

***MINUTES OF THE JANUARY SESSION
OF THE FACULTY SENATE
SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY***

The Faculty Senate held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2004, in Plaster Student Union 313. Chair Jim Giglio called the session to order at 3:32 p.m. Dr. Ralph Smith served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Sean Newton for Loretta Knutson, PTE; and Kandiah Manivannan for Mike Reed, P&A.

Absences: Dan Crafts, Faculty Concerns chair; Nancy Dion, PAS; Charles Facer, LAB; Heidi Harris, Lecturer representative; Richard Johnson, CIS; Judith Martin, MCL; Steve Mills, Staff representative; Tom Tomasi, Graduate Council chair; Dale Walton, DSS; and Rod Williams, MIL.

Guests: Kim Bell, Records & Registration; Jim Miller, GGP; Casey Owens, student; Bruno Schmidt, Academic Affairs; Skip Phelps, Academic Affairs; Sue Alvers, Administrative Services; Fred Marty, Administrative Services; Marty Marty, Continuous Orientation; Myril Stewart, Parking Administration; Earle Doman, Student Life & Development; and Mary Sheid, Board of Governors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 11 Senate meeting were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chair Giglio said he was making the most important announcement he had made thus far as Faculty Senate chair. He has reason to believe that the presidential search, which will begin this spring semester, will be an open one. Consequently, he is asking the faculty to provide responses to three important questions: 1) What attributes do you consider most important in our next president? 2) What are the most important qualifications that our next president should have? 3) What suggestions do you have relating to the search process? He asked that faculty members e-mail their responses to the Faculty Senate Office. He hopes that Senate members will encourage their colleagues to respond. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks ahead.
2. The next issue of *The Voice* will be printed by February 1st. It will include the executive summary of the Administrative Survey along with grade distributions by colleges for fall semester 2003 and hopefully some concrete information regarding the budgetary situation in Missouri.
3. Chair Giglio contacted Adam Crumbliss who advises Representative Carl Bearden, chairman of the House Budgetary Committee, on budgetary matters. Crumbliss last spring claimed that the current state budget would be no more than \$200 million in the red while the Democratic leadership claimed that \$1 billion was a more realistic figure. Chair Giglio asked him if he and Bearden thought differently now. He replied, "no," but he said that a compromise is being worked out with the Senate leadership to set the figure at \$350 million so that everyone will be on the same page.
4. A Faculty Senate Exit Survey, which had been created three years ago but never implemented, has finally gone into effect after some revision. Human Resources will administer it on a voluntary basis and that information will be provided to the Senate Executive Committee as well as Academic Affairs. The intent is to find out more about why faculty leave SMSU and what they most liked

and disliked about working here. Chair Giglio thanked Professor Tom Wyrick for not permitting this to fall between the cracks.

5. Chair Giglio will attend the winter meeting of the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates (MAFS) on February 2, along with Professors Lois Shufeldt and Rhonda Ridinger. Tom Wyrick has been asked to draft a resolution that would speak to the issue of inadequate funding for higher education in Missouri. Chair Giglio is going to request the other senate chairs to endorse this resolution and thus being a joint effort to impose more pressure on legislators to do the right thing.

GOVERNOR MARY SHEID'S PRESENTATION

Ms. Mary Sheid, a member of the SMSU Board of Governors, spoke to the Faculty Senate. At the conclusion of her presentation, she responded to questions from Senate members.

REPORT ON FREE SPEECH ISSUE

Dr. Earle Doman, dean of students, spoke concerning a revision of the current free speech policy. A new policy will be presented to the Board of Governors this Friday (January 16), which has already been approved by Administrative Council. The most relevant part of the new policy is that "expressive activities" are not limited to a specific area on campus. Reservations can be made to speak at the Bear Paw, but, if not reserved, it can be used on a first-come, first-served basis. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic should not be disturbed nor should there be any demonstrations in classroom buildings, residence halls, or Greenwood. Groups holding protests must register, and they should be held at certain designated places on campus. Dr. Giglio thanked Earle Doman and other members of the free speech committee for their work on revising the policy.

PRESENTATION ON PARKING

General Fred Marty gave a PowerPoint presentation on the current and projected parking situation at SMSU. The new parking garage will have 1,240 spaces and be four stories tall. It will be a \$18 million dollar project and will take approximately 16 months to build, with construction starting at the end of the spring semester. General Marty said two years from now the parking situation at SMSU will be much better off than it is today.

Faculty input on parking issues should be sent to General Marty by January 31. The recommendation for parking fee increases will be considered by the Board of Governors in its February meeting. The complete presentation given by General Marty may be viewed at <http://www.smsu.edu/admin>.

