

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

The Faculty Senate held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2007, in Plaster Student Union, Room 313. Chair Mark Richter called the session to order at 3:31 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Deborah Piland for Michael Craig, BMS; Kishor Shah for Shouchuan Hu, MTH; Alessandra Pires for Jason Jolley, MCL; Margaret Weaver for Mark Trevor Smith, ENG; and Gayle Runke for Rebecca Woodard, HPE.

Absences: Char Berquist, Graduate Council chair; Paul Blisard, COU; John Bourhis, COM; Carmen Boyd, Instructor representative, BMS; Sean Cain, SGA; Roberto Canales, PAS; Ben Fuqua, AGR; Kathy Gibson, LAB; Norm Griffith, Staff Senate representative; Teddy Heaton, GSC representative; Julie Masterson, Rules Committee chair; Dale Moore, Staff Senate representative; Peggy Pearl, ECFD; Gary Ward, SMAT; Cindy Wilson, Academic Relations Committee chair; and Hong Zhang, CIS.

Guests: Susan Crain, FGB; Kent Ragan, FGB; Paula Kemp, MTH; Tyler Barnes, SGA; Joshua Snowden, SGA; Kylee Eudy, SGA; Jeremy Davis, SGA; Adam Rienagel, Honors Council; Joslyn Kusiak, SGA; Andrew Yates, SGA; John Catau, Provost's Office; Nicole Rovig, Registrar's Office; Inno Onwueme, CNAS; Lois Shufeldt, MKT; Kim Bell, Enrollment Services; W. T. Corcoran, GGP; Pam Sailors, PHI/ECO; Jack Knight, PHI; Karl Kunkel, SAC; Ryan Sivill, Board of Governors; Judith Meyer, GGP; and Gary Brock, SAC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chair Richter announced that Provost Belinda McCarthy will present and answer questions at the March 8 Senate meeting (PSU 313). President Nietzel will address the Senate on April 19 regarding the University budget (Glass 101). Staff Senate members will also be invited to attend the April 19 meeting to hear President Nietzel's presentation.
2. As outlined in the *Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty*, the Senate Nominating Committee will be bringing forth nominees for the positions of Chair-elect and Secretary of the Faculty at the March 8 meeting. The Senate will also accept nominations from the floor for both positions at that time.
3. Several individuals have inquired as to the status of the *Faculty Handbook*. The *Handbook* was adopted by the Board of Governors at its December meeting and is now undergoing formatting in the President's Office. As soon as a clean copy is available, the Senate office will let all faculty know via e-mail. Any questions concerning the *Handbook* should be directed to Chris Craig in the Provost's Office.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

Dr. Michael Hendrix, chair of the Budget & Priorities Committee, reported that the committee had unanimously approved the programs below.

1. ***New program narrative and research requirements in the Master of Science in Project Management*** - moved by Senator Callahan; seconded by Senator Haytko; discussed by Senator Callahan. The motion was approved by voice vote and will go forward as **Senate Action 19-06/07**.
2. ***New tracks of concentration in the Master of Arts in History*** - moved by Senator Piston; seconded by Senator Nugent; discussed by Senator Piston. The motion was approved by voice vote and will go forward as **Senate Action 20-06/07**.

REPORT FROM FACULTY CONCERNS COMMITTEE ON FACULTY CONCERNS SURVEY

Dr. Austra Reinis, chair of the Faculty Concerns Committee, thanked Tom Kane and Jeff Cornelius-White for their help in preparing the report. She encouraged faculty to read at least the “Summary” section of the report and remarked that faculty input concerning future surveys was welcome. The Committee will be considering whether to add new questions to the survey for the following years. A meeting with the Provost to discuss the results of the survey is planned.

Chair-elect Tom Kane presented an overview of the *2006 Faculty Concerns Survey - Biennial Report to the Faculty Senate* (Attachment 3 to the Senate agenda). He reported that the survey received a 55 percent response rate this year, the most in 10 years (perhaps longer), and the Faculty Concerns Committee has unanimously approved the report. Dr. Kane moved that the Senate adopt this report and make it available to the University President, University academic administrators, and faculty. After discussion, the motion was approved by voice vote. It will go forward as **Senate Resolution 19-06/07**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. ***Appeal of Committee on General Education & Intercollegiate Programs (CGEIP) action to add FGB 150 Personal Finance to the general education curriculum as an option in the Culture & Society - Social Sciences perspective***

Chair Richter referenced procedures to be followed during the appeal of FGB 150 and reminded Senate members that an affirmative vote would mean a veto of the committee action which would nullify FGB 150 from being added to the general education program. Senator Kaufman moved to overturn CGEIP’s decision to add **FGB 150 Personal Finance** to the Culture & Society - Social Sciences perspective (seconded by Senator Herr).

Arguments to nullify FGB 150 from being added to the general education program were presented by Senators Kaufman, Gallaway, Brinker, and Finch.

