

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

The Faculty Senate held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2007, in Plaster Student Union, Room 313. Chair Tom Kane called the session to order at 3:33 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Dennis Hickey for Yuhua Qiao, PLS; Paula Kemp for Xingping Sun, MTH; and Julie Masterson for Lisa Wood, CSD.

Absences: Ann Branstetter, CGEIP chair; Michael Craig, BMS; Ben Goss, MGT; Norm Griffith, Staff Senate representative; Orlando Hodges, SGA; Joseph Hulgus, Graduate Council chair; Beth Hurst, RFT; Rick Martin, CSC; Arden Miller, Academic Relations Committee chair; Dale Moore, Staff Senate representative; Eric Morris, COM; Jenifer Roberts, FID; Chuck Rovey, GGP; Greg Skibinski, SWK; Miles Walz, MIL; Kyle Winward, Faculty Concerns Committee chair; Tom Wyrick, Budget & Priorities Committee chair; and Scott Zimmerman, Assistant Professor rank representative.

Guests: John Catau, Provost's Office; Joe Hughes, MCL; Edward DeLong, LIS; Kent Ragan, FGB; Richard Biagioni, CHM; C. Edward Chang, FGB; Nicole Rovig, Registrar's Office; Corinne Karuppan, MGT; Carol Ann Costabile-Heming, COAL; Karl Kunkel, SAC; Madeleine Kernen, MCL; Mike Carlie, SAC; Cindy Pemberton, Student Success; Kathy Coy, Institutional Research; and Steve Robinette, Extended Campus & International Programs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 8 Senate session were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chair Kane recognized Senator Peggy Pearl, who is retiring this month, for her services to the Faculty Senate throughout her years at Missouri State.
2. A curricular proposal regarding dropping GEP 397 from the General Education curriculum will likely be on the Senate agenda for January.
3. The "Department Conditions Assessment" is available for completion until Monday, December 10th. Feedback collected in the past by the Faculty Concerns Committee has indicated that the main reason that faculty did not respond to prior assessments was because they believed their input would not make a difference. This year the assessments will be formalized in the leadership and department assessment process. Please encourage your faculty to participate.
4. President Nietzel has formed a committee to review current policies and practices related to student-athletes who have been accused or convicted of a crime. The committee is comprised of leaders from faculty, athletics, student affairs, and the community.

5. Information from MSU's Focus the Nation organization, advised by Alexander Wait, can be found on the sign-in table. The student organization will sponsor a "Focus the Nation on Climate Change" event on January 30 and 31 to raise campus awareness of global warming and sustainability issues, regardless of the student major. They are seeking faculty from different departments to lead discussion groups about environmental sustainability to their disciplines.
6. Academic Relations has been charged by the Executive Committee to propose language that clarifies the governance role of the Faculty Senate, specifically, for collaborative curricular arrangements between Missouri State and other institutions.
7. On the table was a resolution passed by SGA regarding health benefits for partners. The Executive Committee placed it on the table for your information.

REPORT CONCERNING THE CHINA PROGRAM

Mr. Steve Robinette, Assistant Provost for the Extended Campus & International Programs, and Dr. John Catau, Associate Provost, spoke to the Senate concerning the University's China program. Mr. Robinette referred to a supplement on the China Program that was distributed with the December 4 issue of *The Standard* and encouraged Senate members to pick up a copy. An AA degree agreement offered through the West Plains Campus was signed in 2000, and in the fall of 2004, the B.S. in General Business degree was first offered in China. This is the last year for the AA degree. The fall enrollment at the Branch Campus was 776 students. Forty to sixty of those students currently enrolled in the China Branch will come to Springfield after completing their degrees in July 2008. Dr. Catau distributed a general education worksheet used by the China students. The students in China all take the same courses to complete their general education. According to Dr. Catau, Provost McCarthy plans to send some teams of faculty members to spend a week on the China campus where they will be invited to participate as guest speakers.

