

***Minutes of the March Session  
of the Faculty Senate  
Southwest Missouri State University***

The Faculty Senate held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 11, 2004, in Plaster Student Union 313. Chair Jim Giglio called the session to order at 3:31 p.m. Dr. Ralph Smith served as parliamentarian.

**Substitutes:** John Satzinger for Richard Johnson, CIS; George Connor for Frank Mazzella, PLS; and Art Spisak for Pauline Nugent, Associate Professor rank representative.

**Absences:** Holly Baggett, HST; Scott Cameron, MUS; Dan Crafts, Faculty Concerns Committee chair; Nancy Dion, PAS; Charles Facer, LAB; Henry Gabriel, GSC representative; Mark Given, REL; Norm Griffith, Staff Senate representative; Mary Ann Jennings, SWK; Laszlo Kovacs, FRS; Joel Persky, MJF; Douglas Stehle, LIS; Pat Van Velsor, COU; Gary Ward, SMAT; Rafiel Warfield, SGA; and Rod Williams, MIL.

**Guests:** Kim Bell, Records & Registration; Bruno Schmidt, Academic Affairs; Kathy Pulley, Academic Affairs; Skip Phelps, Academic Affairs; Arlen Diamond, Broadcast Services; and Janet Nazeri, STE.

***Approval of Minutes***

The minutes of the February 12 meeting were approved as distributed.

***Announcements***

1. This is an update on the presidential search process. As you might remember, Chair Giglio suggested at the January meeting of the Faculty Senate that he had every reason to believe that we would have an open search. He could not say at the time that Governor Mike Franks, chair of the search committee, had approached him about the matter. They had lunch on January 5 and agreed to certain stipulations relating to faculty involvement that he could not share at that time. Two weeks ago he had an additional conversation with him about it. What Mr. Franks will propose to the board next week is that the presidential search committee be comprised of three representatives of the current SMSU Board of Governors, five representatives of the current faculty, two representatives of the staff, and three representatives of the SMSU alumni and friends of the University. The search committee will ultimately submit three finalists to the board with each search committee member providing his or her preference to the board. Chair Giglio agreed to serve on the search committee, along with Phil Nichols, the Staff Senate chair; Bill Rowe, Director of Athletics; Tom Strong, alumnus; Don Landon, emeritus faculty member; and Jim Anderson, alumnus.

The other four faculty representatives will be selected from the College Councils and the Faculty Senate in this fashion: each College Council chair will convene the Council, and Council members will nominate two faculty members from that college. This is to be done without administrative interference. In fact, letters will go to all college deans to underscore that point, with copies of those letters sent to College Council chairs. Meanwhile, the Senate members from each college will

caucus to select two nominees from their colleges. This will create a pool of 24 nominees (or less because of duplication between the Senate and College Council). From that pool four faculty search committee members will be selected. One can't emphasize enough the importance of nominating faculty members who would be willing to serve and represent the faculty well.

There will be more information presented at the April meeting. Indeed, Chair Giglio is assuming that faculty nominations to the search committee will also occur sometime that month. So, please give it some thought. If any of you have not responded to Chair Giglio's original request to address the following three questions, Chair Giglio would appreciate your doing so: 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? Those responses will be summarized and presented to the faculty this spring most likely in the *Voice*.

2. Indications are that we will have a flat budget for FY05. There is an excellent chance that there will be a 2 percent salary increase, which will be added to the base.
3. The first Senate meeting in April will be on the 15<sup>th</sup>; there will be a continuation meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> in the Parliamentary Room and, if needed, another meeting in Karls 102 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, both of which will begin at 3:30 p.m.
4. Professor Reed Olsen, chair of the Academic Relations Committee, placed materials relating to GEP 397 on reserve in the Library under "Faculty Senate." This material will assist Senators next month when the Academic Relations Committee presents recommendations regarding GEP 397.
5. This is a reminder that candidates for Faculty Chairperson-elect will participate in a forum on Tuesday, March 30, at 3:30 p.m. in Karls 102. All faculty are invited to attend. Each candidate will also provide a statement of purpose to the Faculty Senate office by the morning of March 29<sup>th</sup> so that it can be distributed to the Faculty Senate electronically before the March 30<sup>th</sup> forum.

