General Faculty Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2017

125 Butler-Carlton Hall, 4:02 P.M.

I. Call-to-Order, Interim Chancellor Christopher G. Maples called the meeting of the General Faculty to order at 4:02 P.M.

II. There were no memorial resolutions.

III. Interim Chancellor Maples called for approval of the minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting. The minutes were approved as circulated.

IV. There was no unfinished business

V. Interim Chancellor Maples introduced the Officers of the General Faculty
   - Interim Chancellor Christopher G. Maples
   - President of Faculty Senate Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani
   - Secretary Deanne Jackson
   - Parliamentarian Steven Corns

VI. Reports of Standing and Special Committees – None

VII. Introduction of New Faculty

Interim Chancellor Maples called on Provost Marley to introduce each vice provost and dean so they can introduce their new department chairs along with new faculty.

Dr. Marley introduced Dr. Richard Wlezien – Vice Provost and Dean for the College of Engineering and Computing

Dr. Wlezien introduced from the department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering:
- Madgy Abdelrahman, Missouri Asphalt Pavement Association Endowed Professor
- XianBiao Hu, Assistant Professor
- Juanyu (Jenny) Liu, Associate Professor
- Chenglin Wu, Assistant Professor

Dr. Wlezien introduced from the department of Computer Science:
- Santosh Gupta, Assistant Professor
- George Markowsky, Department Chair
- Linda Markowsky, Assistant Teaching Professor
- Patrick Taylor, Assistant Teaching Professor
- Peizhen Zhu, Assistant Teaching Professor

Dr. Wlezien introduced from the department of Electrical and Computer Engineering:
- Rui Bo, Assistant Professor

Dr. Wlezien introduced from the department of Engineering Management and Systems Engineering:
- Suzanna Long, Department Chair
Dr. Wlezien introduced from the department of Geosciences & Geological & Petroleum Engineering:
- David Borrok, Gulf Oil Foundation Professor and Department Chair
- Abdulmohsin Imqam, Assistant Professor

Dr. Wlezien introduced from the department of Materials Science & Engineering:
- David Lipke, Assistant Professor
- Haiming Wen, Assistant Professor

Dr. Wlezien introduced from the department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering:
- Xiangyang Dong, Assistant Professor
- Daoru Han, Assistant Professor

Provost Marley asked vice provost and dean Steven Roberts to introduce his new department chairs along with new faculty.

Dr. Roberts introduced from the department of Aerospace Studies Air Force:
- Brent Unger, Department Chair

Dr. Roberts introduced from the department of Arts, Languages & Philosophy:
- Patrick Gamez, Visiting Assistant Professor
- Taylor Gruenloh, Lecturer
- Kendrea James, Lecturer
- David Samson, Assistant Professor
- Courtney Webster, Lecturer
- Scott Arthur, Lecturer

Dr. Roberts introduced from the department of Biological Sciences:
- David Duvernell, Department Chair

Dr. Roberts introduced from the department of Business & Information Technology:
- Yu (Steve) Liu, Assistant Professor

Dr. Roberts introduced from the department of Economics:
- Yishu Zhou, Assistant Professor

Dr. Roberts introduced from the department of History and Political Sciences:
- Alanna Krolikowski, Assistant Professor
- Justin Pope, Assistant Professor

Dr. Roberts introduced from the department of Mathematics & Statistics:
- Daozhi Han, Assistant Professor
- Kelly Koob, Assistant Teaching Professor
- Jason Murphy, Assistant Professor

Dr. Roberts introduced from the department of Physics:
- James Musser, Assistant Teaching Professor

Dr. Roberts introduced from the department of Psychological Sciences:
- Susan Murray, Department Chair

Dr. Roberts introduced from the department of Teacher Education Program:
- Michelle Schwartz, Assistant Teaching Professor
- Kelly Carter, Interim Department Chair

VIII. New Business

A. Chancellor’s Report

Interim Chancellor Maples presentation focused on our new faculty and welcoming to campus. Our new faculty come to us from 3 different industries and over 23
Universities with a very diverse expertise of knowledge. He encouraged our new faculty to keep striving to do their best and reach out to our current faculty for help.

Congratulations were given to Dr. Denise Baker who received an $800,000 NSF grant on energy management in smart homes. Dr.’s Kathryn Dolan, Kathleen Sheppard and Shannon Fogg received a $100,000 NEH grant for Latin American studies minor to create connection between CASB and CEC. It was also mentioned there was a second grant awarded by the Department of Education for $189,000 received by Dr. Audra Merfeld-Langston and Dr. Kathleen Sheppard to start a minor in Latin American Studies with technical applications.

College of Engineering and Computing had four faculty receive NSF Career awards. Dr. Jie Gao, Dr. Ed Kinzel, Dr. Xiaodoong Yang and Dr. Caizhi Zhou. Dr. Xiaodong Yang also received an ONR Young Investigator award.

B. Faculty Senate President’s Report

Dr. Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani announced the new officers of faculty senate for AY 2017-2018.
President: Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani
Past President: Tom Schuman
President-Elect: Mike Bruening
Secretary: Steve Corns
Parliamentarian: Richard Dawes
Boss Lady: Barb Palmer

Meeting of Faculty Senate are held once a month at 1:30pm on Thursdays in 204 McNutt Hall. She has asked that all senators please attend. If there are conflicts with your teaching schedule please let her know. The first meeting will be September 14.

Discussions were held for new and ongoing business. The Vision statement and Compacts for the new strategic plan have previously been presented and President Choi is asking for all campuses to endorse. There will be a strategic planning committee formed in September with two faculty representatives with the draft of the strategic plan to be submitted by December.

There has been a review and a proposal submitted for the creation of a Department of Teacher Education and Certification. This will elevate our current department of teacher education and allow for the hiring of a department chair to better represent the department.

Finally Dr. Sedigh Sarvestani stated that the bylaw revisions will be a focus of the faculty senate this year.

Dr. Sedigh Sarvestani stated that if there is business that faculty would like faculty senate to take up to please submit those ideas/concerns to her or another senate member. Dr. Fahrenholz asked if Faculty Senate were preparing to discuss the UM System Research Board issue.

The discussion then focused on the Intercampus Faculty Council meeting which was held on September 5 and 6 in Boonville, Missouri. Both Sahar and Tom Schuman attended. Several areas were on the agenda including such items as 'UM Systemness’, strategic planning, NTT faculty, cross-campus course sharing, incentivizing outstanding teaching, salary adjustments after tenure, freedom of expression, Title IX review and administrative performance and process improvement. It was also mentioned that President Choi has said that salary adjustments prior to tenure will also be reviewed.

IX. Announcements – Interim Chancellor Maples made an announcement that there will be a
town hall to discuss the results of the campus climate survey. The town hall will be September 14, 11:30am – 1:00pm in St. Pats. He also mentioned to be sure to get your William Shatner tickets.

Dr. Westenberg made an announcement that the S&T Soccer team would be competing that night and to please come out and cheer them on.

X. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Deanne Jackson, Secretary