- FGB 150 is not suitable as a general education course from the Social Science perspective. Just because a course has some content relating to society and to human institutions does not make it a Social Science course.

- Proposed course duplicates contents of courses offered by other departments, such as CFS 373 and ECO 200. (This was refuted in a letter from the Applied Consumer Sciences Dept. read by Dr. Ragan. Also, according to Dr. Ragan, ECO 200 has not been offered for 14 years.)
- It would be difficult for the FGB Dept. to offer additional sections without first receiving new resources. (Dr. Ragan said a new lecturer would need to be hired to teach two of four sections with 40 students max in each per semester).
- FGB 150 is a life skills course and not an appropriate general education course from any perspective.
- Seantor Kaufman felt there was a “bait and switch” tactic going on and said that the course presented to CGEIP, as reflected in the FGB 150 syllabus and its textbook, contained exclusively self-help topics. However, Senator Kaufman did indicate that the supplemental readings list distributed to Faculty Senate had the makings “of an excellent social science course.”
- Senator Gallaway reported when the **FGB 150 Personal Finance** course was first presented for approval to CGEIP in its November 9, 2005 meeting, it was disapproved 2-7.
- Senator Brinker pointed out that COBA majors will still continue to take ECO 155 to meet a general education requirement, not FGB 150.
- Do faculty want to go back to the days of 300+ courses in the general education program?

Arguments to sustain the CGEIP action to add FGB 150 to the general education program were presented by CGEIP Chair Joanne Gordon, Senators Miller and Chesman, and FGB Department Head Kent Ragan.

- CGEIP Chair Joanne Gordon said CGEIP felt the course “met the general goals of general education, including intellectual abilities and dispositions (Part I goals), and all five of the goals in Part II, Understanding Culture and Society. The course also met 3 of the 4 goals in Part II, Self-Understanding.” Although the course could be placed under “Basic Skills,” it was felt that the resources were not available to do that. Where to place the course in the general education programs seemed to be an issue.
- Senator Miller cited the “Aims and Goals of General Education,” from the catalog under B. Understanding of Culture and Society, Item 5, which reads, “Understanding the role of governmental regulation and of legal requirements, political processes, and financial and economic influences on decisions of individuals and society.” She felt the course clearly fits.
- Senator Chesman said after reading the syllabus for FGB 150, he felt the course deals with broadening on society.
- In response to Senator Kaufman’s accusation of a “bait and switch” tactic, Dr. Ragan indicated that readings lists and specific course assignments are typically not incorporated as part of the syllabus, but are supplementary to the syllabus. Dr. Ragan said that FGB 150 meets numerous goals in the Social Sciences Perspective area. The readings list would be updated every semester and presented for CGEIP’s scrutiny during the three-year course review process.

After much discussion, Senator Franklin moved the previous question (seconded by Senator Herr). By voice vote, his motion passed. A vote was taken on the appeal, and by a show of hands, the motion to nullify CGEIP’s action to add **FGB 150 Personal Finance** to the Culture & Society - Social Sciences perspective was approved 23-13. The motion will go forward as **Senate Action 21-06/07**.

2. Since the vote nullified FGB 150 from being added to the general education program, Item 2, (approval of **FGB 150 Personal Finance** by the Faculty Senate) became moot.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Tomasi and Edward Proctor, members of the Academic Integrity Committee, reported that members of their committee were split as to whether the University should subscribe to the TurnItIn plagiarism program, so it was decided to seek input from members of both the Faculty Senate and SGA to determine what their preferences are. The program would cost the University \$16,000 a year, and, ultimately, will be the Provost's decision. In response to a question, Dr. Tomasi said faculty would sign up for the program after attending a workshop to explain it. Chair Richter told Senate members this will be further discussed during the March 8 Senate meeting.

Dr. Kishor Shah said although he voted in favor of the appeal, he would like to add that Dr. Ragan is a gentleman and scholar, as is everybody here. He felt the University had come out ahead with this good debate.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Richter adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting will be on Thursday, March 8, beginning at 3:30 p.m. in Plaster Student Union, Room 313.

Edward J. DeLong
Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 19-06/07

Adopted by Senate on February 8, 2007

Right of Challenge Expires March 6, 2007

***New Program Narrative and Research Requirements in the
Master of Science in Project Management***

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

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New Tracks of Concentration in the Master of Arts in History

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Senate Action 21-06/07

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Right of Challenge Expires March 6, 2007

Overturn of CGEIP Action to add FGB 150 to General Education Program

Resolved, that by a vote of 23 to 13, the Faculty Senate overturned CGEIP's decision to add **FGB 150 Personal Finance** to the Culture & Society - Social Sciences perspective of the general education program.

Senate Resolution 19-06/07

Adopted by Senate on February 8, 2007

Senate Adoption of the 2006 Faculty Concerns Survey Results

Resolved, that the Senate adopt the *2006 Faculty Concerns Survey - Biennial Report to the Faculty Senate* and make it available to the University President, University academic administrators, and faculty.