

Minutes of the April Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the first meeting of its April session on Thursday, April 14, 2011, in KARLS 101. Chair Rebecca Woodard called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: W.R. Miller for Bela Bodo, HI; and Pauline Nugent for Joseph Hughes, FL.

Absences: Tracy Cleveland, PN; Michele Day, SW; Vicki Dunlop, GL; Mike Foster, CGEIP Chair; Ben Goss, MG; Richard Johnson, CI; Keegan Kimbrough, GSC Rep; James Lampe, AC; James Philpot, Acad Rel Chair; Jenifer Roberts, FI; John Schmalzbauer, RE; Sharmistha Self, FCC Chair; and Beth Walker, AG.

Guests: Edward DeLong, LIS; Chris Herr, Theatre & Dance; Mark Paxton, MJF; Jacob Swett, SGA; Justin Mellish, SGA; Jack Diamond, MJF; Andy Cline, MJF; Kerry Slattery, TCM; Margaret Weaver, FSEC; Belinda McCarthy, Provost; and John Catau, Office of the Provost.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 2011 minutes were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Faculty are encouraged to attend two upcoming open forums on the Long Range Plan, April 25, 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Temple 001, and May 9, 3-4:30 p.m. in Meyer Library Auditorium.
2. Budget & Priorities Committee was scheduled to present an internal Senate action on AAUP, but will present it at the May Faculty Senate meeting, so that they may give a more detailed report. Chair Woodard reminded the senators that their terms end in April, but they are welcome to attend the May session.
3. Annual All-Faculty Recognition Reception is May 2 at 3 p.m. in the PSU Ballroom.

CANDIDATE FORUM FOR 2011/2012 SENATE CHAIR-ELECT AND SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY

Candidates Christopher Herr (Chair-Elect) and Cindy Hail (Secretary of the Faculty) made statements and answered questions from the Senate.

Because only one candidate for each position was nominated, and because the Bylaws do not allow for write-in candidates or for voting against a nominee, it was explained that the only way the candidates could fail to be elected was if no one voted for them. Accordingly, Chair Woodard asked at least one Senator to indicate an intention to vote for each candidate. Several Senators indicated their votes for Dr. Herr and in turn for Dr. Hail. Once those votes were indicated, the nominees were declared elected.

Chair-Elect of the Faculty Senate for 2011-12: Christopher Herr

Secretary of the Faculty for 2011-12: Cindy Hail

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH PROVOST MCCARTHY

Dr. McCarthy discussed the recent contract for course development/delivery involving the Media, Journalism and Film Department and the Poynter Institute. Dr. McCarthy turned the discussion over to MFJ Department Head, Mark Biggs, along with MFJ Faculty Dr. Mary Jane Pardue, Dr. Andy Cline and Mr. Jack Diamond.

Among the issues discussed was faculty oversight of curriculum and the outsourcing of JRN 270 (Poynter's Journalism 101 class). The Senate discussed the matter at length with the MFJ faculty, and Dr. Biggs. Dr. McCarthy also commented and answered questions.

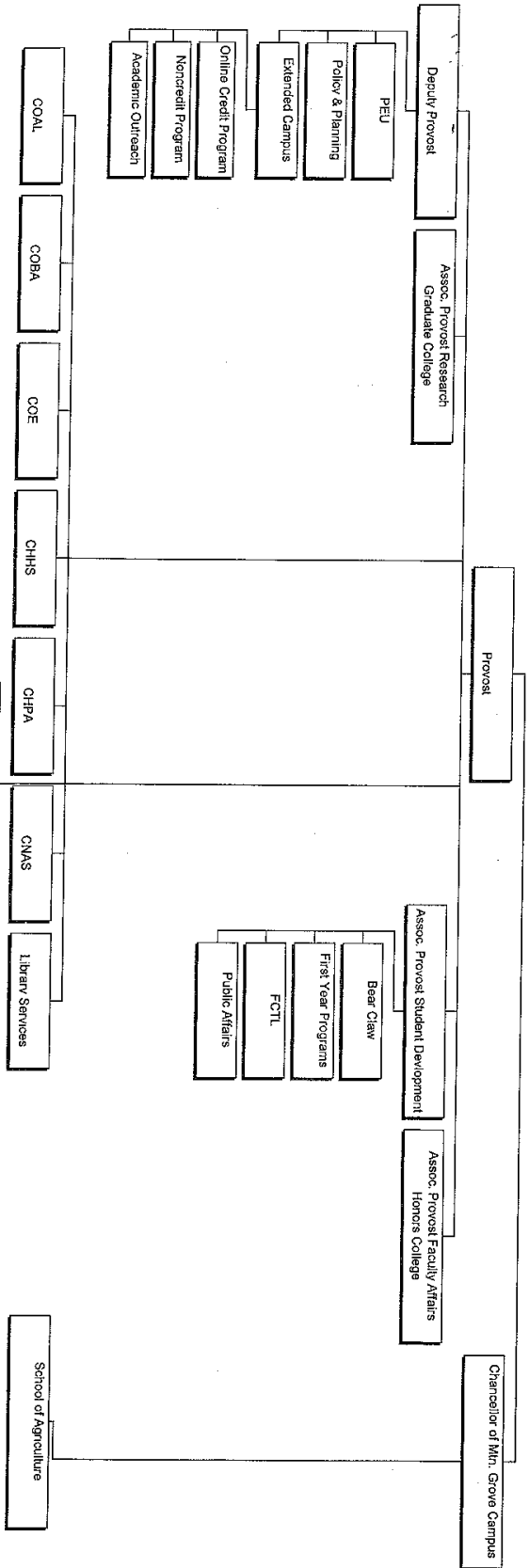
Dr. McCarthy discussed administrative organization and presented an updated organizational chart showing changes before and after April 13, 2011 (attached). She answered questions from the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

