

## Minutes of the February Session of the Faculty Senate

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The Faculty Senate held the February session on Thursday, February 13, 2020, in PSU Ballroom East. Chair Saibal Mitra called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Mike Hudson served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: None.

Absences: Robert Joseph, DS; Sung-Wan Kang, SW; and Cedric Mbanga, FG.

Guests: Katrina Chavez, Registrar; Nathan Hoff, Registrar; Pauline Nugent, Senate Past Chair; Kelly Wood, CAST; Theresa McCoy, Computer Services; Dan Raines, Academic Achievement Center; Rich Biagioni, CGEIP; and Terrel Galloway, Committee on Rules

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 2020 minutes were approved as posted.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday February 18, PSU Ballroom East.
2. Nomination for Faculty Senate:  
According to the Bylaws, senators may nominate eligible candidates for Chair-Elect or Secretary of the Faculty Senate at the March session of the Faculty Senate or by submitting nominations, with an appropriate second, to the Secretary of the Faculty no later than April 1. Since the Senate benefits from having a strong and diverse slate of candidates, it is desirable that at least one nomination for each office come from the floor so that the candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee do not run unopposed.  
Faculty are eligible for the position of Chair-Elect or Secretary if (1) by the time they assume office they will have completed at least one year of service (may or may not be continuous) in the Faculty Senate as a voting member during the previous six academic years, and (2) they are tenured before the September session of their term.  
Candidates for Chair-Elect and Secretary of the Faculty **shall** participate in a Candidate Forum which will be held during the April session after announcements and approval of the minutes of the March session.
3. The public affairs mission of MSU has three pillars: ethical leadership, cultural competence, and community engagement. In 2016, globalization specifically has been listed as one of the six key areas for the MSU long-range plan, and faculty has been repeatedly included in the strategic priorities of a comprehensive campus globalization vision. The Globally Responsive Education and Teaching (GREAT) Program launched by International Leadership and Training Center (ILTC), Office of China Programs, and Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning (FCTL) hopes to motivate MSU faculty to internationalize and pursue innovation in their teaching and curriculum, and also to provide a platform for dialogue and interaction between MSU faculty and international visiting scholars for future collaboration opportunities. The program will host monthly topic-orientated panel or seminar discussion, and the first panel discussion will be 1:30pm-3:00pm in PSU Room 313, and the topic is to understand international students in MSU class.

Chair Mitra announced that the UHC ballots would be distributed for voting and the results announced during the meeting.

### REPORT ON EARLY ALERT PILOT PROGRAM

Kelly Wood and Dan Raines presented the report and answered questions from the Senate. The pilot program will report back to Faculty Senate in the fall.

**CGEIP REPORT ON CHANGES TO REPORTS**

Richard Biagioni presented the report and the .Continuation of Pilot Program Internal Senate Action. The Senate revised the Action.

**The motion passed.**

Addition of Chair-Elect Internal Senate Action: Senator Basset moved it to the floor.

**The motion passed.**

**REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES**

Chair Mitra explained that the first two charges are Bylaws changes. Charge no. 3 would require a change to the Constitution. An electronic vote would be set up.

Terrel Gallaway presented the report on Charges 1, 2 and 3. The Senate will vote on charges 1 and 2 in the March meeting.

Charge 1: Budget & Priorities - changes and updates to the Budget & Priorities reports

"Shall every year oversee the update"

Change to "Shall every year monitor the update." - amendment from Senator Cornelison

the motion passed

Senator Siebert made a motion to add nonvoting in front exofficio in (b) membership. Motion passed.

Charge 2: Faculty Senate Chair - Create a standing committee of past Faculty Senate chairs

Charge 3 - Giving Senior Instructors a Faculty Senate representative.

The completion of Charge 3 will occur if the constitutional amendment passes, which will be followed with the Bylaws change presented in March and voted on in April.

