

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

The Faculty Senate held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2008, in Plaster Student Union, Room 313. Chair Tom Kane called the session to order at 3:31 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Dennis Hickey for Yuhua Qiao, PLS; and Kishor Shah for Xingping Sun, MTH.

Absences: Ben Goss, MGT; Norm Griffith, Staff Senate representative; Bart Hammig, NUR; Diana Haytko, MKT; Orlando Hodges, SGA; Joseph Hulgus, Graduate Council chair; Julie Masterson, Rules Committee chair; Dale Moore, Staff Senate representative; Jenifer Roberts, FID; and Miles Walz, MIL.

Guests: John Catau, Provost's Office; Linda Johnson, Registrar's Office; Mary Sheid, Board of Governors; Chris Craig, Provost's Office; Belinda McCarthy, Provost's Office; Cindy Pemberton, Student Success; Alexander Wait, Biology; Lindsey Berger, student; Nicole Rovig, Registrar's Office; and Sarah Khan, student.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 6 Senate session were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Governor's budget proposal is in line with the expectations and assumptions used by the University's Executive Budget Committee. The proposal includes \$700,000 for "Preparing to Care" to accommodate the education of more health care professionals. The committee has been operating on the assumption of at least a 4 percent pay increase for next year.
2. Faculty members who have roots in southwest Missouri are being recruited to take part in the 2008 Community Caravan. The Caravan is an outreach effort to promote the University to local communities and school districts. Details about this recruitment and public relations effort will be reported in the next *Friday Focus*.
3. The College of Business Administration's accreditation review was successful, and the accreditation report was extremely positive. Congratulations to our College of Business colleagues on their recent AACSB re-accreditation.
4. In March, nominations for Chair-elect and Secretary of the Faculty will be announced by the Nominating Committee. Nominations may also come from the floor, and it is hoped that senators will identify and encourage our best faculty leaders to run for the positions.

REMARKS BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS CHAIR MARY SHEID

Ms. Mary Sheid, chair of the Board of Governors, briefly addressed the Faculty Senate and answered questions. She commented that the Board was very excited about the \$4.3 million dollars that will be coming to Missouri State University and that the Board had worked very hard to bring the proposal forward to the Governor's office. She extended her congratulations to both the College of Business Administration on its recent reaffirmation of accreditation with the AACSB for the business administration and accounting programs and to the Physical Therapy Department upon approval of their doctorate program.

RESOLUTION FOR DAVID VINYARD

Senator Fuqua moved for approval and Senator Kaufman seconded a resolution in honor of David Vinyard, an accelerated master's student in Chemistry at Missouri State University and the first student chosen as a Rhodes Scholar finalist at Missouri State. The Chemistry Department's departmental Senate representative, Eric Bosch, presented and read the resolution to the Faculty Senate, and the resolution was approved by voice vote. It will go forward as **Senate Resolution 8-07/08**.

"FOCUS THE NATION TEACH-IN" PRESENTATION

Dr. Alexander Wait and student Ms. Lindsey Berger announced plans and presented information on sessions of the "Focus the Nation" teach-in being planned on campus for January 30 and 31. A web-cast will be held in Temple Hall, Rooms 1, 2, and 3 on January 30. All events on January 31 will be held in Plaster Student Union, with rooms to be announced at a later date. The schedule of events for the meeting and a pamphlet entitled, "Focus the Nation: Global Warming Solutions for America," were distributed to Senate members, and faculty were asked to encourage their students to attend. A web page outlining the schedule for the event will be announced in the Provost's Communiqué.

VOTE ON CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS AMENDMENT PRESENTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Paper ballots were distributed to Senate members for voting on the three amendments presented by the Rules Committee in the December Senate meeting which would revise 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. Another amendment would add that (a) individuals at the ranks of Distinguished Professor are eligible for Senate membership, (b) that individuals at the ranks of Distinguished Professor and Full Professor should be represented by a single rank representative, and (c) that the *Constitution & 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.) All proposed amendments passed by the required two-thirds vote.

The amendment to the *Constitution* will need to be distributed to all full-time faculty for ratification before being made into a Senate action and forwarding to Administration. The other two *Bylaws* amendments will go forward to Administration as **Senate Action 13-07/08** and **Senate Action 14-07/08**.