REPORT ON STUDENT SUCCESS

Dr. Cindy Pemberton, Acting Associate Provost for Student Success, and Dr. Kathy Coy, Associate Director of Institutional Research, presented reports concerning Student Success to the Senate. Dr. Pemberton briefly addressed the Faculty Senate and referred Senate members to the Student Success link on the Provost's website at <http://www.missouristate.edu/provost/studentsuccess.htm> for more detailed information. Dr. Coy distributed copies of the "National Survey of Student Engagement: 2007 Benchmark Comparisons" and "Retention Report, 2002-2006 Cohorts" to Senate members. According to the report, in 2006, Missouri State's retention rate was 74.2 percent, and the average rate over the last six years is 74.3.

REPORT FROM HONORARY DOCTORATE COMMITTEE

Dr. Paula Kemp, chair of the Honorary Doctorate Committee, thanked members of her committee and presented the names of Ms. Nancy Brown Dornan and Dr. Sue Savage-Rumbaugh as the Committee's choices upon which to confer honorary doctorate degrees in 2008. Dr. Kemp moved and Senator Pearl seconded a resolution conferring Ms. Nancy Brown Dornan with an honorary Doctor of Public Affairs degree, and by voice vote the motion was approved. It will go forward to Administration as **Senate Resolution 5-07/08**.

Dr. Kemp moved and Senator Buckner seconded a resolution conferring Dr. Sue Savage-Rumbaugh with an honorary Doctor of Science degree, and by voice vote the motion was approved. It will go forward to Administration as **Senate Resolution 6-07/08**. It was noted that both honorees are alumni of Missouri State University.

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF GUY MACE

Senator Huang presented and read a resolution in honor of Mr. Guy Mace for his generous gift of an Endowed Professorship in Engineering at Missouri State University. Senator Buckner moved for approval of the resolution. Her motion was seconded by Senator Herr and approved by voice vote. It will go forward to Administration as **Senate Resolution 7-07/08**.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

Senator Bourhis, a member of the Budget and Priorities Committee, reported that the Committee had reviewed all of the curricular proposals below and recommended them for Senate approval.

1. ***New Financial Planning option, Finance Major, B.S.*** - moved for approval by Senator Haytko; seconded by Senator Pearl; approved by voice vote. The motion will go forward for approval as **Senate Action 6-07/08**.
2. ***Change in foreign language requirement: adds option for students to take two different languages for two semesters to achieve 12 hours of foreign language*** - moved for approval by Senator Pires; seconded by Senator Chesman; discussed by Dr. Kernan; approved by voice vote. The motion will go forward for approval as **Senate Action 7-07/08**.
3. ***New undergraduate certificate in Conflict and Dispute Resolution*** - moved for approval by Senator Bourhis; seconded by Senator Herr; discussed briefly by Senator Bourhis; approved by voice vote. The motion will go forward for approval as **Senate Action 8-07/08**.
4. ***New accelerated master's degree option, Master of Arts in Communication*** - moved for approval by Senator Bourhis; seconded by Senator Chesman; discussed briefly by Senator Bourhis; approved by voice vote. The motion will go forward for approval as **Senate Action 9-07/08**.
5. ***New accelerated master's degree option, Master of Arts in Theatre (also includes other program changes)*** - moved for approval by Senator Herr; seconded by Senator Chesman; discussed briefly by Senator Herr (moving toward an on-line degree); approved by voice vote. The motion will go forward for approval as **Senate Action 10-07/08**.
6. ***Change Criminology (Comprehensive), B.S., major to Criminology (Non-Comprehensive), B.S.*** - moved for approval by Senator Buckner; seconded by Senator Ridinger; discussed briefly by Dr. Mike Carlie; approved by voice vote. The motion will go forward for approval as **Senate Action 11-07/08**.
7. ***Change Criminology (Comprehensive), B.A., major to Criminology (Non-Comprehensive), B.A.*** - moved for approval by Senator Buckner; seconded by Senator Ridinger; discussed briefly by Dr. Mike Carlie; approved by voice vote. The motion will go forward for approval as **Senate Action 12-07/08**.

