

***Minutes of the May Session
of the Faculty Senate
Missouri State University***

The Faculty Senate held its 2006-07 organizational meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2006, in Plaster Student Union, Room 313 (Traywick Parliamentary Room). Chair Mark Richter called the session to order at 3:33 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian. Secretary of the Faculty Edward DeLong called the roll of the 2006-07 Senate members.

Substitutes: John Kent for John Hoftzyer, Budget & Priorities Committee chair; Cindy MacGregor for Char Berquist, Graduate Council chair; Peggy Pearl for Joanne Gordon, CGEIP chair; and Ken Rutherford for Yuhua Qiao, PLS.

Absences: Carmen Boyd, Instructor representative; Gay Ellis, Lecturer representative; Norm Griffith, Staff Senate representative; Frank Kauffman, SWK; Dale Moore, Staff Senate representative; Rich Moore, MIL; Richard Myers, BIO; Wenping Qiu, AGR; and Scott Zimmerman, Assistant Professor representative.

Guests: Lois Shufeldt, MKT; Beat Kernen, PLS; Rhonda Ridinger, HPE; Kim Bell, Records & Registration; William Agnew, EAD; Nicole Rovig, Records & Registration; Tammy Jahnke, Provost's Office; John Harms, S&A; Roger Sell, Academic Development Center; Earle Doman, Dean of Students; Charles Barke, EAD; Denise Baumann, Residence Life; Art Spisak, MCL; Rex Cammack, GGP; Madeleine Kernen, MCL; Frank Einhellig, Provost's Office; Sue George, ECFD; and Lloyd Young, CSII.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April Senate session were approved, with one correction: the results of the April 18 run-off election for the Secretary of the Faculty position, in which Edward DeLong was elected, (previously omitted) have been added to the minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ***Faculty Handbook*** The *Faculty Handbook* is undergoing its septennial revision. The Board of Governors and President Nietzel have placed a priority on having the *Handbook* finished by the end of calendar year 2006. This will require the Faculty Senate to have several meetings during the September and October sessions. All senators and delegates are asked to work with their department heads to keep Tuesday and Thursday afternoons open during these months.
2. ***Polling*** During the third meeting of the April session, **Senate Resolution 17-05/06** to implement a polling system on the Faculty senate web site was passed. The past and current Senate Executive Committees have met to discuss implementation of the system. At this time, capabilities do exist on the web site to poll all full-time faculty on an issue. Therefore, questions concerning the move to a performance-based system and the implementation of that system will be placed on the web site in the near future. An email from the Faculty Senate office will alert all faculty when the poll is

available. However, one feature the system does not have is the ability to poll faculty within a rank (e.g., full professors). This feature was highlighted during the discussion on the Senate floor and is something Rank Representatives spoke in favor of. Therefore, an official request from the Senate office to Computer Services has been made to add these “group” capabilities. The goal is to have the group feature in place by the beginning of the fall semester. Also, the Executive Committee is actively discussing how polling on the web site will be managed and how questions will be solicited and evaluated. The Executive Committee hopes to have general guidelines in place in the very near future.

3. **Committees** The Senate Executive Committee will meet in the near future to decide on committee assignments for the 2006-07 academic year. We have also been asked by both the President’s and Provost’s offices for names of individuals to serve on various committees. A full list of Missouri State committees can be found on the Provost’s web site at <http://www.missouristate.edu/provost/CommitteesHandbook.pdf>. Please let either the Faculty Senate office (FacultySenate@missouristate.edu) know if you, or a constituent, wish to be considered for a committee assignment.
4. **Post-retirement** The possibility of post-retirement half-time employment has been discussed over the past year, most notably in the Faculty Concerns Committee of the Faculty Senate and at the Dean and Provost levels. Whether an individual receives a post-retirement contract depends on individual, departmental and college considerations and will be decided at the college level on a case-by-case basis. Those who might be interested should contact their department heads to begin discussions.
5. **Open forum on new arena** Senator Woodard announced another open forum on the new arena will be held on Wednesday, May 17, from 1-2 p.m. in PSU theatre.

RESOLUTION FOR 2005-06 CHAIR, DR. ART SPISAK

Senator Jolley moved and Senator Nugent seconded a resolution honoring outgoing Faculty Senate chair, Dr. Art Spisak. Senator Jolley read the resolution, and by voice vote, the resolution passed unanimously. Chair Richter presented Dr. Spisak with an engraved plaque. The resolution will go forward as **Senate Resolution 1-06/07**.

RESOLUTION FOR 2005-06 SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY, DR. RHONDA RIDINGER

Senator Pearl moved and Senator Woodard seconded a resolution honoring outgoing Secretary of the Faculty, Dr. Rhonda Ridinger. Senator Pearl read the resolution, and by voice vote, the resolution passed unanimously. Chair Richter presented Dr. Ridinger with an engraved plaque. The resolution will go forward as **Senate Resolution 2-06/07**.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

1. **Global Studies Major, B.A.** - moved for approval by Senator Rutherford; seconded by Senator Nugent; discussed briefly by Senator Rutherford; approved by voice vote. Representing the Budget & Priorities Committee, Dr. John Kent reported the Committee had approved all three new programs being discussed at today’s meeting. If additional resources arise, these will be made available from the appropriate college in question. The above motion will go forward as **Senate Action 1-06/07**.

