

General Faculty Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2020

125 Butler-Carlton Hall and zoom 4:00 P.M.

- I. Call-to-Order, Chancellor Mohammad Dehghani called the meeting of the General Faculty to order at 4:06 P.M.
- I. There were no memorial resolutions.
- II. Chancellor Dehghani called for approval of the minutes of the May 18, 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved as circulated.
- III. There was no unfinished business
- IV. Chancellor Dehghani introduced the Officers of the General Faculty
Chancellor Mohammad Dehghani
President of Faculty Senate Stephen Raper
Secretary Deanne Jackson
Parliamentarian Kathleen Sheppard
- V. Reports of Standing and Special Committees – None
- VI. Introduction of New Faculty

Chancellor Dehghani called on interim provost Roberts to introduce each vice provost and dean so they can introduce their new faculty.

Interim provost Roberts asked interim vice provost and dean Kate Drowne to introduce her new faculty.

Dr. Drowne introduced from the department of Air Force ROTC

- Lt. Col. Daniel Willis, Commander Professor of Aerospace Studies

Drowne introduced from the department of Arts, Languages & Philosophy:

- Michael Gueldry, Professor of French

Dr. Drowne introduced from the department of Business and Information Technology:

- Wangchuchu Zhao, Academic Specialist

Dr. Drowne introduced from the department of Psychological Sciences:

- Vahe Permzadian, Assistant Professor

Dr. Drowne introduced from the department of Teacher Education and Certification:

- Julia Alexander, Assistant Teaching Professor
- Mary Gillis, Assistant Teaching Professor
- Amanda Meek, Extension State Specialist

Maxwell C. Weiner Distinguished Visiting Professor of the Humanities

- Marie Lathers

Interim provost Roberts asked vice provost and dean Richard Wlezien to introduce the new faculty and department chairs for College of Engineering and Computing.

Dr. Wlezien introduced from the department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering:

- Khalid Kaddoura, Adjunct Professor

Dr. Wlezien introduced from the department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering:

- Hu Yang, Department Chair

Dr. Wlezien introduced from the department of Computer Science:

- Avah (Indranil) Banerjee, Assistant Professor
- Gerry Howser, Associate Teaching Professor
- Tony Luo, Associate Professor

Dr. Wlezien introduced from the department of Electrical and Computer Engineering:

- Hongseok Kim, Assistant Research Professor

Dr. Wlezien introduced from the department of Engineering Management and Systems Engineering:

- Jingling Liu, Assistant Professor in EMSE and Biological Sciences

Dr. Wlezien introduced from the department of Geosciences & Geological & Petroleum Engineering:

- Jeremy Maurer, Assistant Professor

Dr. Wlezien introduced from the department of Materials Science & Engineering:

- Mario Buchely, Assistant Research Professor
- Arezoo Emdadi, Assistant Professor

Dr. Wlezien introduced from the department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering:

- David Bayless, Department Chair starting Spring 2021
- Wouter Mostert, Assistant Professor

VII. New Business

Chancellor Dehghani opened with a slide of new positions within his leadership team. This includes:

- Wayne Jones as Executive Director of Institutional Research and Data Management.
- Kathryn Northcut, Interim Vice Provost of Academic Support

Each have already provided critical data reports regarding retention and because of this data we are currently at 85.1% retention rate for fall 2020.

Chancellor Dehghani presented data on fall 2020 enrollment. Enrollment is very concerning and as we were preparing our operating budget we planned for 500 fewer undergraduate students which would have a major effect. Our first-time college students have seen a steady decline over the last 5 years which continues to have a ripple effect on retention for years coming. However our numbers are better than we planned for right now. Graduate and International students are still down. A new initiative was implemented which is bringing in new international students starting in October of 2020. These students were unable to get a visa in time for regular session so October start will allow us to accommodate these new students and still count in the fall 2020 semester numbers.

The College of Engineering and Computing at Missouri S&T held a Manufacturing Symposium on September 3. This brought together researchers, industry experts and government leaders showing it is time for Missouri S&T to invest. Governor Parsons attended along with Senator Blunt and received a tour of the new Engineering Management high bay lab. Chancellor Dehghani said we need to go about our vision and design our future as a leader in the manufacturing arena.

The COVID-19 update stated we are currently in phase 6 of our repopulation plan, Thank you to Dr. Goodman on our 3-day on-boarding process this fall 2020 semester. Students went through testing and we collaborate with Phelps Health using their facilities on 10th street. It was a partnership after Missouri S&T supplied Phelps Health with face shields and they helped with our new student on-boarding. August 24 to present there have been 69 positive cases and all but 25 have been released. There are 250 in quarantine which are people that have been exposed but are not showing symptoms or awaiting test results. Chancellor Dehghani will be having a meeting on September 9 with the city council to decide next steps as the current ordinance is ending.

Chancellor Dehghani wants to again thank Dr. Goodman and his team for a job well done. Currently we are in a very manageable situation and hope that remains. We are asked to stay the course and hope that a vaccine will be out soon. A question was asked if faculty or others get the vaccine will they still be expected to wear masks. Dr. Goodman will have to answer that if and when we get the vaccine.

Chancellor wanted to remind everyone that the campus and the university is open for business and as such faculty should still have office hours.

Faculty Senate President's Report

Steve Raper opened with a welcome to all faculty for being back on campus. He also agreed with Chancellor Dehghani regarding that we are open and we should be flexible when you can. We all learn from each other and thanked many offices for all the changes that have been accommodated as part of changes due to COVID.

Dr. Stephen Raper announced the new officers of faculty senate for AY 2020-2021.

President: Stephen Raper
Past President: Steven Corns
President-Elect: Kelly Homan
Secretary: Kathryn Dolan
Parliamentarian: Kathleen Sheppard

There was an IFC retreat over zoom August 4-5 and a regular meeting September. Items discussed were the changes to the C.R.R. 320.035. these changes should be ready next week. Also discussed was ELearning and how it was significantly impacted due to COVID and our switch to online for spring and summer classes. There will be more discussion on email for alumni and retiree accounts and C.R.R. 310.060 dismissal for cause. HR mentioned that the annual enrollment will be October 26-November 6 and there will be a modest increase in premiums.

No questions for Stephen Raper.

Chancellor Dehghani wanted to thank everyone for job well done and that we are doing great on many fronts, Our U.S. News rankings came out and we did better but there is still room for improvement such as our six year graduation rate.

As we know the President and Chancellor positions were combined at MU and they are working through some issues. A Council of Chancellors was created to give the other campuses a voice. This group meets each Wednesday. This will allow the chancellors to be able to make some decisions independently. One area of concern is that MU frequently refers to themselves as the flagship campus.

VIII. Announcements – None

IX. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Deanne Jackson, Secretary