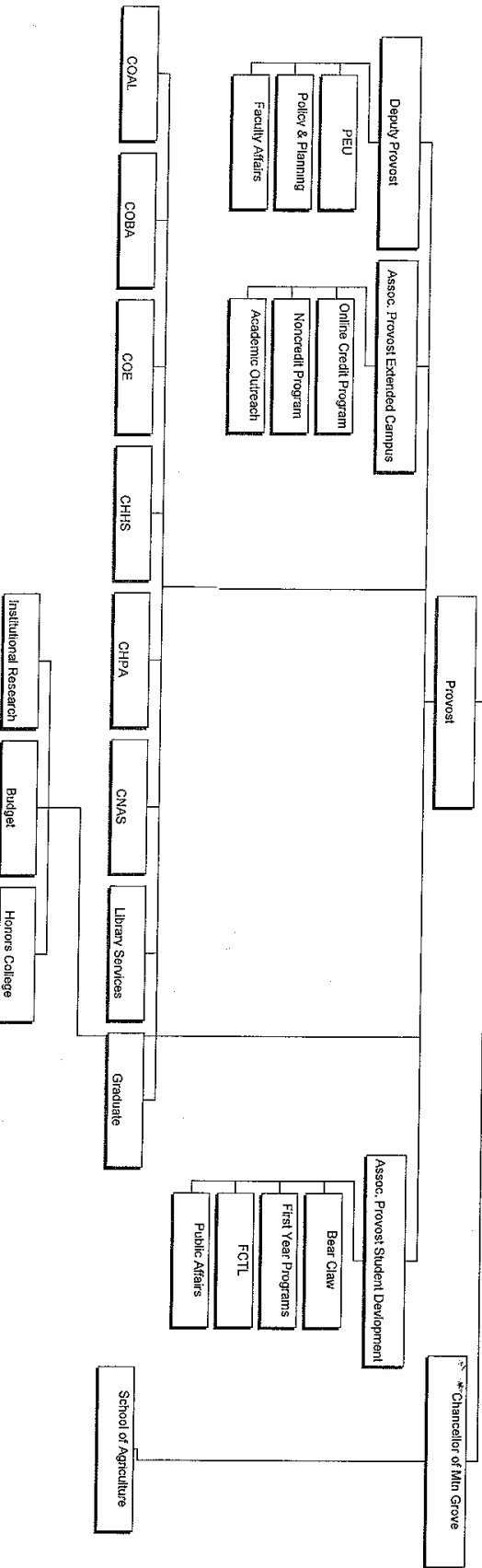
Senator Olsen moved to adjourn for a carryover meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m. A carryover meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, at 3:30 p.m. in GLASS 344.

Before July 1, 2011



After July 1, 2011



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The Faculty Senate held the second meeting of its April session on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, in GLASS 344. Chair Rebecca Woodard called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Jef Cornelius-White for Gay Ragan, Assoc Prof Rep; Pauline Nugent for Joseph Hughes, MCL; Cynthia MacGregor for Paul Ajuwon, CL; Donald Fischer for Jack Rosenkoetter, PY; John Strong for John Schmalzbauer, RE; and Jamaine Abidogun for Steve Willis, PEC Chair.

