



General Faculty Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2016

125 Butler-Carlton Hall, 4:00 P.M.

- I. Call-to-Order, Chancellor Cheryl B. Schrader called the meeting of the General Faculty to order at 4:00 P.M.

Professor Tom Schuman made a motion to amend the agenda and add elections to unfinished business. The motion was approved.

- II. Chancellor Schrader recognized Professor Larry Gragg for the presentation of a memorial resolution in honor of Lawrence O. Christensen. It was moved that the memorial resolution be incorporated in the minutes of the faculty meeting with copies forwarded to family members. (See Attachment A).

- III. Chancellor Schrader called for approval of the minutes of the May 3, 2016 meeting. The minutes were approved as circulated.

- IV. Unfinished Business

- A. Election for Representatives to Committees

Professor Tom Schuman conducted the General Faculty elections for three committees: Public Occasions, Student Awards & Financial Aid, and University-Wide Tenure

Elected to Public Occasions:

Sahra Sedighsarvestani
Steven Corns
Jorge Porcel

Elected to Student Awards & Financial Aid:

Kim Kinder
Doug Ludlow

Elected to University-Wide Tenure:

Jag Sarangapani (member, two-year term)
Dan Oerther (alternate)

- V. Chancellor Schrader introduced the Officers of the General Faculty

Chancellor Cheryl B. Schrader
President of Faculty Senate Thomas Schuman
Secretary Laura Stoll
Parliamentarian Steven Corns

- VI. Reports of Standing and Special Committees – None

VII. Introduction of New Faculty

Chancellor Schrader called on Provost Marley to introduce each department chair so they could introduce their new faculty.

Dr. David Westenberg introduced

Ning Sui, Assistant Teaching Professor, Biological Sciences

Dr. Keng Siau introduced

Hanqing "Chevy" Fang, Assistant Professor, Business and Information Technology

Langtao Chen, Assistant Professor, Business and Information Technology

Dr. Muthanna Al-Dahhan introduced

Peter Ryan, Associate Teaching Professor, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering

Dr. Joel Burken introduced

Chenglin "Bob" Wu, Assistant Professor, Civil, Arch and Env Engineering

William Gillis III, Assistant Teaching Professor, Civil, Arch and Env Engineering

Xiong Zhang, Associate Professor, Civil, Arch and Env Engineering

Hongyan Ma, Assistant Professor, Civil, Arch and Env Engineering

Dr. Daniel Tauritz (substituted for Dr. Sajal Das) introduced

Zishan Guo, Assistant Professor, Computer Science

Yanjie Fu, Assistant Professor, Computer Science

Haoyi Xiong, Assistant Professor, Computer Science

Dr. Michael Davis (substituted for Dr. Greg Gelles) introduced

Radu Puslenghea, Assistant Teaching Professor, Economics

Dr. Daryl Beetner introduced

Chulsoon Hwang, Assistant Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Hamidreza Modares, Assistant Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dr. Kris Swenson introduced

Sarah Hercula, Assistant Professor, English and Technical Communication

Dr. Francisca Oboh-Ikuenobe introduced

Jonathan Obrist-Farner, Assistant Professor, Geosciences and Geological and Petroleum Engr.

Marek Locmelis, Assistant Professor, Geosciences and Geological and Petroleum Engr.

Dr. Matt O'Keefe introduced

Jingjing Qing, Assistant Research Professor, Materials Science and Engineering

Minzhi Xu, Assistant Research Professor, Materials Science and Engineering

Laura N. Bartlett, Associate Professor, Materials Science and Engineering

Dr. Steve Clark introduced

Wenqing Hu, Assistant Professor, Mathematics and Statistics

Nan Jiang, Assistant Professor, Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Jim Drallmeier introduced

Yun Seong Song, Assistant Professor, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Dr. Dick Brow introduced Braden Lusk as the new chair of Mining and Nuclear Engineering

Dr. Braden Lusk introduced

Kyle Perry, Assistant Professor, Mining and Nuclear Engineering

Dr. Susan Murray introduced

Devin Burns, Assistant Professor, Psychological Science

Denise Baker, Assistant Professor, Psychological Science

Daniel Shank, Assistant Professor, Psychological Science

Clair Reynolds Kueny, Assistant Professor, Psychological Science

VIII. New Business

A. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Schrader began her report briefly reviewing the challenges of the past year. Looking forward she will continue to strive to answer the faculty's concerns and welcome suggestions. She expressed her appreciation for the faculty's dedication to the betterment of the institution.