REPORT FROM RULES COMMITTEE

Chair Kane reminded Senate members that the Rules Committee changes being presented will be discussed at the meeting today but not voted on until the January Senate meeting. In January, a ballot will be distributed to Senate members for casting their vote *without discussion*. Rules Committee Chair Julie Masterson presented the proposed changes from the Committee:

- (1) The Committee recommends revising the *Bylaws* to indicate that an individual receiving an honorary degree must be living at the time of selection and will receive the honor at the spring commencement; however, if an honoree dies during the interim between selection and the spring commencement awards ceremony, then the award will be presented posthumously.
- (2) The Committee recommends that (a) individuals at the ranks of Distinguished Professor be eligible for Senate membership, (b) individuals at the ranks of Distinguished Professor and Full Professor be represented by a single rank representative, and (c) the *Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty* be revised to clarify this aspect of membership and representation. (This involves changes to both the *Constitution*, ART IV, and the *Bylaws*, ART I, SEC 1.)

Senator Ridinger offered a friendly amendment to add to line 29 in ART IV of the *Constitution* the words, "For the purpose of Senate membership" (accepted by Dr. Masterson).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR DOCUMENT

The motion on the floor from the November 8 Senate meeting was as follows:

"Senator Owens moved and Senator Piston seconded the following motion to change the 4th bullet on page 5 of the Distinguished Professors Document to read as follows:

Reduce the number of external reviewers from the proposed six to four. A pool of six potential reviewers can be selected, from which four are ultimately chosen. Being a reviewer involves a substantive time commitment if it is done well and it may be difficult in some disciplines to get so many qualified and willing reviewers."

After discussion, Senator McCrary moved the previous question. The motion was seconded by Senator Kemp and approved by voice vote. However, the main motion failed.

Senator Robbins moved (seconded by Senator Michalczyk-Lillich) that the Senate pass a recommendation to the Committee stating if the document is approved, funding should come from the Provost so the departments are not penalized. After discussion, Senator Pearl moved the previous question (seconded by Senator Haytko), and the motion was approved. The main motion was also approved by voice vote. Senator Robbins said the idea that teaching load reduction is not forever (negotiated on a regular basis) should also be discussed. Chair Kane reminded Senate members that the recommended changes to the Distinguished Professor Document would be forwarded to the Provost's Tenure and Promotion Committee as feedback to the Committee.

Senator Owen moved and Senator Weaver seconded a recommendation that the Committee should consider instituting a minimum number of recommendations for each category (e.g., one solicited by the member, one solicited by the department head).

Senator Buckner said since Missouri State is not a Research I institution, she was not in favor of changing to a Distinguished Research Professor but rather felt it should be based on service and teaching. Two other Senate members agreed that their department would concur with considering service and teaching as well as research. Dr. Biagioni replied that teaching and research are important but that teaching is an internal activity and, as such, wouldn't bring recognition to the University. At Senator Buckner's suggestion and with the Senate's approval, a straw poll was taken, but the votes were not counted.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kane adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m. The next Faculty Senate session will be held on Thursday, January 17, beginning at 3:30 p.m. in PSU 313.

Rebecca Woodard
Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 6-07/08

Adopted by Senate on December 6, 2007

Right of Challenge Expires January 10, 2008

New Financial Planning Option, Finance Major, B.S.