REPORT FROM ACADEMIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Dr. Arden Miller, chair of the Academic Relations Committee, presented a revised version of the *Attendance Policy* for approval (see Attachment 2 to the January Senate agenda). The revisions were made in response to a request from those involved with athletics who felt a more formal procedure needed to be in place for athletes who must miss a class or classes due to their obligation to the University. Senator Finch moved for approval of the revised wording in the *Attendance Policy*, and Senator Kaufman seconded her motion. Senator Bourhis spoke against the motion, saying the policy already in place was fine and that if certain faculty members were abusing the policy, then they should be dealt with on an individual basis. He also pointed out that the revised policy puts faculty members in a “bureaucratic loop” by requiring them to respond in writing in three days for each and every student who must miss class. Several Senate members agreed with Senator Bourhis’ position and spoke against the motion.

After more discussion, Senator Zimmerman moved the previous question (seconded by Senator Rovey). By voice vote, the main motion to approve the revised version of the *Attendance Policy* as presented by the Academic Relations Committee failed.

Dr. Miller presented the Committee’s report amending the hiring practices to include more faculty members when forming search committees for department heads. Senator Shoptaugh moved for approval of the report, and Senator Buckner seconded her motion (see Attachment 3 to the January Senate agenda). Tom Wyrick moved to amend the bolded portion of Attachment 3, fourth sentence, to read, “In the case that there are no faculty members selected or available in a particular rank, the Department Faculty may select the names of two members from another rank to forward to the Dean.” His motion to amend was seconded by Senator Buckner and then passed by voice vote. The main motion was also approved by a show of hands. It will go forward as **Senate Action 15-07/08**.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON CURRICULAR PROPOSAL TO DELETE GEP 397 FROM THE GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Senator Buckner moved to delete GEP 397 from the general education program (seconded by Senator Kaufman). Tom Wyrick, chair of the Budget & Priorities Committee, addressed the Senate concerning budgetary implications the deletion of GEP 397 might have and distributed a hand out showing faculty resources devoted to GEP 397 for 2007 (not including summer). The information presented indicated that the College of Arts and Letters taught the highest number of in-load sections of GEP classes with 13 sections. According to Dr. Wyrick, the Budget & Priorities Committee has no budgetary objections to the deletion of the course, but he said this was only part of the story. Ann Branstetter, chair of the Committee on General Education & Intercollegiate Programs (CGEIP), gave a brief statement concerning CGEIP’s decision to remove the course from the general education program.

In response to a question, John Catau clarified that it had been decided to drop the number of hours in the general education by three hours but with the understanding that in the future it will probably ask for those hours back. He said at present there is a possibility that the IDS 110 course may be redone and might be changed from a one-hour class to a two-hour class, which would take back one of the hours being dropped. Chair Kane said the total number of hours for graduation was still 125.

Senator Zimmerman asked if there were any curricular reasons to drop the GEP course, and Dr. Catau responded that it being dropped mostly because of lack of support. He said the only way the course has been supported was because of summer school. He said it has been very hard to find faculty to teach the class and that it just was not working. Graduate Council representative Kelly Copeland spoke in favor of keeping the course, saying she had had a very positive experience when she took the GEP 397

course. After further discussion, the motion to delete GEP 397 from the general education program passed by voice vote. It will go forward as **Senate Action 16-07/08**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS - There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kane adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m. The next Faculty Senate session will be held on Thursday, February 14, beginning at 3:30 p.m. in PSU 313.

Rebecca Woodard
Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 13-07/08

Adopted by Senate on January 17, 2008

Right of Challenge Expires February 12, 2008

***Amendment to Bylaws - ART I, SEC 8, B, (1), (a), 3,
Committee on Honorary Degrees***

Amend the Faculty *Bylaws*, ART I, SEC 8, B, (10), (a), 3, Committee on Honorary Degrees, to read as follows:

~~The honoree must be living at the time of selection and must be present at the award ceremony to receive the honor at the spring commencement~~ **must be living at the time of selection and will receive the honor at the spring commencement. If an honoree dies during the interim between selection and the spring commencement awards ceremony, then the award will be presented posthumously.**

Senate Action 14-07/08

Adopted by Senate on January 17, 2008

Right of Challenge Expires February 12, 2008

***Amendment to Bylaws - ART I, SEC 1,
Membership of the Faculty Senate***

Amend the *Bylaws*, ART I, SEC 1, Membership of the Faculty Senate, to read as follows:

There are two classes of membership in the Faculty Senate: voting members (designated as senators) and non-voting members (designated as delegates). The voting members of the Faculty Senate shall consist of the following senators: the Chairperson of the Senate; the Chairperson-elect of the Senate; the Secretary of the Faculty; representative of academic departments/schools, one senator from each department; representatives of the ranked faculty, one senator from ~~each rank; one representative from among lecturers.~~ **each rank: (a) instructor, (b) assistant professor, (c) associate professor; and (d) full or distinguished professor....**

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Hiring Procedures for Department Head Searches

Forming the Search Committee

The Search Committee should have members who have legitimate and direct interests in the selection process. Membership may include faculty, staff, and students, as well as alumni or other outside constituents when desirable. Criteria used in selecting the Search Committee members often include the following:

- knowledge of the substantive area*;
- demonstrated ability in promoting a deliberative process;
- knowledge of the campus and its surrounding communities;
- strong interpersonal and recruitment skills; and
- an ability to maintain a high degree of confidentiality.

*It is not imperative that all members of the search committee have knowledge of the substantive area.

When possible, women and minorities from within the department should be represented on all Search Committees; however, this may not always be feasible. In these instances, consideration should be given to including women or minorities from other departments, administrative units, graduate assistants/teaching assistants and/or alumni/members of the community to serve on the committee.

Faculty will elect two members from each rank within the Department to serve on the Search Committee, whose names they then forward to the College Dean. The Dean will select one of the two faculty members from each rank to serve on the Search Committee, so that each rank is represented on the Committee. In the case that there is only one faculty member in a particular rank, that member may serve on the Search Committee. In the case that there are no faculty members selected or available in a particular rank, the Department Faculty may select the names of two members from another rank to forward to the Dean.

Confidentiality

In acceptance of Search Committee membership, each Search Committee member assumes responsibility not to divulge any applicant's name or status, or the content of any Search Committee conversation, to any non-Committee person within or outside the institution, until after the first screening. After screening by the Search Committee has begun, all ranked faculty members in the Hiring Unit may review and evaluate applicant files and provide input to the Search Committee; however, non-Search Committee members must not engage in further screening activities. Faculty members who review applicant files assume the same responsibility as Search Committee members of maintaining confidentiality of information contained within the files.

For academic administrator searches **other than Department Head searches**, only the Search Committee and the administrators in the supervisory chain will review applicant files. The Search Committee will make letters of application and vitas of candidates selected for interviews publicly available.

Senate Action 16-07/08

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***Deletion of GEP 397 Course from the General Education Program
(Also includes course deletion form for GEP 397)***

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

Resolution for David Vinyard

WHEREAS, David Vinyard is currently an accelerated master's student in chemistry at Missouri State University;

WHEREAS, David Vinyard graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with distinction in the Honor's College while majoring in Chemistry and Agriculture with a minor in Music;

WHEREAS, David Vinyard is an exceptional citizen and scholar, as evidenced by his many accomplishments (attachment); including four published peer-reviewed research publications and a provisional patent, his leadership in student organizations, his outreach to the campus community and to local, regional and state organizations;

WHEREAS, David Vinyard's accomplishments and activities have resulted in his being chosen as one of the first Citizen Scholar recipients by the Missouri State Board of Governors;

WHEREAS, David Vinyard was chosen as a Rhodes Scholar finalist, the first student in the history of Missouri State University to be granted such a distinction;

WHEREAS, the Rhodes Scholarship is one of the nation's highest distinctions for those pursuing advanced degrees, and grants the awardees entrance and full tuition to Oxford University in the United Kingdom;

WHEREAS, each institution of higher learning in the United States may nominate one outstanding individual each year for the Rhodes Scholarship. This scholarship is administered by districts, with 16 such districts in the United States, and each district may elect only two Rhodes Scholars;

WHEREAS, David Vinyard was chosen as one of 13-finalists from a field of over 100 candidates to undergo the interview process in the district that includes Missouri;

WHEREAS, such distinctions are a credit to both David and to the academic community at Missouri State University, and reflect his abilities, motivation and the experiences and education he has received;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate congratulates and commends David Vinyard on his many accomplishments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to David Vinyard, and to the President, Provost, and Board of Governors at Missouri State University.