A graph was shared of our enrollment growth since 2011 for undergraduate and graduates students. While we are nearly level with last year, work will continue on diversifying our majors and other demographics as emphasized in the Strategic Plan. Other institutions are struggling with budget shortfalls due to enrollment declines. More information on final enrollment numbers will be presented at the State of University address in October.

Some research numbers have expanded over the past academic year with notable gains in federal funding from the National Science Foundation and the Department of Defense. Proposals awarded are up 20 percent over the previous year. The Office of Corporate Relations has been successful in engaging partners in education and research collaborations.

Chancellor Schrader said progress has been made on the faculty hiring initiative outlined in the Strategic Plan. There has been 42 additional faculty lines filled, four more are in progress, and another 11 are planned to begin later this fall. Thirteen of the 28 faculty introduced at the meeting are part of this hiring initiative.

A new initiative has been launched which is designed to grow our graduate and research programs by recruiting top students to S&T. An investment of \$3 million in funds annually has been made which will make this program attractive for qualified graduate students. Recipients of the Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship will receive a \$10,000 annual fellowship added to their appointment stipend. The Chancellor thanked those at the meeting who helped to develop this transformative program.

Chancellor Schrader listed several milestones which will be celebrated this year: Leach Theater is 25; Engineering Management (invented by Bernard Sarchet) is 50; and Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering is 100.

Dates of several upcoming events are the State of the University Address at noon on Tuesday, October 4 in Leach Theatre; Faculty First Friday brown-bag lunch at noon on Friday, October 7 at the Hasselmann Alumni House; and a two-day Strategic Plan Working Session on November 10-11.

The Chancellor concluded by sharing that working together we have made good progress and she realizes we have additional work to do as we address some remaining topics of interest. She is committed to Missouri S&T and looks forward to working together and continuing the tradition of excellence and relevance that is the unique hallmark of this institution.

Chancellor Schrader responded to several questions from the faculty.

B. Faculty Senate President's Report

Faculty Senate President Tom Schuman gave an update from the Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC). Regarding the post-tenure review policy, this was initiated partly in response to the Missouri legislature criticisms. IFC is reviewing the current Collected Rules and Regulations (CRR) process and practices. This includes integrated workload, annual review, post-tenure review, and waiver policies. Tom Schuman is the campus IFC representative for post-tenure review. The CRR changes will be sent to the campus for comment during the fall semester.

IFC members for 2016-2017 are Tom Schuman (Faculty Senate President), Sahra Sedighsarvestani (Faculty Senate president-elect), and Mark Fitch (Faculty Senate past-president).

No recent updates have been posted on the University of Missouri System president search. Chancellor Schrader said airport interviews were taking place this week.

Committee elections were held at the April 21 Faculty Senate meeting. The slate for 2016-2017 is:

Past President	Mark Fitch
President	Tom Schuman
President Elect	Sahra Sedighsarvestani
Secretary	Barbara Hale (1 year term)
Parliamentarian	Steve Corns (5 year commitment)

Grievance resolution panel training was conducted by University of Missouri Counsel on August 31. A flowchart of the process with web links will be posted on the Faculty Senate website.

The results from the female faculty campus climate report which was done in December 2015 have been posted to the Provost website, and require user name and password to access. The site is https://provost.mst.edu/media/administrative/provost/secure/2015_MST_FINAL_REPORT%20%28002%29.pdf
The Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) survey closed on April 8. Results were due to campus early last summer but have been delayed. They will be distributed in conjunction with the COACHE representative soon.

