



General Faculty Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2009

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

- I. Call-to-Order, Chancellor John Carney III called the meeting of the General Faculty to order at 4:00 P.M.
- II. Announcements - None
- III. Chancellor Carney recognized Professor Dan Babcock for the presentation of a memorial resolution in honor of Donald Myers. 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).
- IV. Chancellor Carney called for approval of the minutes of the May 5, 2009 meeting. The minutes were approved as circulated.
- V. Unfinished Business - None
- VI. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

A. RP&A - Election for representatives to U-wide Tenure/Campus Committee

Professor Frank Blum presented candidates for campus committees and distributed ballots. The following faculty were elected:

Public Occasions - Ron Bieniek, Richard Bryant, and David Westenberg
Student Awards and Financial Aids - Joe Newkirk
Student Scholastic Appeals - Ilene Morgan

- VII. Chancellor Carney introduced the Officers of the General Faculty
John Carney III - President
Michael Schulz - Vice President (elected at Faculty Senate meeting, September 24, 2009)
Michael Davis - Parliamentarian (elected at Faculty Senate meeting, September 24, 2009)
Laura Stoll - Secretary

- VIII. Introduction of New Faculty

Provost Wray introduced new faculty:

Dr. Muthanna Al-Dahhan, Chair and Professor of Chemical Engineering
Dr. Nuran Ercal, Vitek Endowed Chair of Chemistry
Dr. Maochen Ge, Associate Professor of Mining
Dr. Hyoung Koo Lee, Assistant Professor of Nuclear Engineering
Dr. Ulrich Jentschura, Assistant Professor of Physics
Manikantan Nair, Lecturer of Chemistry
Matthew Goldberg, Lecturer of English and Technical Communication
Bansari Mitra, Lecturer of English and Technical Communication
Dr. John Seiffert IV, Assistant Teaching Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dr. Theresa Swift, Assistant Teaching Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dr. Ryan Hutcheson, Assistant Teaching Professor of Mechanical Engineering
Dr. Bijaya Shrestha, Associate Teaching Professor of Nuclear Engineering

IX. New Business

A. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Carney gave a brief update on enrollment, Board of Trustees meeting and gala, Career Fair, President Forsee's upcoming visit to campus, new endowed energy chair gift from a civil engineering graduate, research funding, Innovation Park, tennis courts, electric vehicle project, and the Gary Thomas Memorial Garden dedication on October 23rd during Homecoming.

B. Faculty Senate Report

Faculty Senate President Carroll announced the bylaw changes are almost finished. The Faculty Senate is in the process of getting all the committees staffed, and he expressed appreciation for the Don Myers memorial.

X. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Laura Stoll, Secretary

Memorial Resolution

Donald Dean Myers

Professor of Engineering Management & Systems Engineering (EMSE)

Donald Dean Myers was born in Oak Ridge, Missouri on October 15, 1939, to the late Paul Myers and Hester Frissell Myers. Don earned the B.S. in Mechanical Engineering here at the Missouri University of Science and Technology (then the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy) in 1961. After two years as a senior engineer with Westinghouse Electric in Baltimore, MD, he returned to Rolla to earn his M.S. in Mechanical Engineering. After working briefly at Emerson Electric, he joined Monsanto (both in St. Louis, MO) and served three years (1965-1968) as a senior engineer in design and project management while also earning a Master of Business Administration degree (1967) at St. Louis University. He moved to McDonnell Douglas Corporation (also in St. Louis) as a specialist in engineering contracts and corporate contracts (1968-1975) while he earned the Juris Doctor (Law) degree at St. Louis University (1973). Finally, he served McDonnell as Branch Manager, Corporate Diversification – Technology by Licensing from 1975 to 1979.

Don returned to Missouri S & T (by then known as UMR) as Assistant Professor of Engineering Management in August 1979, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1984 and Professor in 1989. Our students benefited from Don's rich and varied education and corporate experience in courses such as Technical Entrepreneurship, Legal Environment (for engineers and engineering managers), Technological Innovation Management, and Case Studies in General Management. A colleague in the EMSE Department, Dr. Suzanna Long, praised Don as "a great ambassador for the department ... instrumental in shaping many careers." The campus Alumni Association gave him their Outstanding Student Advising Award in 2003, and the American Society for Engineering Management named as Best Dissertation in 2004 and 2005 research for which he was advisor. Don has served the EMSE department in many ways: on the Promotion and Tenure Committee since 1986, the Curriculum Committee since 1997, and on search committees for new faculty since 1997 and for a new Department Chair in 1999 and 2003.

Don served the Missouri S & T campus as a whole in multiple ways, too. He served as Director of Research Services and Negotiation Officer (1987-1993) and as Director of the Technology Search Committee (1983-1994). He has been a member (since 1985), committee chair, and president (2000-2001) of the Faculty Senate, and member (since 1998) and chair of two Academic Council committees. He was also a member (1998-2005) and chair (2002-2003) of the campus Promotion and Tenure Committee and a member (since 2006) of the campus Strategic Planning Committee. He served as Faculty Advisor to the Inter-Fraternity Council since 2003, to Blue Key since 2006, and as president of the Phi Kappa Phi chapter (1986-1989). He served the University of Missouri as a whole on the Patent, Copyright, and University-Sponsored Educational Committee (1982-2006), and the State of Missouri as Science Advisor to the Governors Kit Bond and John Ashcroft in the 1980s. In the local Rolla community he was a loyal and active member of the United Methodist Church and other organizations.

Nationally Don was a member of many scientific and professional societies, such as the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the National Society of Professional Engineers, Phi Kappa Phi, and the Technology Transport Society. Four societies elected him to Fellow status: the United States Association for Entrepreneurship and Small Business (1986), the International Council for Small Business (1987), the American Society of Engineering Management (2005), and the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE, 2007). He has served ASEE in particular since 1982 as UMR Campus Representative (1982-1988), Midwest section officer (1988-1993 & 2002-2003), and Zone III Chair and member of the national Board Directors (1995-1997). He was scheduled to continue his service at the national level with a one year appointment in Washington, D.C., as a Franklin Fellow with the U.S. Department of State, beginning September 1, 2009.

One of Don's personal passions was bicycle riding, and he told a fellow member of the local Noon Kiwanis that he had ridden "like 25,000 or 30,000 miles." Characteristically, on Saturday, July 25, 2009 he was

participating with other bicyclists from Rolla and Missouri S & T in the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa. Near Burlington, Iowa, he had a serious accident, and was flown by helicopter to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, where he was pronounced dead the next afternoon, July 26, 2009. He will be severely missed.

It is requested that this memorial resolution be incorporated into the official minutes of the Missouri University of Science and Technology General Faculty Meeting of September 1, 2009, and that copies be sent to Dr. Myers' son John, daughter Peachy, daughter Suzy and their families.

Daniel L. Babcock, Professor Emeritus

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