### ***Report from Senate Nominating Committee concerning nominees for 2004/05 Chairperson-elect and Secretary of the Faculty***

This year's chairperson-elect, Senator Lois Shufeldt, presented a slate of two nominees for the 2004-/05 chairperson-elect position: Senator Michael Burns from the English Department and (substitute) Senator Art Spisak from the Modern & Classical Languages Department.

A slate of two nominees for the Secretary of the Faculty position was also presented: Dr. Rhonda Ridinger from the Health, PE & Recreation Department and Dr. Reed Olsen from the Economics Department.

According to the *Bylaws*, Senators are free to nominate eligible candidates by submitting written nominations, with an appropriate second, to the Secretary of the Faculty, c/o the Senate office, by April 1. (See the announcements—the candidate forum will be held this year on March 30, so Chair Giglio asked that nominations be submitted before that date.) Chair Giglio asked for nominations from the floor, but no additional nominations were received for either position. The elections for both offices will be conducted in the April 15 Senate meeting.

## ***Election of Faculty-Student Judicial Commission representatives***

Senators were instructed to vote by secret ballot for three faculty members from a slate of twelve nominees for the Faculty-Student Judicial Commission. Faculty members elected for two-year terms to the Commission were Melody LaPreze, Management; LaMoine DeVries, Religious Studies; and Mike Roling, Agriculture.

## ***Report on KOZK***

Dr. Arlen Diamond, director of broadcast services, presented a report on the status of KOZK. In September of 2002 the Board of Governors approved a budget for KOZK of \$4.9 million dollars, but KOZK has raised about \$2.5 million in external funding so the cost has been reduced to about \$2.5 million. Senator Shufeldt asked if copies of the spreadsheet furnished earlier to the Budget & Priorities Committee were available, and Dr. Diamond agreed to send copies to the Faculty Senate office.

## ***Report on revised Academic Integrity policy***

Dr. Skip Phelps presented a draft of the revised Academic Integrity policy. She said the draft contained mostly a tightening of language or changes in procedures. A section on “Revoking a Grade/Degree” is being added near the end of the document. Four full-blown proceedings have been conducted in the four years the document has been in effect, 23 XF grades have been assigned, and there have been 100 reports of incidents of dishonesty. Dr. Phelps encouraged faculty to send reports of dishonesty to Academic Affairs, who will in turn serve as a clearinghouse in keeping track of repeat offenders. In response to a question from Senator Shade asking if there was a deadline for reporting incidents, Dr. Phelps said the committee had purposefully decided not to state any deadline.

Senator Buckner moved to endorse the policy (seconded by Senator Byrd). After much discussion, Senator Knutson moved the previous question (seconded by Senator Drake). By voice vote, the motion passed. The motion to endorse the policy also passed by voice vote, with two “no” votes and three abstentions.

## ***New minor in Informatics from the Computer Science Department***

Senator Shade moved for approval of the new minor in Informatics (seconded by senator Richter). Rhonda Ridinger, Budget & Priorities Committee chair, said her committee had found no appreciable costs associated with the program. By voice vote, the motion passed. It will go forward as **Senate Action 14-03/04**.

## ***Report from Rules Committee***

Senator Helm presented the report from the Rules Committee on amendments to the Professional Education Committee Bylaws in the absence of Senator Cameron, chair of the Rules Committee, and deferred explanation of the six proposals to Dr. Lynda Plymate, chair of the Professional Education Committee (see Attachment 2 to the March 11 Senate agenda). A friendly amendment was offered and accepted to take the word “chair” out of the last sentence of Proposal 1. Senator Drake moved to also amend Proposal 1 (seconded by Senator Byrd) to add the words “ex officio without vote” to the same sentence. By voice vote, the amendment passed.

After confusion about the wording of the proposed amendments to the PEC Bylaws, Chair Giglio asked for the sense of the Senate regarding the senators' desire to vote on the amendments in April. By a show of hands, a majority of those present indicated a preference for voting in April. Dr. Plymate agreed to clean up the wording and provide it to Senator Cameron, chair of the Rules Committee, who will review the amendments pursuant to including them in the April Senate agenda for a vote by secret ballot.

### ***Unfinished Business***

There was no unfinished business.

