

Minutes of the December Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the December session on Thursday, December 9, 2021, via Zoom online. Chair Chris Herr called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Cynthia MacGregor served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Steven Capps for Melissa Fallone (Psych), and Avery Russell for Jay McEntee (Bio).

Absences: Benzer Fatih (Art & Design), David Claborn (Pub Health & Sports Med), Jerri Lynn Kyle (Instructor Rank), and Andrei Shoumikhin (Defense & Strategic Studies).

Guests: Katrina Chavez (Registrar's Off), John Chuchiak (Honors College), Paul Deal (Psych), Tom Dicke (Honorary Degrees), Jeffrey Jones (Finance & Gen Business), Julie Masterson (Grad College), Judith Martinez (Modern & Classical Lang), Jonathan Newman (English), Melissa Penkalski (Grad Council), David Romano (Poli Sci), Tracy Stout (CGEIP), Kelly Wood (Student Success), and Angela Young (Registrar's Off).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November minutes incorrectly listed Senator Martin Jones as absent and will be revised. The minutes were approved as amended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 14 at 3:30 via Zoom.
2. To reiterate one note included in the special rules of order sent out with the agenda: except for those votes where there is no obvious difference in opinion for the motion on the floor, voting will be conducted by Zoom, using the "raise hand" function. To raise your hand in Zoom's desktop app, click the "Raise Hand" button in the "Reactions" tab. In the mobile app, tap the "Raise Hand" option in the "More" tab. Once you have been recognized or the Chair indicates votes have been tallied, please lower your hand.
3. Nominations for the Eric Shade Award are open and will be accepted until January 15. The award was initiated to honor those who "demonstrate significant commitment to the principles of faculty governance within the university. Nominees should be able to document a record of sustained excellence and substantial contributions to faculty governance through service in Faculty Senate and on Senate committees over a period of years."

Eligibility: Any current fulltime faculty member not serving as an administrator may be nominated for the award.

Nomination Process: Individuals may be nominated by other faculty members or may nominate themselves. Once nominated, a faculty member will be asked to submit to the Faculty Senate Chair, a 1-2 page letter outlining their contributions to faculty governance, a CV listing service in Senate and on Senate committees, and the names of 2-3 references who can speak to the quality of the nominee's service. Faculty Senate Officers will select the award winner.

Deadline: Nominations must be submitted to the Faculty Senate Chair by January 15. Nominees will be contacted by January 20. Nominees must submit a letter, CV, and names of three references by January 27. Given the short turn-around time, it may be a good idea for those nominating anyone other than themselves to give a verbal notification to their nominee/s so that they can begin working on their applications. The award will be announced at a spring session of the Faculty Senate and presented at the University's spring awards ceremony.

4. To repeat what I sent out in an earlier email, in Spring 2022, Faculty Senate will resume face to face meetings, barring any significant change in university masking or meeting policies. The Executive Committee thanks all of you for your patience and forbearance during the Zoom interregnum, and I look forward to seeing you in person in January.

5. As you will recall, at our October meeting, we discussed a resolution from Student Government Association about required minimum use of Blackboard by faculty. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee has decided that the best and most efficient way to explore this issue and draft policy recommendations (which would then come back to the Policy Review Committee and then to Senate) is to create an ad hoc Faculty Senate committee, which will have representation from faculty, students, and the administration. I know there was a good deal of interest in this issue during our discussion in October, so if you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact me as soon as possible. We expect to have a charge drafted for the committee soon, and the committee will start working next semester.

6. As a follow-up to our discussion with the Provost in October about faculty numbers at the university, Dr. Einhellig sent some updated numbers that I would like to share with Senators. Of the 743 full-time faculty at Missouri State, 474 are tenured or tenure track (including 39 who currently serve as Department Heads or interim Department Heads), and 297 are non-tenure track. The non-tenure track faculty include 57 who are clinical faculty of all ranks, 237 who are non-clinical instructors and senior instructors, and 4 who hold no academic rank as they are artists in residence or practitioners in residence.

