

***Minutes of the January Session
of the Faculty Senate
Missouri State University***

The Faculty Senate held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2007, in Karls 102 (delayed a week due to the ice storm and subsequent university closing). Chair Mark Richter called the session to order at 3:32 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Michael Hudson for Gary Ward, SMAT; and Margaret Weaver for Mark Trevor Smith, ENG.

Absences: Char Berquist, Graduate Council chair; Carmen Boyd, Instructor representative, BMS; Sean Cain, SGA; Roberto Canales, PAS; Clay Franklin, CSD; Joanne Gordon, CGEIP chair; Norm Griffith, Staff Senate representative; Julie Masterson, Rules Committee chair; Dale Moore, Staff Senate representative; Peggy Pearl, ECFD; Bill Piston, HST; Mike Reed, P&A; and Colette Witkowski, Associate Professor rank representative, BMS.

Guests: Barry Hall, OTC Physics Department; W. T. Corcoran, GGP; Jennie Stoelting, Art & Design; Frank Einhellig, Graduate Office; Kent Ragan, FGB; Lois Shufeldt, MKT; Judy Meyer, GGP; Nicole Rovig, Registrar's Office; Lorene Stone, CHPA; Pam Sailors, PHI/ECO; and Kim Bell, Enrollment Services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December Senate session were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chair Richter announced that the Faculty Concerns survey would be completed within the next few weeks and will be discussed at the February 8 Senate meeting. The meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. in PSU 313.

UPDATE ON THE JOINT ENGINEERING DEGREES WITH UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ROLLA

Associate Provost Frank Einhellig reported on the progress of the joint engineering degrees with the University of Missouri-Rolla. At this point, the approval process has been on-going for 15 months. The Chancellor of the University of Missouri System, Dr. Floyd, has given his approval and a formal agreement was signed in August. In November, a formal proposal was submitted to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Although final Board approval by the CBHE has not yet been received, Dr. Einhellig reported there are no formal objections to the agreement. Two million dollars has been put in the budget for legislative approval-\$1 million of one-time money, with \$500,000 going to each institution, and \$1 million of on-going money, also with \$500,000 going to each institution. The degree in both civil and electrical engineering will be from the University of Missouri-Rolla, with the center to be located in Kemper Hall.

VOTE ON BYLAWS AMENDMENTS PRESENTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

The Faculty Senate voted by secret ballot to replace the word “meeting” with the word “session” every place where it occurs in the *Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty*; amend ART I, SEC 2, J, to add sentence, “The new chairperson will be responsible for setting the agenda for that session”; and amend ART I, SEC 3, A, so that “tenured faculty are eligible for the position of chairperson-elect or Secretary of the Faculty if by the time they assume office they will have completed at least one year of service (parenthetical phrase “*may or may not be continuous*” added) in the Faculty Senate during the previous six academic years.” The three amendments all passed by the required two-thirds majority of the senators present and voting. They will go forward as **Senate Action 13-06/07** through **Senate Action 15-06/07**.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

Dr. Michael Hendrix, chair of the Budget & Priorities Committee, reported that the committee had unanimously approved the new certificate and program below.

1. ***New graduate certificate in Defense & Strategic Studies*** - moved by Senator Kaufman; seconded by Senator Swearingen; discussed by Dean Lorene Stone. The motion was approved by voice vote and will go forward as **Senate Action 16-06/07**.
2. ***New emphasis in Digital Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts*** - moved by Senator Hughes; seconded by Senator Maunder; discussed by Art & Design faculty member Jennie Stoelting. The motion was approved by voice vote and will go forward as **Senate Action 17-06/07**.

REPORT FROM ACADEMIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Dr. Cynthia Wilson Hail, chair of the Academic Relations Committee, reported on its first charge, a proposal to change the catalog of graduation requirements and related issues. The Committee recommended that the Faculty Senate chair appoint an *ad hoc* committee to review this charge in depth.

