Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 2015
9:00 AM, Billingsly Boardroom


Member(s) Absent / Excused: Heather Arnold, Pam Hosp, and Alicia Hughes.

Determination of Quorum: Thirteen of Sixteen active members present at the beginning of the meeting, quorum established.

Call to Order: R. Frossard called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved and published with no corrections.

Administrative/Special Guest Comments:
- Rob Yust discussed that planning for the FY16 budget is underway. MSSU is currently waiting on final state appropriations. Originally the state announced they were pulling all performance funding, which would mean no increase in appropriations, but that has now been put back in. When the state talks about a 1% increase to higher education, which would mean about a $170,000 increase for MSSU. MSSU is still waiting on capital appropriations to be approved and finalized as well, which is where the $5.2 million dollars for the renovation of Reynolds Hall will be coming from. MSSU may get another $1.5 million, but would have to meet this dollar for dollar.

The search for a new head football coach is underway and there are currently over 100 applicants.

Construction is still underway around campus. The new residence halls should be completed in early summer; the baseball field dedication is scheduled for April 18, 2015; the field house is behind schedule and should be completed late July or August; and the FEMA shelter at the dorms should be completed later this month.
MSSU is in conversations with Duquesne about Duquesne Elementary. Joplin R-VIII currently owns the school and will be conveying this to Duquesne. Duquesne is then wants to convey this to MSSU. Nothing has been officially decided as of yet. If this were to happen MSSU is looking at moving and expanding the Child Development Center (MSSU), which currently has 130-140 children on its waiting list.

- Duane Dreiling, Executive Director of the United Way, and Belinda Belk came and presented about what United Way offers and helps with in the community.
  - The annual Day of Action will be June 19, 2015. This is an opportunity for community members to volunteer with the different agencies the United Way helps support.

**Committee Reports:**

R. Frossard called for Staff Senate committee reports:

1. **Communications Committee** – did not meet.
2. **Compensations Committee** – did not meet.
3. **Elections Committee** – did not meet.
4. **Executive Committee** – R. Frossard reported that President’s Council is in favor of either forming a Community Service Committee or combining the duties of a previously established Administrative Committee with those that would be involved in a Community Service Committee.

R. Frossard also reported that President’s Council is currently reviewing the Tuition Discount/Fee Waiver that Staff Senate approved. They did change the due date for the Tuition Discount/Fee Waiver forms deadline to the Friday the first week of courses. This change is due to students being able to still enroll in courses up until the first Friday of classes.

5. **Legislative Oversight Committee** – did not meet.
6. **Staff Welfare Committee** – did not meet.

**R. Frossard called for campus committee reports:**

1. **Administrative Council** – did not meet.
2. **Diversity Committee** – no representative present.
1 Faculty Senate – Wendy McGrane reported that Teresa Boman, from the Biology Department, gave a presentation about Prairie Preservation. The Board of Governors has approved preserving just over 14 acres of the natural prairie MSSU owns from development. This acreage will be used for student research and learning.

Academic Policies Committee is being reorganized to be able to focus on broad academic policies and School Curriculum Oversight Committees are being created to address curriculum development. All changes to the curriculum will continue to require approval from Faculty Senate.

Dr. Marble has met with all academic chairs and deans to develop an understanding of the programs and to understand their ideas for the future.

The Faculty Handbook Committee is working very hard on the handbook and meeting around five hours per week. The committee is hoping to have all changes approved at a faculty vote in April. The handbook will then go to the Board of Governors for approval and hopefully become operational for FY16.

2 Financial Stability Committee – E. Bryant discussed that there will be one more design team meeting and then the Committee will move to send pioneers out into their area to get all employees on board with GGOE.

3 Student Senate – no representative present.

Unfinished Business:
1 None.

New Business:
1 None.

Anonymous Comments – None.

Comments and Announcements/Guest Input –
- Sherry Noller discussed that Motive Matters is coming back through SBTDC and will be offering a discount to MSSU employees again. Session 1 is March 30 – 31 and the cost for MSSU employees is $75.00 instead of the usual $149.00. Session 2, which is a six hour session, will be held in May and the cost for MSSU employees is $85.00 and includes lunch.
Adjournment: C. Owens made a motion to adjourn. S. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 2015 in Billingsly Board Room

Respectfully submitted by: Patty Holder