2. *Master of Science in Student Affairs* - moved for approval by Senator Moseman; seconded by Senator Blisard; discussed briefly by Dr. Agnew; approved by voice vote. The above motion will go forward as **Senate Action 2-06/07**.
3. *Joint Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Information Sciences* - moved for approval by Senator Rovey; seconded by Senator Bosch; discussed briefly by Dr. Cammack; approved by voice vote. The above motion will go forward as **Senate Action 3-06/07**.

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ISSUES INSTITUTE

Dr. Lloyd Young, director of the Community and Social Issues Institute, gave a progress report at the end of the first year for the Institute and discussed projects the Institute has underway currently. A website for the Institute will be on-line shortly.

ELECTION OF MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF FACULTY SENATES DESIGNATED VOTER AND ALTERNATE

Chair Richter informed Senate members that customarily the Senate chair and Senate chair-elect are elected as the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates (MAFS) designated voter and alternate, respectively. The MAFS has representatives from all 13 public four-year higher education institutions in the state and meets two times a year in Jefferson City. At the suggestion of the Chair, the Senate approved by voice vote that Chair Richter be elected as the designated voter and that Chair-elect Kane be elected as the alternate voter to MAFS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Senator Piston (new Senate representative from History replacing Senator Baggett) moved to withdraw the motion introduced by Senator Baggett at the April 27 Senate meeting on the Compensation Committee Final Report, Section Three (seconded by Senator Woodard). Hearing no objections, the motion was withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Piston moved and Senator Swearingen seconded a new resolution on the Compensation Committee Final Report, Section Three, copies of which were distributed to Senate members. Senator Miller moved to amend the resolution to add after "CUPA data" on the first bulleted item, "or other nationally normed averages." Senator Miller said her college uses AACSB data instead of CUPA data and other colleges might also use different data. Her motion was seconded by Senator Haytko. Senator Miller later accepted a friendly amendment to add the words "relevant to each discipline" to the end her amendment. After discussion, the motion to amend passed by voice vote. After much discussion concerning the amended motion, both for and against, Senator Miller moved the previous question. Her motion was seconded by Senator Rovey, and the motion passed by voice vote. The main motion for approval of the resolution, as amended, failed by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Richter adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting will be on Thursday, September 14, in Plaster Student Union, Room 313.

Edward J. DeLong
Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 1-06/07

Adopted by Senate on May 11, 2006

Right of Challenge Expires June 5, 2006

Global Studies Major, B.A.

A complete copy of the above curricular proposal can be viewed in the Faculty Senate office.

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Master of Science in Student Affairs

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Senate Action 3-06/07

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Joint Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Information Sciences by MSU & UMR

A complete copy of the above curricular proposal can be viewed in the Faculty Senate office.

Resolution in Honor of Dr. Art Spisak

Whereas, Dr. Art Spisak has provided outstanding leadership to the University, to the community, and especially to the faculty while serving as Chairperson of the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University for the academic year 2005-2006; and

Whereas, Dr. Spisak has faithfully, tirelessly, compassionately, and efficaciously served this Faculty Senate, always with great concern for the welfare of the university and of the faculty overall; and

Whereas, He has consistently and courageously provided a forum for full and open discussion and debate of issues and proposals of great importance to the faculty and has ensured that these exchanges were dignified and respectful of all viewpoints; and

Whereas, He has, in a time of rapid change under a new University President, gone to great lengths to ensure that faculty representatives have a clear understanding of and ample occasion to consider and respond to a number of complex and controversial initiatives proposed by President Nietzel and various presidential committees; and

Whereas, He has never hesitated to raise and address issues of concern to the faculty when representing the faculty to the administration and other governing bodies; and

Whereas, He has enhanced the stature and credibility of the entire faculty of Missouri State University through his example of collegiality, professionalism, inclusiveness, diplomacy, vision, and leadership;

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University expresses its profound and heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Spisak and commends him for his exceptional service as Chairperson of the Faculty Senate.

Resolution in Honor of Dr. Rhonda Ridinger

Whereas, Dr. Rhonda Ridinger's service as Secretary of the Faculty during the past academic year of 2005-2006 has been exemplary; and

Whereas, She has excelled in a consistent pattern of leadership that includes 13 years of service to the Faculty Senate as member, Chair-elect, Chair, Secretary for 2 years and Chairperson of the Budget and Priorities and Faculty Handbook Committees, and

Whereas, She has been organized, thorough, thoughtful, and insightful, and

Whereas, She has served the best interests of both the University and its faculty by unselfishly providing her knowledge, experience and expertise to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate;

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University commends Dr. Ridinger for her commitment to the faculty governance process and for a job well done as Secretary of the Faculty.