

# Faculty Senate Report to Missouri State University Board of Governors – February 17, 2023

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Since my last report to the Board, the Faculty Senate has met twice. The following report provides a summary of the December 2022 and January 2023 sessions of the Faculty Senate. In addition, this report provides a brief update for the two Faculty Senate ad hoc committees I presented in my October 28, 2022, report. Finally, this report provides an update on the 2023 Eric Shade Memorial Faculty Governance Award.

## **DECEMBER 2022 FACULTY SENATE SESSION**

The fourth meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2022-2023 academic year was on Thursday, December 8, 2022. In addition to completing normal introductory activities, the Senate conducted the following business.

### **SENATE DISCUSSION WITH PROVOST JOHN JASINSKI AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ZORA MULLIGAN**

Provost Jasinski and Executive Vice President Mulligan continued their attendance at Faculty Senate meetings to discuss their ongoing enrollment, administrative, and academic realignment work. Senators of the Faculty Senate engaged in useful discussions with these administrators about this work.

### **PRESENTATION ON INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE SCORECARD**

Dr. Algerian Hart discussed with the Senate the scorecard work he is leading.

### **ROY BLUNT HALL IMPACT REPORT**

Laura Derrick, Project Manager, discussed with the Senate plans for the renovation/expansion of Roy Blunt Hall.

### **COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES REPORT**

On behalf of the Committee on Honorary Degrees, Dr. Tom Dicke, Committee Chair, nominated Rodney Dillard for the honorary degree Doctorate of Humane Letters (L.H.D.). The Senate unanimously approved the nomination.

### **CURRICULAR PROPOSALS**

There were no new curricular proposals brought to the Faculty Senate in December.

## **JANUARY 2023 FACULTY SENATE SESSION**

The fifth meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2022-2023 academic year was on Thursday, January 26, 2023. In addition to completing normal introductory activities, the Senate conducted the following business.

### **PRESENTATION ON A REVIEW OF THE LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Nancy Gordon, Director of the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, discussed with the Senate changes being made to Blackboard, the university's current learning management system. She also discussed ongoing reviews of other learning management systems.

**SENATE DISCUSSION WITH DEAN MARK SMITH**

Dr. Mark Smith, Dean of the McQueary College of Health and Human Services, discussed with the Senate the ongoing work of the Academic Realignment Team. Senators of the Faculty Senate engaged in useful discussions with Dr. Smith about this work.

**INTERNAL ACTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE**

In recognition of the current realignment work the university is conducting, Dr. Michael Hudson, Chair of the Faculty Senate, presented to the Senate an Internal Senate Action, which proposed how the Senate can move forward with current elections for Senate membership and its standing councils and committees. This action stated the Senate recognizes it cannot strictly follow current bylaws regarding elections and membership because of ongoing realignment work; however, the Senate will move forward with its elections and membership as currently described in the *Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty*. When allowed by current bylaws, the Faculty Senate will adjust council and committee membership; however, this may not be possible in all situations. The Internal Senate Action was passed by unanimous consent.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON POLICY REVIEW**

Dr. Cynthia MacGregor, Committee Chair, presented and discussed her report with the Senate.

**CURRICULAR PROPOSALS**

The Faculty Senate discussed and approved 9 new programs and the deletion of one program.

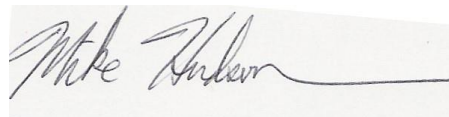
**FACULTY SENATE AD HOC COMMITTEES UPDATE**

For my October 28, 2022, report, I introduced the work of 2 new ad hoc committees of the Faculty Senate. The work of the ad hoc committee examining faculty use of Blackboard will be discussed in a Faculty Handbook Revision Committee this spring semester.

The work of the ad hoc committee examining if/how to redesign the Faculty Senate Academic Relations Committee submitted its report. Dr. Lanya Lamouria, Committee Chair, and Dr. Michael Hudson, Faculty Senate Chair, are preparing the report to present to the Faculty Senate.

**ERIC SHADE MEMORIAL FACULTY GOVERNANCE AWARD UPDATE**

This award is in recognition of Dr. Eric Shade. Dr. Shade served as Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate on 8 occasions between 2005-2015. Dr. Shade was dedicated to upholding the finest academic tradition of shared governance. By the end of the nomination period (i.e., the end of January 2023), the Faculty Senate received 7 nominations. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee is reviewing these nominations for eligibility and required materials. They will identify the award winner later this spring semester.



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