Absences: Bela Bodo, BI; Michele Day, SW; Vicki Dunlop, GL; Mike Foster, CBEIP Chair; Dana Frederick, NTT Instruc Rep; Richard Garrad, BS; Richard Johnson, CI; Jim Kaatz, PS; Keegan Kimbrough, GSC Rep; James Lampe, AC; Judith Martin, B&P Chair; Rick Martin, CS; Ron Netsell, CD; Sean Newton, PT; Stephanie Norander, CM; Robert Owens, FG; James Philpot, Acad Rel Chair; Jenifer Roberts, FI; Sharmistha Self, FCC Chair; Beth Walker, AG; and Gwen Walstrand, AR.

Guests: Mark Paxton, MJF; Jacob Swett, SGA; Chris Herr, T&D; John Satzinger, CIS; Art Spisak, Office of the Provost; Belinda McCarthy, Provost; John Catau, Office of the Provost; James Cofer, President; Emily Bernet, SGA; Justin Mellish, SGA; Allan Liggett, SMAT; Richard Johnson, CIS; and Carey Adams, COAL.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH PROVOST MCCARTHY

Hearing no objection, Chair Woodard postponed the continuation of Q & A with the Provost until unfinished business to ensure that the remaining agenda items were addressed.

VOTING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE FACULTY

Charge 3

All occurrences of "department" or "department/school" should be replaced with "academic department" or "academic department/school" within the Constitution and Bylaws.

PASSED: 31 to 1

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

Program Deletion: Bachelor of Science Engineering Physics (comprehensive)

Moved by Senator Shyang Huang: APPROVED

Senate Action 17-10/11

Program Deletion: Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance

Moved by Senator Brummel: APPROVED

Senate Action 18-10/11

REPORT FROM FACULTY CONCERNS SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Keith Ernce, Chair of the subcommittee, presented the report.

Senator Utey moved the Senate Action for More Open Communication on President and Provost WebPages. The Senate Action passed.

Senate Action 19-10/11

ACTION TO AMEND SENATE ACTION 26-98/99

Senator John Hail moved the Senate Action Concerning Expiration of Graduate Certificate Programs. The Senate Action passed.

Senate Action 20-10/11

SGA RESOLUTION ON RECOMMENDATION FOR POSTED SYLLABI

Katherine Shellenberg, SGA Representative presented the SGA resolution for the Senate's consideration, and answered questions from the Senate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. McCarthy continued her question and answer session with the Senate at length. She provided a handout on international travel and discussed her support of it. Topics discussed were the journalism course outsourcing issue, international travel policies, Provost office organization, and online education opportunities and marketing those programs. Provost McCarthy shared her time with President Cofer who was asked questions. He commented on organization of the Graduate College and Research at the Institution and future direction of marketing and supporting online teaching with specific attention to the issue of outsourcing.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Calihman moved the Resolutions in Support of Graduate Education, recently passed by the Graduate Council.

The Resolution passed.

Senate Resolution 6-10/11

Jeffrey Cornelius-White, Associate Professor Representative substitute, asked for the sense of the Senate regarding the possibility of a per course faculty representative serving on the Senate. The Senate did not feel it was appropriate because of the constant turnover and little means of communicating with temporary adjunct faculty. Senators were reminded that they represent per course faculty from their home departments as well as the instructors and ranked faculty.

Senator Kane proposed the Senate Resolution on Curricular Proposals for Outsourcing Courses. Dr. Mark Paxton spoke to the Resolution. The Resolution passed.

Senate Resolution 7-10/11

Jeffrey Cornelius-White, Associate Professor Representative substitute, asked for the sense of the Senate regarding the participation of the Provost and/or President at the Senate meetings and/or Senate committee meetings (i.e. Faculty Concerns). It was concluded that the open communication is needed but may need further investigation for the process.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Woodard thanked the 2010-2011 Faculty Senate for their dedication and work throughout the year and adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m. The first meeting of the 2011-2012 Faculty Senate will be Thursday, May 5, at 3:30 p.m. in PSU 313.

Senate Action 17-10/11

Adopted by Senate on April 19, 2011

Right of Challenge Expires May 14, 2011

Program Deletion: Bachelor of Science Engineering Physics (comprehensive)

A complete copy of the curricular proposal is on file in the Faculty Senate office.