REPORT FROM ACADEMIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON IDS 110

Dr. Reed Olsen, chair of the Academic Relations Committee, said the change to IDS 110 has been approved by the Continuous Orientation Committee and the Committee on General Education & Intercollegiate Programs and is now in a challenge period (changing from two lab hours to one lecture hour and streamlining the goals of the course to three). The Academic Relations Committee strongly endorses the proposed changes. Senator Buckner moved for approval (seconded by Senator Nugent) the resolution distributed by the Academic Relations Committee.

Senator Shufeldt questioned the reduced stipend faculty would receive (from \$1,500 to \$750). Marty Marty said faculty who teach and donate their money to the department will receive \$1,000. As discussion ensued concerning the stipend, Senator Burns asked if the Senate were approving the fee structure. Upon being assured it was a separate issue, Senator Burns said he supported the resolution.

Ms. Marty explained that the content of the course had been changed as a result of a survey done last summer. The course will use a thematic approach and faculty can have input on how it is taught. Presently, 70 percent of those teaching IDS 110 are staff.

Dr. Olsen remarked that if the resolution did not pass, it still would not stop the course change proposal—faculty opposing curricular proposals must follow curricular process procedures to challenge or appeal. After much discussion, the motion passed by voice vote with one abstention. It will go forward as **Senate Resolution 9-03/04**.

RESOLUTION ON SATURDAY FINAL EXAMS

Senator Richter moved a resolution (seconded by Senator Wyrick) supporting an SGA resolution to reschedule 6:30 a.m. finals to the Saturday immediately following Study Day. Rafiel Warfield, president of the SGA, told Senate members the majority of the Student Senate were for this change and that 6:30 a.m. finals were “not natural” for students. Senator Perksy felt the resolution showed religious insensitivity. Mr. Warfield suggested there were other options for those faculty who did not want a Saturday final. Dr. Schmidt said the final schedule tends to remain static so that a faculty member would know if he or she had an 8:00 a.m. class, a 6:30 final would also be scheduled. Dr. Schmidt said he would think that faculty not wishing to have a final on Saturday could be accommodated. After much discussion, the motion failed by a show of hands, 12-22.

RESOLUTION ON STUDENT FEES

Senator Wyrick moved and Senator Woodall seconded a resolution asking the Board of Governors to wait until at least three of Missouri’s other four regional state universities have already established their own fees before setting student fees for 2004-05. Dr. Schmidt said the budget is set prior to the fiscal year, and time is needed to prepare the budget book, so the fees need to be set by April at the latest. That is usually before appropriations have been done. This year, the fees will be going to the Board in March. Senator Ridinger, a member of the Budget & Priorities Committee, felt approving the resolution would make it awkward for Budget & Priorities Committee members when it comes time for budget discussions with Administration and didn’t think it wise to approach things in such an indicting way.

Rafiel Warfield said it is not okay to lose students and to look at them as commodities. Senator Byrd felt the Senate should think about cutting costs instead of generating revenue. Senator Shade offered a friendly amendment (accepted by Senator Wyrick) to strike the two “Whereas” paragraphs in the middle of the resolution. After additional discussion, Senator Persky moved the previous question; by voice vote, the motion passed. The resolution, as amended, was approved by a show of hands, 15-13-1. It will go forward as **Senate Resolution 10-03/04**.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m. The Faculty Senate will continue its January Session next Tuesday, January 20, in PLSU 313.

Robert E. Thurman
Secretary of the Faculty

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The Faculty Senate held the second meeting of its January session on Tuesday, January 20, 2004, in Plaster Student Union 313. Chair Jim Giglio called the session to order at 3:35 p.m. Dr. Ralph Smith served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Kishor Shah for Paula Kemp, MTH; and Art Spisak for Pauline Nugent, MCL.

Absences: David Ashley, Assistant Professor representative; Holly Baggett, HST; Michael Burns, ENG; William Corcoran, CGEIP chair; Dwaine Crigger, A&D; Charles Facer, LAB; Clay Franklin, CSD; Henry Gabriel, GSC representative; Norm Griffith, Staff Senate representative; Heidi Harris, Lecturer representative; Mary Ann Jennings, SWK; Richard Johnson, CIS; Kevin Mickus, GGP; Dragan Miljkovic, AGR; Steve Mills, Staff Senate representative; Reed Olsen, Academic Relations chair; Joel Persky, MJF; Mike Reed, P&A; Mark Richter, CHM; Martha Robinette, Instructor representative; Lois Shufeldt, Chair-elect of Senate; Douglas Stehle, LIS; Tom Tomasi, Graduate Council chair; Pat Van Velsor, COU; Dale Walton, DSS; Gary Ward, SMAT; Rafiel Warfield, SGA; Rod Williams, MIL; and Sue Yarbrough, NUR.

Guests: Myril Stewart, Parking Administration; Kathy Pulley, Academic Affairs; and two unidentified students.

