

Intercampus Faculty Cabinet
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2022
Minutes

General Discussion and University Updates – President Mun Choi

President Choi joined the IFC to discuss topics of importance to the IFC, to share updates regarding the UM System, and to hear updates from each university regarding faculty affairs. Topics included a discussion about how and when IFC members should be engaged in the decision-making process and strategies for ensuring effective communication between administrators and faculty governance groups, with a plan for further engagement between the President's staff and IFC during the next academic year. The group also discussed the UM System organizational structure and the relationship between the four universities in the context of discussions around flagship institutions and flagship systems.

Human Resources Updates – Vice President Marsha Fischer

VP Fischer and Director Shultz joined the IFC to discuss updates to university benefits as well as the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and well-being resources available to faculty and staff. Faculty mental health and well-being have been a concern among faculty, particularly following the pandemic.

Finance Updates – Executive Vice President Ryan Rapp

EVP Rapp and AVP Vogelweid joined the IFC to discuss the Board's approval of tuition increases for FY 2023 and endorsement of modifications to the University's tuition structure for FY 2024, which includes a move toward differential tuition and plateau tuition models at some institutions. They also provided updates regarding state appropriations and ARPA funding, as well as the role of inflationary pressures of the University's overall financial outlook in the years ahead. Positive developments related to the University's differentiation from other institutions as part of the budget process were also shared with IFC members.

Lunch – Curators Darryl Chatman and Todd Graves, and General Counsel Mark Menghini

Curators Chatman and Graves and General Counsel Menghini joined the IFC for an informal discussion over lunch. Following introductions, the group discussed multiple topics of importance to faculty members related to shared governance and the structure of the UM System, as well as recent actions by the Board related to retirement benefits and admissions standards.

Information Technology Updates – Vice President Beth Chancellor

VP Chancellor and Director Keller joined the IFC to discuss IT updates. In particular, the IFC was interested in learning more about the software procurement process, how decisions are made about the software used at the university, and to what extent there is integration and coordination within and across universities.

Election of 2022-2023 IFC Chairperson

By acclamation, Graham McCaulley (MU) was elected to serve as IFC Chairperson from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. McCaulley replaces Stephen Raper (S&T), whose term expires on June 30, 2022. UMKC will be the next in rotation.

Reflections and Wrap Up

The IFC reviewed the IFC roster for the 2022-2023 academic year and shared general reflections on the prior academic year and suggestions for the future. The IFC's first meeting with new members will occur in Summer/Fall 2022.