Senate Action 18-10/11

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Senate Action for More Open Communication on President and Provost WebPages

Whereas, President Cofer expressed a concern with lateral communication between faculty across campus and commendably initiated regular “Dear Colleague” posts and Provost McCarthy continued Provost Communiqué, and

Whereas, these communication means foster a one-to-many, top-down flow of information and ideas and invite a one-to-one, bottom-up communication mode, and

Whereas, the Office of the Provost is promoting many online educational experiences including online discussion groups as new teaching pedagogy for use in our courses, and

Whereas, there is a simple commenting technology to allow anyone-to-many communication available for any webpage, and

Whereas, comments on the Dear Colleague and Provost Communiqué would foster an open and transparent communication between all authors, including faculty, on topics important to President Cofer and Provost McCarthy,

Be it resolved, in the spirit of free speech, constructive dialog, and collegial civility, that President Cofer and Provost McCarthy include a comment section on their Dear Colleague and Provost Communiqué websites.

Right of Challenge Expires May 14, 2011

Faculty Senate Action Concerning Expiration of Graduate Certificate Programs

Whereas, Faculty Senate Action 26-98/99, Section 4-J, states that all certificate programs will automatically expire at the end of five years but are subject to renewal through the regular application process; and

Whereas, the five-year expiration was initially created because MSU had little experience with graduate certificates; and

Whereas, the policy has not been clearly communicated across campus, which has resulted in expired certificates listed in the graduate catalog and valid ones that have been dropped, and this can create a hardship for students who do not have accurate information; and,

Whereas, experience has shown that certificates are more like degree programs in practice and should be treated as such for curricular purposes; therefore,

Be it Resolved, that Faculty Senate delete Section 4-J from Senate Action 26-98/99.

Resolution In Support of Graduate Education

Whereas, Missouri State University is dedicated to developing educated persons and promoting public affairs in the region, state, nation, and beyond; and

Whereas, the Graduate College at Missouri State University plays a significant role in the public affairs mission through promotion of quality graduate education and scholarship; and

Whereas, graduate education is a central feature of Missouri State University's mission and one that distinguishes it from other institutions of higher learning in the region; and

Whereas, both faculty and undergraduate research are strengthened by strong graduate programs, in both applied and basic research fields; and

Whereas, strong graduate programs, including accelerated-masters programs, serve to attract and retain the best undergraduate students; and

Whereas, the Graduate College is leading the university in diversity of the student population; and,

Whereas, our students completing graduate programs are better prepared to become leaders in an ever more-competitive world, where an increased emphasis on advanced training is necessary to serve the greater good; and

Whereas, many of the professions currently underserved in Missouri require a graduate degree; and

Whereas, centralized coordination of, and oversight for, the programs via an independent Graduate College has brought about impressive growth and strengthening of graduate education on campus;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that at a time when the Graduate College is in transition to new leadership and a new long-range plan is in preparation, a strong University commitment to graduate education, with its associated research and teaching components, is essential for the success of the University as a whole; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the recruitment and hiring of the next Dean of the Graduate College will be critical for graduate education at Missouri State University, our ability to attract quality undergraduate students, and our ability to continue providing the training and research support necessary to reach our long-range goals.

Resolution on Curricular Proposals for Outsourcing Courses

Whereas, the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate, in keeping with the authority granted by the Board of Governors, assert that “the primary responsibility for the development and revising of curriculum resides with the faculty, and the initial formal stages of any such process should be accomplished at the lowest levels of organization within the faculty;” and

Whereas, though the Bylaws state that ideas for curricular change are welcome from anyone within the university, all proposals for curricular change should begin with consideration by “relevant groups of faculty members” and with the formal sponsorship of the academic unit responsible for the course/program in question;

Whereas, the Department of Media, Journalism, and Film has proposed shifting the teaching of a required course for journalism majors, JRN 270, to an online course designed and taught by a non-profit group, The Poynter Institute, in exchange for a substantial payment to Poynter; and

Whereas, this proposal has not been approved through the established procedures laid out in the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate; and

Whereas, the long-term proposed plan is to replace all the face to face sections of the course (over half of which have been taught by full-time faculty) with online sections taught by the Poynter Institute; and

Whereas, this delivery model and its costs — financial and personnel, both for students and the department — raise significant questions that deserve consideration, deliberation, and vote by faculty through the regular curricular process; and

Whereas, with an increased emphasis on online education and alternate course delivery methods, other such proposals are likely to be considered in other departments and academic units; therefore

Be it resolved, that all curricular action that result in significant changes to course delivery methods that result in teaching partnerships or outsourcing of course teaching to external entities follow the established curricular procedures laid out in the Bylaws for substantive curricular changes.