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

Senate Action 7-07/08

Adopted by Senate on December 6, 2007

Right of Challenge Expires January 10, 2008

Change in Foreign Language Requirement

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

Senate Action 8-07/08

Adopted by Senate on December 6, 2007

Right of Challenge Expires January 10, 2008

New Undergraduate Certificate in Conflict and Dispute Resolution

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

Senate Action 9-07/08

Adopted by Senate on December 6, 2007

Right of Challenge Expires January 10, 2008

New Accelerated Master's Degree Option, Master of Arts in Communication

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

Senate Action 10-07/08

Adopted by Senate on December 6, 2007

Right of Challenge Expires January 10, 2008

***New Accelerated Master's Degree Option, Master of Arts in Theatre
(Includes Other Program Changes)***

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

Senate Action 11-07/08

Adopted by Senate on December 6, 2007

Right of Challenge Expires January 10, 2008

***Change Criminology (Comprehensive), B.S., Major to
Criminology (Non-comprehensive), B.S.***

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

Senate Action 12-07/08

Adopted by Senate on December 6, 2007

Right of Challenge Expires January 10, 2008

***Change Criminology (Comprehensive), B.A., Major to
Criminology (Non-comprehensive), B.A.***

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

Resolution Conferring Honorary Doctorate Upon Ms. Nancy Brown Dornan

WHEREAS, Ms. Nancy Brown Dornan has distinguished herself by her extraordinary contributions to the area of Public Affairs; and

WHEREAS, she is an innovator, a businesswoman, a collaborator, and a visionary leader; and

WHEREAS, she has been instrumental in founding the Walnut Street Historic Neighborhood Association, the Historic Walnut Street Development, LLC, and the Arts Fest; and

WHEREAS, she served as President of the Springfield Landmarks Preservation Trust from 1993 to 2007 and under her guidance saw through the \$8.3 million renovation of the historic Gillioz Theatre and adjacent Netters building; and

WHEREAS, she is active in various renovation projects in downtown Springfield, including the redevelopment of the Busy Bee and single family residences around Walnut Street; and

WHEREAS, she has served on over 25 boards and organizations, frequently as a founding member or officer; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University, meeting on this sixth day of December in the year two thousand seven, recommend to the Board of Governors of Missouri State University that the honorary doctorate degree, Doctor of Public Affairs (A. P. D.) be conferred upon Ms. Nancy Brown Dornan at the Commencement Ceremony in May two thousand eight in recognition of her extraordinary achievements in the area of Public Affairs.

Resolution Conferring Honorary Doctorate Upon Dr. Sue Savage-Rumbaugh

WHEREAS, Dr. Sue Savage-Rumbaugh has distinguished herself by her extraordinary contributions to the area of Science; and

WHEREAS, she is an internationally known scholar doing important research in language and cognition on the bonobo, or “pygmy chimpanzee”; and

WHEREAS, she has written 5 books, made 9 films, and authored or coauthored 170 journal articles; and

WHEREAS, she along with her colleagues, have established the Great Ape Trust of Iowa, where great apes live and collaborate with their human hosts; and

WHEREAS, she has been named “A Woman of Influence” by the Des Moines Business Record; and

WHEREAS, she is involved in conservation efforts to protect the natural habitat of bonobos in eastern Congo, an area which has been torn by war for decades; and

WHEREAS, she wants to educate people, both around the world and here at home, about the great plight of the great apes in general, and in particular the bonobos, and the important things we can learn from them; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University, meeting on this sixth day of December in the year two thousand seven, recommend to the Board of Governors of Missouri State University that the honorary doctorate degree, Doctor of Science (Sc.D.) be conferred upon Dr. Sue Savage-Rumbaugh at the Commencement Ceremony in May two thousand eight in recognition of her extraordinary achievements in the area of Science.

Resolution on Endowed Professorship in Engineering

WHEREAS, a generous gift from Mr. Guy Mace will establish the Endowed Professorship in Engineering at Missouri State University;

WHEREAS, endowed faculty positions are a direct investment in academic programs and faculty and help to support core functions in teaching, research and service;

WHEREAS, endowed faculty positions are a reflection of confidence in Missouri State University and its faculty;

WHEREAS, endowed faculty positions help to attract and retain the best faculty and lead to greater educational opportunities for students; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Faculty of Missouri State University expresses its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Guy Mace for his generous gift of an endowed professor position; be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to the Administration of Missouri State University and the Board of Governors of Missouri State University; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Guy Mace to express our heartfelt gratitude for his support.