

Missouri State University Faculty Senate Report to MSU Board of Governors

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Leadership Platform of Current Chair: Clarify faculty voice in university decision making.

2017-18 Ad Hoc Committees of the Faculty Senate

1. Ad Hoc Committee on Personnel Hiring Trends

A report on the hiring trends at MSU since 1995 was presented at the January session of Faculty Senate. Personnel trends were shown as a ratio to full-time student enrollment. A full report is available within the January session attachments (See attachment 7, starting on p. 31 at <https://www.missouristate.edu/assets/facultysenate/FS.JAN.2018.Agenda.Packet.pdf>). A follow-up study will examine five recommended areas warranting further investigation (see full report, p. 43 of attachment).

Deadline for Follow-up Report. April session of Faculty Senate

2. Ad hoc Committee on Policy Review

As described in the previous report, this committee plays an important role in the review of existing policy and new policy. The Committee on Rules' recommendation to Faculty Senate to make this committee a standing committee of Faculty Senate will be voted on at the February 2018 session.

3. Ad hoc Committee on 120-Hour Graduation Requirement

As described in the previous report, this committee examined the change in graduation hours from 125 to 120. The change was recommended to the Faculty Senate and approved by university leadership and the Board of Governors. Change was implemented for spring 2017.

4. Ad hoc Advisory Committee of Senate Chairs

This gathering of past senate chairs who are still faculty at Missouri State University is investigating a lingering issue of faculty.

Deadline for Report. April session of Faculty Senate.

Other Faculty Senate Activity Since Last Report

Curricular Work Group. A large work group continues to resolve various issues with the online curricular workflow system, initiated two years ago. Recent activity has included a staffing adjustment to the personnel process overseeing curriculum changes.

Leadership Lunches. The leadership of faculty, staff, and students continues to meet monthly for lunch. This group includes the chair and chair-elect of Faculty Senate, the chair and chair-elect of Staff Senate, and the president and vice-president of the Student Government Association. Recent conversations have focused on budget matters of concern to the university.

SB997, Core Transfer Curriculum. Follow-up open forums, hosted by Josh Smith, have solicited additional faculty input and provided an information exchange about the proposed changes. The timeline for implementation, as mandated by the legislation, remains an issue for effective advisement of students and appropriate curricular engagement of university faculty.

Innovative Programs. FSEC is continuing to clarify university policies and guidelines concerning undergraduate certificates. Several undergraduate and graduate certificates have recently been approved. Multiple certificates are in the process of curricular development or review.

Resolutions and Senate Actions

***Faculty Senate Resolution Opposing Proposed Changes to Faculty Workloads at Missouri State University West Plains
[On agenda for February 7, 2018 Faculty Senate]***