To: Chancellor Cartwright, in care of Anna Ball, Faculty Fellow for Faculty Development

Attention: Michelle Marsden

Submitted by: Jeannette E. Pierce, Chair

Name of Committee: Missouri Unions Committee

Charge of Committee:

The charge to the Missouri Unions Committee is to advise the vice chancellor for Student Affairs on programs, services and policies for the operation of the Memorial Union and Brady Commons. This committee also acts on appeals in decisions of the director in implementing policy.

Committee Members:

- Faculty: Govindaraj Anumanthan, Jeannette Pierce, Laron Williams; one vacancy
- Staff: Becca Terry; one vacancy
- MSA: Chelsea Spence; Andrew Rogers; Adele Royale; one vacancy
- GPC: Kaleb Sellers; Patricia Snarski
- Ex Officio: Heath Immel, Julaine Kiehn; Tracy Schultz; Robin Whitely
- Support: Suzy Hempel

Number of times committee met: The committee met four times, October, November, February, and April.

Major accomplishments or highlights:

Only one issue arose that required committee input, which was the need to increase room rental fees by $5.00 per rental in FY19. There was general consensus that this increase would not be burdensome to the community and yet still be helpful to the finances of the Unions.

Our meeting times were spent becoming better informed about the activities of the Unions with significant attention given to renovations happening at Memorial Union, changes in the organization of Student Affairs, staffing adjustments related to budget reductions, building security & safety, the bookstore’s textbook initiative, and student employee development. Committee members grew in their appreciation for the work of the Unions.

The committee benefited from the participation of Unions and Dining Services staff who shared information and answered questions during committee meetings.

Recommendations for next year:

Committee members can be of service when Unions or Dining Services staff need to seek advice on changes in policies or services, or if there are ideas about new services to be considered. With this in mind, the Committee should continue to meet two or more times a year to learn about the work of the Unions and Dining Services in order to be prepared to serve in an informed advisory capacity.