

Minutes of the January Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the January session on Thursday, January 14, 2021, via Zoom. Chair Cameron Wickham called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Mike Hudson served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: None.

Absences: Jessica Burkland (Mgmt & Info Tech), Thomas Franklin (Comm Sci & Disorders), Robert Joseph (Defense & Strat Studies), Patrick Scott (Poli Sci), Kyler Sherman-Wilkins (Soc & Anthro), and Scott Zimmerman (Bio Sci).

Non-Voting Delegates Present: Will Hader, Staff Senate Representative

Guests: Tara Boehne (OT), Sapna Chakraborty (OT), Ching-Wen Chang (Grad Council), Chris Craig (Office of the Provost), Laura Derrick (Planning, Design, & Const), Brian Edmond (Computer Services), Lacey Geiger (Access & Outreach), Tracey Glaessgen (Centr Academic Success & Transition), David Hall (University Safety), Katrina Chavez (Office of Registrar), Cindy MacGregor (Chair, Comm on Policy Rev), Julie Masterson (Grad College), Saibal Mitra (Past Chair), Frederick Muegge (Magers Health), Tracy Poston (Office of the Provost), and Kelly Wood (Centr Academic Success & Transition)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Wickham noted that Ashlea Cardin was present at the December meeting. The December minutes were approved as corrected.

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. Bill Self, access control specialist, passed away Dec. 30. If you wish to share your condolences with Bill's family, you can drop off cards to the work management office in the Central Stores and Maintenance building, 945 E. Grand St., and they will be shared with his family. [Guy Webb](#), faculty emeritus, died from complications of COVID-19 on Jan. 2. Guy was choral director at Missouri State for 34 years. He retired in 2014. In lieu of flowers, the family asked memorial donations be made to the "[Dr. Guy B. Webb Touring Scholarship](#)" that has been set up at the Missouri State University Foundation, online or by mail.
3. President Clif Smart will host a Virtual Town Hall meeting at 3 p.m. tomorrow afternoon. He will be joined by Director of University Safety David Hall and other administrators to update the campus community on the university's COVID-19 response and strategies. You are free to submit your questions and input on any topic at the meeting. You can find the Zoom link and other information about the meeting on the university's [webpage](#).
4. The Missouri State University Faculty Senate is pleased to invite nominations for the *Eric Shade Memorial Faculty Governance Award*. The annual award winner will have their name placed on a permanent plaque to be displayed in Carrington Hall and will receive a \$500 cash award. Any current fulltime faculty member not serving as an administrator may be nominated for the award.
5. With the support of the Provost, the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, and Dr. Catherine Jolivette, Dr. Keri Franklin and Dr. Jonathan Newman are organizing several writing workshops to help maintain and motivate faculty research efforts and wellness during COVID. The first of these will be on February 11, with Dr. Helen Sword from University of Auckland will be leading a writing workshop at 1:00 via Zoom. Description from Dr. Sword: "Are the pressures of productivity, perfectionism, and/or the pandemic taking a toll on your health and

wellbeing? Establish a calming, nurturing writing routine that will replenish your physical and emotional energy rather than sucking you dry.” MSU has purchased 52 copies of Dr. Sword’s book [Air & Light & Time and Space: How Successful Academics Write \(Harvard UP, 2017\)](#) and can order more. Watch for Inside Missouri State for more information, or contact Keri Franklin.

REPORT ON COVID-19 POLICIES

Director of University Safety, David Hall, presented the report.

Gave a brief update ahead of tomorrow’s presentation for the Town Hall meeting and answered questions.

Incoming campus resident students have been tested for the virus, or have had their testing verified.

Surveillance testing of waste water is being done.

REPORT ON COVID-19 VACCINE

Dr. Muegge, Director of Health & Wellness, presented the report. Magers has applied and been accepted to be a vaccination site. Supply is currently small and it will be a while before the vaccine becomes widely available.

REPORT ON GEP 101

Tracey Glaessgen and Kelly Wood presented a PowerPoint on GEP 101 and the Academic Care Team, and explained how faculty can apply to teach GEP 101.

REPORT ON CHANGES TO EVALUATION KIT

Chris Craig, Office of the Provost, and Lacey Geiger gave the report and answered questions.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON POLICY REVIEW

Committee Chair Cindy MacGregor presented the Fall 2020 report, linked with the minutes. The committee routinely presents one report per semester.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

New Program: Doctor of Occupational Therapy

Moved by Senator David Carr/Public Health & Sports Medicine

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New Program: Individualized Major BAS

Moved by Senator Joshua Smith/Interdisciplinary Studies

APPROVED

SA 27-20/21

Program Change: Museum Studies Minor

Moved by Senator Steve Willis/Art & Design

APPROVED

SA 28-20/21

Program Change: Diversity Studies Minor

Moved by Senator Bill Sandel/Criminology

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NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wickham adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

Lanya Lamouria
Secretary of the Faculty

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