

## Minutes of the September Session of the Faculty Senate

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The Faculty Senate held its September session on Thursday, September 9, 2010, in PSU 313. Chair Rebecca Woodard called the session to order at 3:31 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Pauline Nugent for Joe Hughes, FL; Randy Wallace for Beth Hurst, RF; Doug Gouzie for Dimitri Ioannides, GG; and Steve Willis for Gwen Walstrand, AR.

Absences: Dan Beckman, BI; Bela Bodo, HI; Vicki Dunlop, GL; Brenda Goodwin, TT Instruc. Rep.; Richard Johnson, CI; Jim Kaatz, PS; James Lampe, AC; Cynthia MacGregor, Rules Chair; Robert Owens, FG; and John Schmalzbauer.

Guests: Annette Gordon, CASL; Elizabeth Strong, CASL; Mike Foster, CGEIP; Jacob Swett, SGA; John Catau, Office of the Provost; Kate Shellenberg, SGA; Justin Mellish, SGA; John Satzinger, CIS; Margaret Weaver, FSEC; Art Spisak, Office of the Provost; Arden Miller, PSY; Rob Hornberger, Registrar; Provost Belinda McCarthy; and President James Cofer.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 2010 minutes were approved as distributed.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The updated Faculty Handbook is now posted on the Provost website and there is a link on the Faculty Senate website.
- The Summary of 2009/2010 Senate Actions and Resolutions are posted on the Faculty Senate website.
- There were two Faculty Senate Actions considered by the administration this summer:
  - Faculty Senate Action on Compensation for GEP101 and UCH110 was disapproved
  - Faculty Senate Action on Household Non-Employee Benefits is still under consideration
- As directed by Faculty Senate through resolutions from the March session, CGEIP approved the guidelines and expedited curricular process for the Public Affairs Intensive Experience at yesterday's meeting. This Intensive Experience is a result of GEP397 being dropped. Department heads and college councils will be receiving this information as soon as we can get it in the mail.
- Based on last year's Internal Action to become paperless, an Ad-Hoc Committee for the Development and Implementation of the Online Curricular Process is being formed. The work of the committee will lead to the curricular process being able to be completed 100% online beginning in the 2011-2012 academic year.
- The Faculty Senate Office will hold its second Curricular Proposal Process Workshop Friday, February 18, 2011, in PSU 313 at noon. Anyone involved in the curricular proposal process is invited.

- President Cofer's State of the Union Address is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, at 12:00 in the PSU Theatre.
- For faculty who are also academic advisors, students' audits contain a new course code of GEN499. This is not a course. It is simply a mechanism to help monitor whether or not students have completed the university exit exam.
- Finally, two items in support of our Public affairs Mission - Missouri State Blood Drive is being held Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 – 6:00, PSU-Ballroom. Every participant receives a free t-shirt, free pizza, and a Skinny Improv coupon. Missouri State University has one of the biggest collegiate blood drives in the nation. This sponsored by the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks.
- The Staff Senate Breast Cancer Philanthropy Committee invites faculty and staff breast cancer survivors to take part in a group photograph for the Committee's website. If interested, please contact Sandy Johnson in the Faculty Senate Office and she will forward your name to the Committee chair. The Committee has not yet set a date for the photograph.

#### **QUESTION AND ANSWER DISCUSSION WITH PROVOST BELINDA MCCARTHY**

Dr. McCarthy announced a new once-a-month open forum. The first "What's On Your Mind" will be held next Wednesday, September 15, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Union Club. Academic Leadership Council minutes will now be available on the web each week and the Provost Communiqué will provide a link to those minutes. Dr. Art Spisak will have a new column in the Communiqué and Dr. Rachelle Darabi will publish Faculty Development opportunities in the Communiqué. Dr. McCarthy will also present an academic community forum to discuss long-range planning and undergraduate education curriculum goals next Tuesday, September 14, at 4 p.m. in Strong Hall.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF PRESIDENT JAMES COFER**

Provost McCarthy introduced President James Cofer to the Faculty Senate. He had just returned from the CBHE meeting in Sedalia. Dr. Cofer discussed the governor's strategic initiatives for higher education and four long-term areas.

1. Degree attainment – goal of 60% completion of certificates and/or degree
2. Academic program review – looking at undergraduate programs in 4-year institutions this year only with respect to low productivity and cost
3. Increasing collaboration and cooperation among state campuses – tightening articulation agreements and looking for ways to centralize services
4. Revisit of the funding formula for higher education – in relationship to cost, innovative initiatives, and performance/productivity

The President answered questions from the Senate. The President will give a state of the university address September 28.

#### **REPORT ON CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE LEARNING**

Dr. Annette Gordon, Chair of the CASL Committee, provided copies of the committee's report and annual report. A total of 37 service-learning syllabi were approved during the year according to the criteria set forth by the Faculty Senate. It was a successful year. Through the CASL program in 2009-2010, 2,039 students contributed 52,638.75 hours of service to the community as faculty members used this pedagogical tool to underscore academic objectives. This compares to 1,829 students and 49,066 hours in 2008-2009.

#### **REPORT ON ACADEMIC PERSONNEL REVIEW COMMISSION**

Dr. Arden Miller presented the APRC's report. During the past year more of the conflicts involved faculty members against faculty members. During the past 12 months five new cases were filed with the APRC. Good communication from the administration helped reduce the number of cases.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Thursday, October 21, at 3:30 p.m. in PSU 313.

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Secretary of the Faculty