

Council of Chairs' Meeting  
Minutes  
May 27, 2009

**Attending:** Kati Toivanen (for Dunbar), Koehler, Chen, Wai-Yim Ching (for Kruger), Murdock, Fillion, David Atkinson (for Mirkin), Novak, Deborah Smith (for Breyspraak), Mardikes, Swallow, Kilway, Ebersole, Smith

**Absent** (excused): Clancy Martin, Michael Kruger, Jeff Rydberg-Cox, Linda Breyspraak, Burton Dunbar

**Dean's Office:** Vorst, Stroik, Vaught, Wilson, Sandreczki

**Guests:** Curt Crespino, Interim VC Institutional Development and Lisen Tammeus, Senior Director of Alumni & Constituent Relations

**Information:**

**Website Transformations:** Dean Vorst advised that the university website transformations are ongoing and that the Website Executive Committee would like for all the sites to be in compliance with the new look by January 1, 2010. She advised that the College would need help with this process. She is currently working with upper administration to determine if help will be available to the College.

Chairs were invited to look at the Psychology and Human Resources websites as examples of what the new sites will look like.

**ILE Classrooms:** should be completed by June 30, 2009.

**P & T Update:** Dean Vorst announced that all 18 cases moved forward this year were successful.

**Chairs' Summer Workshop:** Dean Vorst asked chairs to send John Adicks dates in July that they would not be available as soon as possible. We will advise when a date has been set.

**Governor's Award for Excellence Teaching:** Dean Vorst congratulated Libby Stoddard, Assoc. Professor, Physics Department, for receiving the 2009 *Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching*.

**New Chairs:** Associate Professor Kati Toivanen will be the new chair of the Art and Art History Department beginning June 1. We thank out-going chair Professor Burton Dunbar for his many years of fine service to his department and to the College. Also, Associate Professor Tamera Murdock will take over the chair duties for the Psychology Department on June 1, replacing Associate Professor Diane Fillion who will be transitioning to her new role as Associate Dean. We welcome both new chairs on board and look forward to working with them.

**Program of Study:** Dean Vorst asked that each department currently using their own POS forms review and update them by removing social security numbers and use student identification numbers instead.

**Guests:** Curt Crespino, Interim VC Institutional Development and Lisen Tammeus, Senior Director of Alumni & Constituent Relations gave a update report on advancement efforts for UMKC.

A handout was provided showing the balances for all UMKC endowments broken down by schools. Curt explained that the 2010 projection shows a possible \$1 million shortfall. He stated that he and his staff along with Chancellor Morton are meeting with donors to explain the current situation and they are looking for ways to make up the shortfall in the endowments. Kathleen Kilway asked about the results of the phonathon project, which this year focused on the Chemistry Department and the Geosciences Department. Curt said he would check on that and get back to us. [Note: The preliminary results from the Advancement Office received after the meeting do not show any difference between the extra efforts made for these two departments and the rest of the departments.]

**Discussion:**

**Travel/R&D Draft Proposal:** Chairs were provided with a copy of the draft proposal on college research and development policy. Dean Vorst asked for the chairs to spend the next week reviewing the draft with their faculty and to provide feedback to Associate Dean Tom Stroik by Friday, June 5, 2009.

It was the opinion of several of the chairs that the document separate funding for travel regarding accreditation and/or site visits to ensure that the funds mentioned in the document do not include this particular type of travel. It was also confirmed that 'conference presentations' should be broadened to include performances, art shows and other research-related work in the visual and performing arts.

There was a general overall concern about the reduction in travel funds available through ORS; therefore reducing the overall funding for faculty travel. The draft is an attempt to put more discretion back into departments regarding travel decisions and to recognize the importance of funding pedagogical innovation and program development. It also addresses what is likely to be a continuation of President Forsee's mandate to reduce our overall spending during the coming fiscal year. Some chairs expressed their concern limiting travel spending to 60% of their R&D budget so that the remainder could be used for research and development. It was indicated that that number was a suggested number and that more input on what a better percentage would be is welcome.

Dr. Jimmy Adegoke expressed his concern for what he believes to be a biased formula being used to determine instructional costs given to departments in the I R&D budgets, stating that it is more costly to deliver instruction in the sciences than it is in say, English or History. He asks that Dean Vorst to look at the Instructional lines in the budget and reconsider how they are being calculated and take into account the difference in costs to deliver instruction in the sciences.

**Budget Update:**

Dean Vorst announced that there was nothing new to report at this time except that the Fiscal Officers had been told that we expected a flat budget for the 2010 FY using 2009 FY budget. The

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Dean's office was in the process of renewing, at a flat rate, the contracts for all non-regular faculty sent by the chairs in April. Those contracts will be signed by the Dean and sent back to the departments for appropriate signatures within the next week or so.

**PACE Profit Sharing:** Monies will be distributed to departments within the next 2 -3 weeks. Some of the PACE courses, particularly the newest ones, are under review. It should be noted that any graduate student in a PACE course will not be counted toward the total enrollment.

**Strategic Plan:** Reports were not given due to time constraints. We will start with their reports at the meeting in July.

Stroik – Academic Programs Committee  
Vaught – Faculty & Funding Committee  
Sandreczki – Marketing Committee