**ELECTION RESULTS FOR UNIVERSITY HEARING COMMITTEE**

Alejandra Cerdas-Cisneros, Modern & Classical Languages; COAL

Erin Prisco, Music; COAL

Martin Jones, Technology & Construction Management; COB

Stan Leasure, Finance & General Business; COB

Dan Kaufman, Philosophy; CHPA

Leslie Baynes, Religious Studies; CHPA

Shelby Kilmer, Mathematics; CNAS

Alexander Wait, Biology; CNAS

Rebecca Swearingen, Reading, Foundations & Technology; COE

Reesha Adamson, Counseling, Leadership & Special Education; COE

Maciej Pszczolkowski, Environmental Plant Science & Natural Resources; DCOA

Jim Hutter, Agriculture Business, Education & Communications; DCOA

**ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS (MOVE THIS TO AFTER ANNOUNCEMENTS)**

**New Program: Equine Science**

Moved by Senator Boyer

**APPROVED**

**SA 47-19/20**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Beth Walker  
Secretary of the Faculty

**Senate Internal Action 2-19/20**

**Adopted by Faculty Senate on February 13, 2020**

**Faculty Senate Internal Action with Council on  
General Education and Intercollegiate Programs:  
Continuation of Pilot Program on General Education Assessment**

**Whereas** during Spring 2019, the Council on General Education and Intercollegiate Programs (CGEIP) reviewed the current system for evaluating general education courses and discussed possible improvements and

**Whereas** during the current academic year, CGEIP, with the consent of Senate, carried out a pilot program for reviewing general education classes in the Natural World and Public Affairs areas and

**Whereas** response to the altered evaluation process was received well by both the course coordinators providing reports and by CGEIP members participating in report reviewing and

**Whereas** CGEIP is responsible for reviewing the general education program and recommending changes (Senate Bylaws Article IV Section 4C),

**Be it Resolved** that Senate grant CGEIP permission to continue the pilot program for the 2020 – 2021 academic year, while working with Senate to revise Senate documents relating to the General Education program to implement the changes. Key details include:

General Goals previously approved by Senate will be maintained. The proposed changes do not fundamentally change the nature of MSU's general education program. CGEIP may in some cases seek to edit some General Goals to improve their clarity and to make them more appropriate to classes as they are actually taught.

Assessment will focus on General Goals (GGs) rather than on Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs), allowing general education faculty more flexibility in how they evaluate how their courses contribute to General Education.

Review periods will be biennial rather than the current system of annual reviews plus periodic reviews. CGEIP proposes that it review Foundations and Breadth of Knowledge (Arts / Human Cultures / Humanities) during the next academic year. Reports will not be required for courses in the Public Affairs or Natural World areas.

Implementation of changes over the long term will require drafting of language on the structure of the general education program to replace the current language. CGEIP will start drafting such language to present to Senate with the intention of having the changes fully implemented in time for the 2021-2022 academic year.

**Faculty Senate Internal Action with Council on  
General Education and Intercollegiate Programs:  
Addition of Chair-Elect Position**

Whereas the Council on General Education and Intercollegiate Programs (CGEIP) is all responsible (Senate Bylaws Article IV Sections 2 - 4) for reviewing and acting on all curricular proposals affecting the General Education Program, on all undergraduate courses and programs offered collaboratively by academic departments in two or more colleges, on undergraduate degrees offered by two or more colleges, on general requirements for undergraduate certificates, and on applications for admission to the Bachelor of General Studies degree program, and is also responsible for periodic review of the general education program and of general education assessment data and

Whereas the current structure of CGEIP specifies the election of a Chair and a Secretary (Bylaws Article IC Section 7) and

Whereas the duties of the CGEIP Chair require extensive time and effort and

Whereas significant time and effort is required for the CGEIP Chair to become knowledgeable about the duties of the position and

Whereas having a Chair-Elect for CGEIP would allow that person to become familiar with the duties of the Chair while assisting the Chair and

Whereas some other Senate councils (e.g., Educator Preparation Provider Council, EPPC) allow the position of Chair-Elect

Be it Resolved that Senate direct the Rules Committee to consider changing the membership bylaws for CGEIP membership and structure to add the position of Chair-Elect.

**Senate Action 47-19/20**

**Adopted by Senate on February 13, 2020**

**Faculty Senate Chair Must Be Notified of Intent to Challenge By: February 24, 2020**  
**Right of Challenge Expires March 15, 2020**

**New Program: Equine Science**

This curricular proposal can be viewed in the Curricular Action Workflow system.