DISCUSSION ON PARKING

Senator Moseman, also a member of the Parking Advisory Committee, distributed a memo at the request of Chair Giglio which listed six proposed recommended changes for parking fees at SMSU:

- (1) Implement pre-tax payroll deduction for SMSU employee parking.
- (2) Raise reserved parking fees from one hundred to one hundred twenty-five.
- (3) Raise commuter parking fees from sixty-two to seventy-eight dollars per year.
- (4) Raise residence parking fees from fifty-six to one hundred dollars per year.
- (5) Establish an events parking fee of one dollar added to each events ticket.
- (6) Explore events parking for Jordan Valley Park events if profitable.

Senator Moseman moved the first recommendation for approval (seconded by Senator Byrd), "Implement pre-tax payroll deduction for SMSU employee parking." Chair Giglio said this would go into effect in the fall and would work similar to the cafeteria plan. Senator Buckner questioned whether it would be voluntary or mandatory. Myril Stewart from Parking Administration answered he thought it would be mandatory but the policy would probably be written to provide for a prorated refund in certain situations such as if a person quit. After much discussion, Senator Drake moved the previous question, and by voice vote, his motion passed. The first recommendation was approved by voice vote. It will go forward as **Senate Resolution 11-03/04**

Senator Moseman moved and Senator Byrd seconded Item 2 for approval, “Raise reserved parking fees from one hundred to one hundred twenty-five.” Senator Miller moved and Senator Byrd seconded a motion that Items 2-5 be taken as a package since they were interrelated. By voice vote, the motion to combine Items 2-5 was approved.

Senator Hendrix spoke to the need for an increase in reserved spots, particularly around the Professional Building where there are no reserved parking spaces dedicated to faculty. He then moved and Senator Garrison-Kane seconded a motion to amend the recommendation by adding “and increase the number of reserved spots” to the end of the second recommendation. Senator Buckner said she liked the amendment but didn’t feel it belonged in this resolution. After discussion, the motion failed.

Senator Buckner questioned why the residence parking fees were increased more than others. Myril Stewart said taking into consideration the number of hours the cars were parked at SMS, residence hall students are paying 1 ½ cents an hour while the rest are paying 4-5 cents per hour. Senator Moseman added that if the rates were raised, it might encourage freshmen to leave their cars at home. Dr. Pulley remarked that many students living in the dormitories are parking in the first two floors of the parking garage. Senator Spisak moved and Senator Drake seconded an amendment to increase the residence parking fees to \$150. After discussion, the motion failed.

Senator Drake moved and Senator Knutson seconded an amendment to increase the residence parking fees to \$125 (same as faculty and staff reserved). Senator Knapp pointed out that students could not take advantage of the pre-tax payroll deduction so they would have to pay more than faculty and staff. By voice vote, the motion failed.

Senator Wyrick offered a friendly amendment to Recommendation 4 (accepted by Senator Moseman) to add at the end of the recommendation, “to more closely align the per hour cost of parking for all campus groups.”

Discussion turned to Item 5 concerning adding an events parking fee of a dollars to each events ticket. Questions concerning whether busses would be charged (only if they are charged for the event they are attending), what specific events would be charged (Craig Hall performances and Tent Theatre weren’t included in figures but meeting with the deans next week for their input), and how much money is received for parking violations (amount received for violations is decreasing– now less than \$500,000). Senator Drake moved and Senator Buckner seconded an amendment to Item 5 to add at the end of the item, “Faculty, students and staff are excluded.” After discussion, Senator Byrd moved the previous question (passed), and the above motion was approved. By voice vote, Items 2-5, as amended, were approved. They will go forward as **Senate Resolution 12-03/04**.

Senator Moseman moved the sixth recommendation for approval (seconded by Senator Byrd), “Explore events parking for Jordan Valley Park events if profitable.” It was approved without discussion by voice vote and will go forward as **Senate Resolutions 13-03/04**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Wyrick moved for approval (seconded by Senator Garrison-Kane) a resolution asking “that SMSU’s Faculty Senate leaders work with senate leaders at Missouri’s other public colleges and universities to develop a statewide faculty effort to advance the cause of, and funding for, public higher

education in Missouri...” Senator Helm moved and Senator Garrison-Kane seconded an amendment to remove the fourth paragraph of the resolution. By voice vote, the motion to amend was approved. The main motion, as amended, was also approved. It will go forward as **Senate Resolution 14-03/04**.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting will be on Thursday, February 12, at 3:30 p.m. in Plaster Student Union 313.

Robert E. Thurman
Secretary of the Faculty

Resolution on IDS 110

WHEREAS, The University College has proposed through the curricular process major changes to IDS 110 course; and

WHEREAS, The proposed changes were initiated by a faculty committee; and

WHEREAS, The proposed changes were based upon surveys of interested university faculty; and

WHEREAS, The proposed changes include reducing the number of contact hours for IDS 110 from 2 to 1 hours per week, substantially changing and reducing the course content and goals, and allowing the teaching of IDS 110 as a block course; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Faculty Senate endorses these changes to the IDS 110 course and encourages the Vice President of Academic Affairs and the President to also endorse the changes.

