

- x More attention could be paid to different kinds of “best practices” in public engagement that have been adopted by granting agencies several years to help ensure that research is perceived as relevant and significant.
- x There could be funding for special presidential initiatives.

President Choi stated that a Rapid Assessment will be conducted by an outside firm, which will look at MU and the System for duplications in administrative structures. He was reminded that

Steve Graham stated that the President is going to put money behind open access educational resources; the announcement went out last week. He clarified that the initiative targets disciplines that have expensive textbooks of several hundred dollars or more, not amounts of \$40 or so. Viviana Greco stated that the UMKC conference on online education is focused on open access. It is open to everyone.

11:30 – 11:40 Freedom of Speech (attachment 1)

The Senates/Council chairs/presidents provided updates about the status of the approval of the Freedom of Speech statement. Campus approval at S&T and UMSL was in process. IFC discussed whether it was possible to move forward with two versions of the document, and concluded that it could cause problems.

- ¾ The IFC members from MU, UMSL, and S&T voted unanimously to endorse the original MU Statement of Commitment to Free Expression.

12:00 – 12:15 IFC Process

IFC discussed that if IFC members or Steve Graham see something on an individual campus that should be “scaled up” to the System level, they should bring it to IFC. In the current political and economic context, faster speed is necessary. As was the case in the past, President Choi should also be urged to listen to the campus reports to decide whether an issue should be taken up by the System. There may also be times when it is appropriate to slow down.

It was proposed that

- ¾ As we all get use to the new context of the new President, we should have a conversation about how to articulate roles better.
- ¾ The Chairs/President of the Senates/Councils should have a regular conference call before each IFC meeting. New chairs can also contribute best practices. The IFC Chair could be included if deemed desirable by the Chairs/President.

12:15 – 12:40 System Investments to Support Campus Success (attachment 2) – Steve Graham

SG asked where the System should get involved in making investments? President Choi is looking at practices that have been taken up nationally.

Cross-campus course sharing was discussed and numerous obstacles were brought up:

- x Only 120-145 students are enrolled in shared courses per semester.
- x The common web portal for online classes does not exist now and registration is difficult.
- x Faculty haven't gotten behind it.
- x The rules are not clear and information is trickling down past the department chairs.

- x We need clear answers about who sets the credit and incentives.
- x Technology is sometimes not up to the demands.
- x Prerequisites are sometimes not equivalent.
- x Course management software on the campuses is not integrated (Canvas vs. Blackboard).

It was observed that 100% asynchronous delivery works best. Th

