

Summary of 2016/17 Senate Actions and Resolutions

Twenty-five Senate Actions were considered by the Faculty Senate during the 2016/17 academic year—resulting in twenty-four approved, one disapproved. Their dispositions and Senate Resolutions are listed below.

Senate Actions

SA 1-16/17	Approved	New Program—Sign Language Studies
SA 2-16/17	Approved	Program Deletion—Nurse Anesthesia MS
SA 3-16/17	Approved	Delete Program—Environmental Sciences & Policy
SA 4-16/17	Approved	New Program—Perspectives About the American Higher Education System
SA 5-16/17	Approved	New Program—Data Analytics Graduate Certificate
SA 6-16/17	Approved	(CGEIP) New Course—EDC249 Schooling in America
SA 7-16/17	Approved	New Interdisciplinary Program—Early Childhood Special Education
SA 8-16/17	Approved	New Program—Graduate Certificate in the Teaching of Writing K-12
SA 9-16/17	Disapproved	Senate Action Leadership Assessment Practices
SA 10-16/17	Approved	New Interdisciplinary Program—Undergraduate Certificate in Conservation Law Enforcement
SA 11-16/17	Approved	New Program—MS in Computer Science
SA 12-16/17	Approved	New Program—Graduate Certificate in Cultural Resource Management Archaeology
SA 13-16/17	Approved	Program Deletion—MSED in Secondary Education/Business
SA 14-16/17	Approved	New Program—Marketing Research
SA 15-16/17	Approved	Program Deletion—BS in Management/Operations Management
SA 16-16/17	Approved	Program Deletion—Operations Management Minor

SA 17-16/17	Approved	New Program—Planning and Development Graduate Certificate
SA 18-16/17	Approved	CGEIP Course Change—CRM 210 Introduction to the American Criminal Justice System
SA 19-16/17	Approved	New Program—Companion Animal Science Minor
SA 20-16/17	Approved	New Program—Agricultural Communication
SA 21-16/17	Approved	New Program—English/Creative Writing and Literature B.S.
SA 22-16/17	Approved	New Program—Food and Beverage Operations Certificate
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SA 23-16/17	Approved	CGEIP Course Change—MTH 130 Contemporary Mathematics
SA 24-16/17	Approved	CGEIP Course Change—GEO 200 Exploring Our Digital Earth
SA 25-16/17	Approved	Delete Program—Secondary Education Speech & Theatre-MSED

Senate Resolutions

SR 1-16/17	Action on Mixed Credit
SR 2-16/17	Resolution in Honor of Dr. Sharmistha Self
SR 3-16/17	Resolution in Honor of Ms. Ruth Barnes
SR 4-16/17	Resolution in Honor of Dr. Cynthia MacGregor
SR 5-16/17	Resolution Conferring Honorary Doctorate upon Sara Nell Lampe
SR 6-16/17	Senate Resolution on Guiding Principles for Budgetary Priorities
SR 8-16/17	Recommendation in the Form of a Resolution that Calls for an Internal Action

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2017-2018 Parliamentary Procedure Handout

Robert's Rules: Membership Rights

- Membership offers 4 rights
 - Attend meetings, debate/discuss during meetings, make motions, vote
- Bylaws may grant specific rights to different types of “members”

Faculty Senate: Membership

- Voting members (i.e., Senators)
 - All 4 rights
 - Chair of the Senate, Chair-Elect of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, academic department reps, ranked faculty senators, instructor senator, and clinical faculty senator
- Non-voting members (i.e., Delegates)
 - Only 3 rights- attend meetings; debate/discuss; make motions
 - Chairs of Faculty Senate standing committees, Student Government Association rep, Graduate Student Council rep, classified staff rep, and professional staff rep

Robert's Rules: Main Motion and Resolution

- They are the same in function
 - A statement to do some type of business within the authority of the group/association
 - Examples- (a) express a certain view, (b) write a policy, (c) investigate an issue
- Key difference is a main motion is direct and simple; a resolution is more complex so it requires more content (e.g., “Whereas...” and “Therefore, be it resolved...”)

Faculty Senate: Resolution, Internal Action, and Senate Action

- Resolution
 - The Faculty Senate's shared view on a specific issue that it wants to share with the university administration but for information purposes only
 - Example- [May 2017 Faculty Senate Resolution on MOSER retirement plan \(p. 8\)](#)
- Internal Action
 - A decision of the Faculty Senate to pursue business that does not extend beyond the boundaries of the Senate
 - Sharing this business with the university administration is optional
 - Example- [May 2017 Faculty Senate Internal Action on Merit Pay system \(p. 9\)](#)
- Senate Action
 - A decision of the Faculty Senate to pursue business within its governing authority as granted to it by the University President or the Board of Governors
 - This decision is shared with university administration
 - Example- [October 2015 Senate Action on Reciprocity of Old General Education \(p. 1\)](#)

The Tuition Exchange Program Proposal is in a separate PDF attachment.

**Faculty Senate Resolution
on Tuition Exchange Program**

Whereas, employees of Missouri State University are currently entitled to assign 15-credit hours of tuition waiver per year to their dependent children, and

Whereas, the data presented in the Faculty Senate Benefits report indicates dissatisfaction by faculty with MSU's tuition waiver benefit, and

Whereas, the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates has proposed a tuition program between Missouri educational institutions in which dependent children of faculty in Missouri may receive tuition waiver for any participating Missouri educational institution, and

Whereas, in time of decreased revenue and growth, the additional faculty benefit of tuition waivers for dependents would be an incentive for new employees;

Therefore, be it resolved that Missouri State University choose to participate in the proposed program, accepting and granting tuition waivers to dependents of faculty from other participating universities.