General Faculty Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2012

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.

II. Announcements – Chancellor Schrader added agenda item C under new business.

III. Memorial Resolution for Raymond Waggoner – Postponed until next meeting.

IV. Chancellor Schrader called for approval of the minutes of the May 1, 2012 meeting. The minutes were approved as circulated.

V. Unfinished Business – None

VI. Reports of Standing and Special Committees – None

VII. Chancellor Schrader introduced the Officers of the General Faculty

Chancellor Schrader – President
S.N. Balakrishnan – Vice President
Melanie Mormile - Parliamentarian
Deanne Jackson – Secretary

VIII. Introduction of New Faculty

Interim Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Whitefield called on department chairs to introduce new faculty:

Dr. Lana Zak Agha, Assistant Professor of Mining and Nuclear Engineering
Dr. Kirk Christensen, Assistant Teaching Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Dr. Susan Curtis, Weiner Professor in History and Political Science
Dr. Kathryn Dolan, Assistant Professor of English and Technical Communication
Dr. Mohamed ElGawady, Associate Professor of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering
Dr. Jie Gao, Assistant Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Dr. Kristen Donnell Hilgedick, Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dr. Marouane Kessentini, Assistant Professor of Computer Science
Dr. Edward Kinzel, Assistant Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Dr. Brandi Klein, Assistant Professor of Psychological Science
Dr. Dincer Konur, Assistant Professor of Engineering Management and Systems Engineering
Dr. Xinhua Liang, Assistant Professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering
Dr. Michael Moats, Associate Professor of Materials Science and Engineering
Dr. Ricardo Morales, Assistant Teaching Professor of Computer Science
Dr. Fui Hoon Nah, Professor of Business and Information Technology
Dr. Joontaek Park, Assistant Professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering
Dr. Jennifer Pattershall, Assistant Professor of Psychological Science
Dr. Michelle Phillips, Assistant Teaching Professor of Economics
Dr. Keng Siau, Professor and Department Chair of Business and Information Technology
Dr. Brian Smith, Assistant Professor of Engineering Management and Systems Engineering
Dr. Mingzhen Weim, Assistant Professor of Geological Science and Engineering
Dr. Nathan Weidner, Assistant Professor of Psychological Science
IX. New Business

A. Chancellor’s Report

Chancellor Schrader gave a report from the June Board of Curators. The report touched on the UM System cost savings, revenue generation and salary savings. The UM strategic investment and specific S&T budget reductions were also discussed.

Chancellor Schrader discussed the open searches for Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies positions and explained why the process has now been redirected as a national recruiting search.

Chancellor Schrader presented the 2012 Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award from Oak Ridge Associated Universities to Xiaodong Yang.

B. Faculty Senate Report – S.N. Balakrishnan had nothing further to present.

C. Lance Haynes called for a vote to add Vice Provost and Dean of Enrollment Management Stoll as a non-voting member of General Faculty. Motion was approved by faculty present.

X. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 pm.

XI. Executive Session – Interim Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Whitefield presented the candidates for honorary degrees. Ballots were distributed with the results to be forwarded by the Chancellor’s Office to the President.

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Deanne Jackson, Secretary