7. Finally, an information item: yesterday, the state Coordinating Board of Higher Education approved a mission change for Missouri State to include professional doctorates generally in the description of the degrees we offer. This change will allow us to seek new professional doctorates through a shorter approval process than we had used in the past.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES

Dr. Tom Dicke, committee member, presented the report and nomination of Glenn Coltharp for the Honorary Doctorate. Chair Herr explained the special rules applying to presenting and voting for Senate Actions for Honorary Degrees. The Senate voted to accept the Senate Action for a vote.

Chair Herr presented the proposed Senate Action Conferring Honorary Doctorate upon Glenn Coltharp. The Senate Action was unanimously adopted by the Senate.

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ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

CGEIP Program Change: Middle Eastern Studies Minor

Moved by Senator Patrick Scott, Political Science

APPROVED

SA 18-21/22

CGEIP New Course: ENG105 – Writing I with Studio

Moved by Senator Margaret Weaver, English

APPROVED

SA 19-21/22

New Interdisciplinary Program: Undergraduate Certificate in Linguistics

Moved by Senator Margaret Weaver, English

APPROVED

SA 20-21/22

New Program: Fintech Graduate Certificate

Moved by Senator Puneet Prakash, Finance & General business

APPROVED

SA 21-21/22

New Graduate Program: Clinical Psychology

Moved by Senator Melissa Fallone, Psychology

APPROVED

SA 22-21/22

New Program: Organizational Communication Undergraduate Certificate

Moved by Senator Char Berquist, Communication

APPROVED

SA 23-21/22

New Program: Intercultural Communication Undergraduate Certificate

Moved by Senator Char Berquist, Communication

APPROVED

SA 24-21/22

New Program: Strategic Communication and Digital Literacy Undergraduate Certificate

Moved by Senator Char Berquist, Communication

APPROVED

SA 25-21/22

Delete Program: Conflict and Interpersonal Communication BS

Moved by Senator Char Berquist, Communication

APPROVED

SA 26-21/22

Delete Program: Socio-Political Communication BS

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REPORT FROM FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

Christina Simmers presented the report.

Senate went into quasi committee of the whole to begin discussion of the proposed revisions to the Faculty Handbook.

The Senate discussed the revisions at length.

Due to the hour Chair Herr entertained a motion for the discussion to be postponed until the January session.

Senator Weaver made the motion.

THE MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Herr adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Lanya Lamouria

Secretary of the Faculty

Faculty Senate Chair Must Be Notified of Intent to Challenge By: December 17, 2021
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**Senate Action Conferring Honorary Doctorate upon
Glenn Coltharp**

WHEREAS, the honorary Doctorate of Public Affairs is “given to persons distinguished in general service to the state, to learning, and to humankind;” and

WHEREAS, Glen Coltharp has distinguished himself by his achievements and dedication to the areas of education and public affairs; and

WHEREAS, his career in the field of education in Southwest Missouri, from his work as a kindergarten teacher to his leadership as a school superindentant and as a university president, spans over forty years of exemplary service at all levels of education; and

WHEREAS, he has been a tireless champion of education, building alliances between K-12 educators and university teacher training programs at Crowder College, Missouri Southern State University, and Missouri State University, and fostering workforce development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, he has served on numerous state and local educational boards, including the Missouri Advisory Board for Education Preparation and the Missouri Community College Association; and

WHEREAS, his work as a leader in education has been paralleled by a lifetime of service to his community in other areas, including serving as Director of the Board for the Alliance of Southwest Missouri, President of the Board of the United Way of Southwest Missouri, and service on the boards of many area organizations and committees; and

WHEREAS, his career and life has embodied public service and dedication to making his community better;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University, meeting on this ninth day of December, 2021, recommend to the university’s Board of Governors that the degree of Doctor of Public Affairs (D.P.A) be conferred upon Glenn Coltharp at the Commencement ceremony in May, 2022, in recognition of outstanding achievements in the area of public affairs.

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