Resolution on Student Fees

WHEREAS, Missouri's four other regional state universities (CMSU, NWMSU, SEMO, TSU) increased hourly student fees, on average, by a greater percentage amount than SMSU in Fall 2001 and Fall 2002; and

WHEREAS, SMSU established its student fee structure for 2003-2004 at a very early date during Spring 2003, and prior to Missouri's other four regional state universities; and

WHEREAS, In Spring 2003 Missouri's other four regional state universities waited until later and instituted significantly larger fee increases than SMSU (about 16% vs. 8%);

THEREFORE, Student fees at SMSU declined in 2003-2004 from *second-highest* among Missouri's five regional state universities to *lowest*, leaving SMSU fees about \$10/credit-hour below their traditional position within the group, thus providing a large windfall to SMSU students that instead could have added an estimated \$1.8 million to SMSU's "bottom line" during the FY04, which could have covered the cost of dental insurance for SMSU's faculty and staff and permitted the University to add approximately \$1 million to its depleted reserve accounts.

WHEREAS, SMSU's current undergraduate fee ranks only *ninth-highest* among Missouri's 13 public four-year colleges and universities, compared to its traditional rank of *sixth*; and

WHEREAS, SMSU's financial situation has deteriorated for three consecutive years and compromised the University's ability to meet its academic mission; and

WHEREAS, SMSU has implemented significant cost-cutting measures in recent months and years, and is currently engaged in "budget exercises" that contemplate further large cuts in SMSU's academic programs;

THEREFORE, SMSU's 2003-2004 incidental fee is significantly below the level that would best promote SMSU's academic mission and safeguard the University's financial viability; and

THEREFORE, Before the SMSU Board of Governors sets student fees for 2004-2005, it should wait until at least three (75%) of Missouri's other four regional state universities (CMSU, NWMSU, SEMO, TSU) have already established their own incidental fees—or indicated what those fees will be—since recent experience shows that setting fees ahead of most other Missouri universities risks SMSU's financial well-being without providing a significant competitive or managerial advantage; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The SMSU Board of Governors should make every effort to restore SMSU's hourly student fees in 2004-2005 to their traditional ranking of *second-highest* among Missouri's five regional state universities, and *sixth-highest* among Missouri's 13 public four-year institutions.

Senate Resolution 11-03/04

Adopted by Senate on January 20, 2004

***Resolution on Implementing Pre-tax Payroll
Deduction for SMSU Employee Parking***

RESOLVED, That pre-tax payroll deduction for SMSU employee parking be implemented.

Resolution Proposing Raises in Parking Fees

RESOLVED, That the Faculty Senate recommends the following proposed changes for parking fees at the Southwest Missouri State campus:

1. Raise reserved parking fees from \$100 to \$125 per year.
2. Raise commuter parking fees from \$62 to \$78 per year.
3. Raise residence parking fees from \$56 to \$100 per year to more closely align the per hour cost of parking for all campus groups.
4. Establish an events parking fee of \$1 added to each events ticket. Faculty, students, and staff are excluded.

Senate Resolution 13-03/04

Adopted by Senate on January 20, 2004

*Resolution on Exploring Events Parking
for Jordan Valley Park*

RESOLVED, That the Faculty Senate recommends exploring events parking for Jordan Valley Park events if profitable.

***Resolution to Develop Faculty Statewide Effort
to Advance the Cause of, and Funding for,
Public Higher Education in Missouri***

WHEREAS, Missouri's desirability as a place to live reflects the educational opportunities it affords citizens and the cultural activities associated with its colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's ability to attract new businesses depends upon the educational attainment of the existing work force, by convenient and affordable opportunities to upgrade the skills of those workers, and by a steady flow of newly educated workers from Missouri colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Higher education promotes greater voter participation, a better understanding of public policy, and other manifestations of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, SMSU and other Missouri public colleges and universities have in recent years been significantly underfunded relative to their responsibilities and expectations placed upon them; and

WHEREAS, Missouri students have faced large fee increases in recent years and now pay the highest share of the cost of operating Missouri's public colleges and universities in modern history; and

WHEREAS, Neither university presidents, members of governing boards, appointed officials nor elected representatives have effectively addressed MISSOURI'S HIGHER-EDUCATION FUNDING CRISIS;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That SMSU's Faculty Senate leaders work with senate leaders at Missouri's other public colleges and universities to develop a statewide faculty effort to advance the cause of, and funding for, public higher education in Missouri, including but not limited to the establishment of a political action committee (PAC) authorized to receive and spend contributions to promote the cause of public higher education in Missouri.