The second committee charge asked for a recommended catalog change to add American Sign Language to meet the language requirement as per House Bill 530. Dr. Wilson Hail moved the following Senate action for approval, and it was approved by voice vote. It will go forward as **Senate Action 18-06/07**:

Whereas, Missouri House Bill No. 530 mandates that Universities accept American Sign Language courses to fulfill language requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate at Missouri State University recommends that the Missouri State University undergraduate catalog be changed, as outlined in Attachment 3 of the January Faculty Senate agenda, to reflect HB 530.

APPEAL OF CGEIP ACTION TO ADD FGB 150 PERSONAL FINANCE TO GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AS AN OPTION IN THE CULTURE & SOCIETY - SOCIAL SCIENCES PERSPECTIVE

Senator Kaufman moved and Senator Herr seconded a motion to deny adding FGB 150 into the general education curriculum as an option in the Culture and Society - Social Sciences perspective. Senator Zimmerman moved and Senator Haytko seconded a motion to postpone the appeal until the next Senate

session (February 8) since CGEIP Chair Joanne Gordon could not attend today's session. Chair Richter told Senate members Item H (approval of the new general education course FGB 150 Personal Finance) could not be acted upon until the appeal results were determined. By a show of hands, the motion to postpone passed. The appeal will be shown as an agenda item under "Unfinished business" on the February 8 Senate agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Richter adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting will be on Thursday, February 8, in Plaster Student Union, Room 313.

Edward J. DeLong
Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 13-06/07

Adopted by Senate on January 25, 2007

Right of Challenge Expires February 20, 2007

Amendment to Bylaws

Amend the *Bylaws* to replace the word “meeting” with the word “session” every place where it occurs in the *Constitution & Bylaws of the Faculty*.

Senate Action 14-06/07

Adopted by Senate on January 25, 2007

Right of Challenge Expires February 20, 2007

Amendment to Bylaws - ART I, SEC 2, J
Time for Taking Office

Amend ART I, SEC 2, J, of the *Bylaws* to read as follows (new wording in bold and underline):

Newly-elected senators, new delegates, the Secretary of the Faculty, and the new chairperson shall take office at the first meeting (will become session) following the annual elections. **The new chairperson will be responsible for setting the agenda for that session.**

Senate Action 15-06/07

Adopted by Senate on January 25, 2007

Right of Challenge Expires February 20, 2007

*Amendment to Bylaws - ART I, SEC 3, A
Election of Officers - Faculty Senate*

Amend ART I, SEC 3, A, to read as follows (new wording in bold and underline):

Tenured faculty are eligible for the position of chairperson-elect or Secretary of the Faculty if by the time they assume office they will have completed at least one year of service (**may or may not be continuous**) in the Faculty Senate during the previous six academic years. Heads/Chairs/Directors of departments/schools are not eligible candidates for the positions of chairperson-elect and the Secretary of the Faculty.

Senate Action 16-06/07

Adopted by Senate on January 25, 2007

Right of Challenge Expires February 20, 2007

Graduate Certificate in Defense & Strategic Studies

A complete copy of the above curricular proposal can be viewed in the Faculty Senate office.

Senate Action 17-06/07

Adopted by Senate on January 25, 2007

Right of Challenge Expires February 20, 2007

New Emphasis in Digital Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts

A complete copy of the above curricular proposal can be viewed in the Faculty Senate office.

Senate Action 18-06/07

Adopted by Senate on January 25, 2007

Right of Challenge Expires February 20, 2007

Change in Undergraduate Catalog to Allow American Sign Language Courses to Fulfill B.A. Language Requirements

WHEREAS, Missouri House Bill No. 530 mandates that Universities accept American Sign Language courses to fulfill language requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate at Missouri State University recommends that the Missouri State University undergraduate catalog be changed, as outlined in Attachment 3 of the January Faculty Senate agenda, to reflect HB 530.

Attachment 3 to Senate agenda - proposed new catalog information (page 87):

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

1. **Language Requirement:** All students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree must complete 12 hours in one language. The language selected must not be the student's native language.
 - a. Courses selected within the Department of Modern and Classical Languages. Consult with the Department of Modern and Classical Languages regarding any exceptions or substitutions.
 - b. American Sign Language (ASL) courses. Consult with the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders regarding any exceptions or substitutions.

Change also needed on page 135.