Attachment
David J. Vinyard
Accomplishments

Scholarships and Awards:

Nov 2007	Rhodes Scholar finalist.
October 2007	Citizen Scholar Award, Missouri State University Board of Governors
April 2007	Outstanding Senior Award, Missouri State University Department of Chemistry
2003 – 2007	Missouri State University Presidential Scholar
2003 – 2007	Coca-Cola Regional Scholar
2003 – 2007	Elk's Lodge Most Valuable Student Award
2003 – 2007	Missouri State University College of Natural and Applied Sciences Dean's List
2003 – 2007	Missouri State University Honors College
2007 – present	The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
2003 – 2007	Gamma Pi Alpha Honors Fraternity
April 2006	Missouri Academy of Sciences First Place Presentation, Chemistry Division II
April 2006	American Chemical Society Analytical Chemistry Award
2006 – 2008	Eugene T. Saffe Memorial Scholarship for Chemistry
2005 – 2007	Maria Content Wise Memorial Scholarship for Piano Performance
2004 – 2006	Vernon Renner Environmental Studies Scholarship
2003 – 2004	Agriculture Alumni Association Scholarship
Oct. 2004	American FFA Degree Recipient
Nov. 2003	Missouri State University Public Speaking Showcase
Aug. 2003	Delta Land and Pine Company & National FFA Foundation Scholarship
April 2003	Writer's Hall of Fame Scholarship

Community and University Involvement:

2006 – 2007	Springfield News-Leader Editorial Advisory Board Member Authored multiple editorial pieces on political and civil rights issues. Worked with other board members to determine editorial positions and endorsements. Met with city, state, and national leaders on issues of local importance.
2003 – 2007	Missouri State University American Chemical Society-Student Affiliates Organization president, Spring 2007 – present. Planned departmental social activities. Participated in chemistry demonstrations and activities for the Springfield Discovery Center, Boys and Girls Club, and Expanding Your Horizons.
2003 – 2007	Piano Performance Prepared and performed piano music for multiple area recitals and events cumulating in a senior recital in April, 2007. Four years of study under Dr. Hye-Jung Hong, Missouri State University.
April 2007	Ozarks Science and Engineering Fair Judge Judged high school science fair projects in the chemistry division.
2006 – 2007	Missouri State College of Natural and Applied Science Student Advisory Board Worked with the Dean to organize college-wide events. Provided department-specific student feedback to the college administration.
2003 - 2007	Missouri FFA Association, Southwest District, Agronomy Contest Organizer Planned for and implemented the state-qualifying agronomy contest for over 100 high school students per year.

2003 – 2006 Grew plant specimens, prepared seed samples, and wrote exams for contest use.
Missouri State University Presidential Scholarship Search Committee
Interviewed high school students and provided feedback for the selection of
academic “full ride” scholarships.

Publications:

- David J. Vinyard and Mark M. Richter, “Enhanced Electrogenerated Chemiluminescence in the Presence of Fluorinated Alcohols.” *Analytical Chemistry*, **2007**, *79*, 6404-6409.
- David J. Vinyard, Shawn Swavey, and Mark M. Richter, “Photoluminescence and Electrogenerated Chemiluminescence of a Bis(bipyridyl)Ruthenium (II) – Porphyrin Complex.” *Inorganica Chimica Acta*, **2007**, *360*, 1529-1534.
- David J. Vinyard and Mark M. Richter, “Electrogenerated Chemiluminescence of the Lithium Salts of 8-Hydroxyquinoline and 2-Methyl-8-hydroxyquinoline.” *Dalton Transactions*, **2006**, *37*, 4461-4464.
- Sean C. Brooks, David J. Vinyard, and Mark M. Richter, “Electrogenerated Chemiluminescence of Bis(bipyridyl)Ruthenium (II) Acetylacetonate Complexes.” *Inorganica Chimica Acta*, **2006**, *359*, 4635-4638.

Provisional Patent Application:

Provisional patent application on file for an electrogenerated chemiluminescence solvent system which results in improved light emission. Ownership of the invention is shared by Mark M. Richter, David J. Vinyard, and Missouri State University. This provisional patent has now been abandoned, due to a lack of industrial interest in compensating the University for the cost of obtaining a patent.