

Intercampus Faculty Cabinet

Regular Meeting
November 18, 2024
Minutes

President's Session – Mun Choi, President of the University of Missouri

President Choi provided updates from the MU the General Faculty meeting and the state's financial outlook. He also discussed faculty concerns regarding academic freedom.

Test Optional Admissions – John Middleton, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief of Staff (UM); and Steven Chaffin, Academic Affairs Program Director (UM)

Associate Vice President Middleton and Director Chaffin informed IFC that enrollment managers would provide updates on their test optional policies to the Board of Curators at a special meeting of the Academic, Student Affairs, Research and Economic Development Committee on December 3. Middleton and Chaffin will provide additional updates at the IFC's December 9 meeting.

Digital Accessibility Updates – Benjamin Canlas, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer (UM); Amber Cheek, Director of Accessibility (UM) & ADA Coordinator (MU); and Danna Wren (UM), Senior Director of Academic Technology

Vice President Canlas and Directors Cheek and Wren provided updates regarding the federal government's digital accessibility regulations, which include provisions requiring that universities have processes in place to ensure that academic course content is digitally accessible. The group discussed existing resources that can assist faculty with reviewing course content and IFC members provided suggestions to ensure faculty are adequately supported. Each campus was given the name of a primary point-of-contact to discuss campus-specific considerations in greater depth.

Reflections and Wrap Up

IFC members discussed ongoing trends related to artificial intelligence (AI) and the possibility of forming an AI taskforce. No decision was made on this point. The IFC will next meet on December 9 via Zoom.