### ***New Business***

Senator Shufeldt moved a resolution for approval asking the SMSU Board of Governors to “restore SMSU’s hourly student fees in 2004-05 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...” Her motion was seconded by Senator Wyrick. After discussion, Senator Helm moved the previous question (seconded by Senator Buckner). The motion to end discussion passed 16-14. The main motion passed 14 to 8 with 8 abstentions. It will go forward as **Senate Resolution 16-03/04**.

Senator Wyrick moved a resolution for approval asking that SMSU place an automated external defibrillator (AED) at designated places on campus and institute a training and information campaign to prevent deaths from cardiac arrest on campus. Recently, a 30-year-old graduate student, Xanthus Jeffery, died after having a heart attack at Greenwood Lab School. Senator Knutson moved to amend (seconded by Senator Kemp) by striking the subtitle and first and fourth paragraphs. The motion failed by voice vote. A friendly amendment was offered and accepted to change the word “suffered” to “experienced” in the first sentence and to delete the phrase, “but instead waited 20 minutes for an ambulance,” in the fourth paragraph. The question was called, and the main motion passed by voice vote. It will go forward as **Senate Resolution 17-03/04**.

### ***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15, at 3:30 p.m. in Plaster Student Union 313.

Robert E. Thurman  
Secretary of the Faculty

**Senate Action 14-03/04**

**Adopted by Senate on March 11, 2004**

**Right of Challenge Expires April 13, 2004**

***New Minor in Informatics***

See numerical listing of Senate actions for a copy of the curricular proposal.

***Senate Resolution on Setting Student Fees***

***Whereas***, Missouri's four other regional state universities (CMSU, NWMSU, SEMO, TSU) have higher undergraduate fees than those of SMSU, and of that group, only CMSU has yet to set its fee structure for 2004-05; and

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

***Whereas***, SMSU receives less state funding per FTE than all other state four-year institutions, thus having to rely more heavily on student fees; and

***Whereas***, SMSU's ability to promote its academic mission and maintain financial viability would be enhanced with a fee structure that is competitive among the regional four-year institutions in the state; and

***Whereas***, SMSU has distinguished itself from the other regional state universities and is worthy of the proposed name change to Missouri State University and its fee structure should reflect its standing in the state; and

***Whereas***, The SMSU Board of Governors will be setting student fees at their March meeting;

***Therefore, be it resolved***, That the SMSU Board of Governors should restore SMSU's hourly student fees in 2004-05 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, or higher so that SMSU can recruit and retain faculty of a caliber consistent with SMSU's long-expressed desire to become Missouri State University.

***Resolution***

*in Remembrance of Xanthus Jeffery*

***Whereas***, Xanthus Jeffery, a 30-year-old graduate student in SMSU's English Department experienced a massive heart attack (cardiac arrest) in Greenwood Laboratory School February 29, 2004; and

***Whereas***, For each minute that passes after the onset of cardiac arrest, an individual's chance of survival is reduced by about 10 percent, and an *automated external defibrillator* (AED) administers an appropriate "shock" within a matter of seconds to stabilize the cardiac rhythm of someone suffering a heart attack, and a modern AED provides verbal prompts to permit someone without prior medical training to operate the device, and

***Whereas***, SMSU has possessed four AED devices for about three years, and all of SMSU's AEDs are stored in Safety & Transportation, Taylor Health Center, and Carrington Hall and are not readily available in any classroom building or dormitory, where the greatest number of students, faculty, and staff conduct their daily affairs, and even fewer AEDs are available nights or weekends; and

***Whereas***, SMSU's ownership of AEDs is not well-known among the campus community, Xanthus Jeffery did not have the benefit of an AED last February 29 and died March 2, 2004;

***Whereas***, The SMSU administration has applied on numerous occasions for State funding for the Ozarks Public Health Institute, which among other things would promote the health and wellness of SMSU's faculty and staff; and

***Whereas***, Modern, effective AED devices can be purchased for approximately \$2,000-\$3,000 apiece; and

***Whereas***, Recent experience suggests that SMSU neither owns a sufficient number of AED devices for campus-wide coverage, nor places the devices where they are most likely to be needed, nor provides adequate information to the campus community about the availability of AEDs;

***Therefore, be it resolved***, That SMSU should remedy these deficiencies by placing a modern AED in every classroom/office building, dormitory, the Meyer Library, and other campus facilities where large numbers of people regularly congregate, and institute a training and information campaign to ensure that the technology is available and administered when the need next arises.