

Minutes of the February Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the February session on Thursday, February 11, 2021, via Zoom. Chair Cameron Wickham called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Mike Hudson served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: None.

Absences: William Boyer (Animal Sci), Dave Cornelison (Physics, Astronomy, and MS), Thomas Franklin (Comm Sci and Disorders), Robert Joseph (Defense and Strategic Studies), Steve McIntyre (History), Benjamin Onyango (Ag Business), Wenping Qiu (Plant Sci and Natural Res), Cathy Starr (Merch and Fashion Design)

Guests: Joshua Allen (HR), Chin-Wen Chang (Grad Council), Chris Craig (Provost Office), Katrina Chavez (Registrar's Office), Laura Derrick (Planning, Design, Construction), Debbie Donnellan (HR), David Hall (University Safety), Seth Hoelscher (Chair, Rules Comm), Jason Jolley (Diversity Council), Helena Metzker (CNAS Diversity Comm), Sarah Morrison (CNAS Diversity Comm), Jennifer Murvin (English), Dan Raines (Student Success), and Kelly Wood (Student Success).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. As we've done for the last few months, in order to better facilitate Faculty Senate meetings virtually, we are using special rules to guide this meeting. These rules were sent out in the email with the agenda and Zoom link. In particular, to seek recognition from the chair use the raise hand function on Zoom. If multiple hands are raised I will progress through each member in the order presented on our Zoom screen. When a Senator or Delegate has an interrupting motion, the member may unmute their microphone while another attendee is speaking and address the chair with your motion.
2. Departmental election ballots from department heads are due Friday, March 12. They should be emailed to FacultySenate@missouristate.edu. The primary election for Associate Professor, Instructor and Clinical Faculty rank representatives to Faculty Senate will begin Friday, March 19.
3. Elections for University Hearing Committee will take place during today's meeting and will be conducted in two rounds via email with an electronic ballot.
4. In today's meeting we will be voting to fill upcoming vacancies on the University Hearing Committee. We need to elect a total of nine faculty members today. Nominees are divided by college and next to each college is the number of reps each senator needs to vote for. The faculty members elected will be those who receive the highest number of votes in each college such that the minimum number of reps is fulfilled for that college. A second ballot will then be distributed to vote for the remaining two vacancies.

REPORT ON COVID-19 POLICIES

Director of University Safety, David Hall, presented the report and answered questions. Covid cases are trending down. Second doses of vaccinations have begun. We are currently in Phase 1B Tier 2 in distribution of the vaccine.

ELECTION FOR UNIVERSITY HEARING COMMITTEE, ROUND 1

Senators were emailed a link to the ballot to vote in the first round for the colleges needing to reach four members.

REPORT ON BLACKBOARD ACCESS FOR ADVISORS

Kelly Wood, Associate Provost for Student Success, and Dan Raines presented the report.

PRESENTATION ON LINKEDIN LEARNING

Joshua Allen, Associate Director, Human Resources, and Debbie Donnellan, Assistant Director, Human Resources, gave the PowerPoint presentation on the platform, which includes resources for students and for faculty. For more information, see <https://blogs.missouristate.edu/human/>.

ELECTION FOR UNIVERSITY HEARING COMMITTEE, ROUND 2

Senators were emailed a link to the ballot to vote in the second round for remaining candidates.

REPORT ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION ACTIVITIES

Jason Jolley and Sarah Morrison gave the PowerPoint presentations. For more information, see <https://rcoal.missouristate.edu/diversity.htm>.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Seth Hoelscher, Chair, presented three recommendations. Voting will take place in the March session.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS FOR UNIVERSITY HEARING COMMITTEE

The following were elected to the University Hearing Committee and will begin their UHC terms in Fall 2021.

COB: **Phil Rothschild**, Management; **Dane Peterson**, Information Technology and Cybersecurity

CNAS: **Kevin Mickus**, Geography, Geology, and Planning

DCOA: **Karl Wilker**, Environmental Plant Sciences and Natural Resources

MCHHS: **Yating Liang**, Kinesiology; **Shurita Thomas-Tate**, Communication Sciences and Disorders

RCOA: **Vanessa Rodriguez de la Vega**, Modern and Classical Languages

At large members: **Jenifer Roberts**, Merchandising and Fashion Design (COB); **Tim Daugherty**, Psychology (MCHHS)

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

New Program: Undergraduate Certificate In Graphic Narrative

Moved by Senator Margaret Weaver/ English

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NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wickham adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Lanya Lamouria
Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 30-20/21

Adopted by Senate on February 11, 2021

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Right of Challenge Expires March 12, 2021

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