, Evan Noynaert, and Laura Widmer working with the President, President-elect, and Immediate Past President.

A resolution was passed which recommends all Senates to pass a resolution about having a faculty on each of Board of Governors or four faculty, one from each campus of the University of Missouri on Board of Curators of the University of Missouri.

A lobby day at the February meeting next year was approved at the meeting.

The Committee on External Relations and Legislation should work on Lobby Day.

The Following resolution was passed and will be voted on electronically after February 15:

The Missouri Association of Faculty Senates affirms that normal faculty governance processes must be used in the development, approval, and operation of online and cooperative degree programs.

Twelve of Thirteen institutions sending in a vote voted for the resolution.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

Submitted by Paula Kemp, Secretary Treasurer of MAFS