Faculty Senate President Tom Schuman shared a list of campus issues and their status. Still outstanding are the bylaw changes and vice provost and dean hiring; however, progress has been made on how to move forward with the vice provost and dean search. Capping enrollment for specific departments is also outstanding, although with enrollment stabilizing it may not be needed. Completed are the graduate student tuition remission, how to “fund” the colleges (define fiduciary responsibilities of the dean’s offices), faculty line ownership, shared governance of changes to strategic plan, vice provost for research appointment, and interim vice provost for the College of Engineering and Computing appointment.

- IX. Announcements – None
- X. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Laura Stoll, Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

Memorial Resolution
Lawrence Oland Christensen

Lawrence Oland Christensen, known to almost all as “Chris,” was born on August 18, 1937 in Glasgow, Montana and grew up in Glasgow, Missouri. He attended Northeast Missouri State College and the University of Missouri where he completed his Ph.D. in history in 1972. On March 29, 1961, he married Maxine J. Lahmann. Those of us who knew Chris always admired how close the two of them were, a wonderful, loving couple.

Chris taught in elementary and secondary schools in Illinois, Missouri, and Arizona, as well as at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater campus, before joining the faculty at the University of Missouri-Rolla in 1969 as an instructor of history. He moved rapidly through the ranks, becoming full professor in 1982 and Distinguished Teaching Professor ten years later. He also served as department chair between 1986 and 1989 and one year as a Program Officer for the National Endowment for the Humanities. Maxine also worked on campus in the Registrar’s Office. She retired in 1995, and Chris retired five years later. He died on April 16, 2016.

Chris was a passionate and highly-regarded teaching-scholar. He taught eight different courses at UMR including History of Black America and History of Missouri. Though always rigorous in expectations, Chris consistently received high teaching evaluations (in the range of 3.5-3.6). One of his former students recalled his focus upon “reason and the utility of open discussion” in his classes. Chris received nine Outstanding Teaching Awards and two Faculty Excellence Awards before becoming a Distinguished Teaching Professor. Chris served on dozens of campus and university-wide committees, becoming a genuine campus leader, chairing promotion and tenure committees and twice chairing searches for provosts. He had a great love of athletics at UMR and S&T, particularly for women’s basketball. Indeed, for many years he was the NCAA faculty representative for UMR athletics. Beyond the university, Chris served his community by chairing the Phelps County Courthouse Committee, an effort that led to our present courthouse. His state-wide service was substantial, including a term on the State Historical Records Advisory Board, and nearly three decades on the editorial advisory board of the *Missouri Historical Review*, and as president and permanent trustee of the State Historical Society.

Chris’s scholarship brought him great renown. He was the author of eighteen articles in the *Missouri Historical Review* over a period of forty years. Three of those articles won the State Historical Society’s best article award. He co-authored two books on Missouri history, as well as the *Dictionary of Missouri Biography*. Two of those titles won best book awards from the State Historical Society. In 1983, Chris, along with Jack Ridley, also published an outstanding history of our campus, *UM-Rolla: A History of MSM/UMR*. Chris’s excellence in scholarship and in the classroom brought him two UM System recognitions—the Curators’ Award for Scholarly Excellence in 2001 and the Thomas Jefferson Award in 1999. In 2002, the State Historical Society bestowed upon him its Distinguished Service Award.

Most important to Chris were the many former students who kept in contact with him and his hundreds of friends on the campus, in the Democratic Party, and Christ Episcopal Church.

For those of us on campus, we will miss his friendship, leadership, unparalleled sense of humor, and extraordinary embrace of life with all its challenges and rewards. Particularly, we miss his loud, infectious laughter. His approach to life was one perhaps best captured by the journalist Hunter S. Thompson: "Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside in a cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming "Wow! What a Ride!"

Chris is survived by his wife Maxine, his brother Steve Christensen and wife Wilma, his sisters Betty Cramer, and Susan Flaspohler and husband Charlie.

We request that this memorial resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Missouri University of Science and Technology General Faculty Meeting of September 6, 2016, and that a copy be sent Dr. Christensen's wife Maxine.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Gragg, Wayne Bledsoe, Russell Buhite, Donald Oster, and Jack Ridley