

Minutes of the December Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the December session on Thursday, December 7, 2017, in PSU 313. Chair Cynthia MacGregor called the session to order at 3:30 p.m.

Substitutes: Jack Llewellyn for Mark Given, RE; Pauline Nugent for Joe Hughes, FL; and Cathy Pearman for Kayla Lewis, RF.

Absences: John Bourhis, CM; Sharon Giboney, PN; Ken Gillam, EN; Phillip Lancaster, AG; Jon Lee, Staff Sen Rep; Josh Maurer, SGA Rep; Walt Nelson, FCC Chair; Mark Paxton, MJ; and Scott Zimmerman, Grad Chair.

Guests: Chris Craig, Office of the Provost; Bryan Breyfogle, Chemistry; Matthew Siebert, Chemistry; Lily Darbishire, KISS; Nathan Hoff, Office of the Registrar; Linda Johnson, Office of the Registrar; and Rob Hornberger, Registrar.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 2017 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at 3:30 p.m. in PSU 313.
2. Our Faculty Senate Committee on Faculty Benefits has an announcement (see agenda attachment). The Faculty Senate Committee on Faculty Benefits has constructed a website to facilitate input from faculty about current and desired benefits. On behalf of Reed Olsen, chair of the committee, Chair MacGregor encouraged the Senate to take this announcement back to their constituents.
3. As a follow-up to the Parliamentary education provided earlier this academic year, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee has added a link on Shared Governance to the Faculty Senate website resources. Please see the link in your agenda to access this new webpage. In addition to the Parliamentary education piece there are also resources on shared governance. Chair MacGregor encouraged the Senate to review these additional pieces and use them to strengthen shared governance at Missouri State University.
4. In late November Chair MacGregor gathered the past chairs of Faculty Senate who are still faculty at Missouri State University. This group is called the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee of Senate Chairs and she charged them with identifying and resolving a lingering issue of faculty, the issue being one of their choosing. The committee will be meeting again in January to fulfill their charge and bring a report to Senate in April.
5. Commencement is coming up next Friday, December 15th. Chair MacGregor acknowledged it is a very busy time of the year for everyone; however, it is a highly valuable part of the faculty role to be a part of the assembling of faculty at commencement. As representatives of the various departments Chair MacGregor implored Senators to serve as role models for their constituents by participating in commencement. This is always important but especially so this year because one of our own will be honored with the Bronze Bear award, the first time a faculty member has been the recipient. This highest level of MSU award will be presented to a member of the MSU faculty at the 10 a.m. ceremony. Chair MacGregor encouraged the Senate to be part of either the 10 a.m. ceremony or the 1:30 ceremony, and to email their constituents to encourage their participation as well.
6. The Curricular Work Group continues to improve the online curricular process. Chair MacGregor will provide a year-end summary in April. In the meantime, if Senators are aware of any issues with the Curricular Action Workflow they should email Chair MacGregor.
7. As a follow-up to last month's presentation on SB997, specifically the core transfer curriculum, members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee met with Provost Einhellig and President Smart. Chair MacGregor will keep you posted, as will Josh Smith, regarding the substantial issues arising from this bill. At this point there are some interpretations emerging from the bill that are still in flux. Stay tuned.
8. Applications for the Eric Shade Award are being accepted now through Feb. 15th. The process will be similar to the previous two years; ranked faculty will be receiving details and a reminder soon.

9. Lastly, the Board of Governors meeting is next week Thursday, December 14th. Chair MacGregor will be reporting on behalf of the Faculty Senate to this governing body. Included in the Chair of the Faculty Senate report are any Senate Resolutions and Senate Actions since the last Board of Governors meeting. There is a new link within the Faculty Senate website that will contain the written reports presented to the Board of Governors.
10. Before proceeding to Item C, please note that the second curricular item, a proposal for a new program, “American Indian Studies,” has been removed from today’s agenda.

REPORT FROM RULES COMMITTEE

Rules Committee Chair, John Heywood, presented reports on charge 6, charge 11 and charge 16. These are the initial presentations. Discussion and vote will happen at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate.

For Charge 6, the committee recommends no change.

For Charge 11, Rules Chair Heywood brought the motion to the floor. The vote will happen in January.

For Charge 16, Rules Chair Heywood brought the motion to the floor. The vote will happen in January.

REPORT FROM FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

Cathy Pearman, FHRC chair, introduced Rachael Dockery, General Counsel, to present the proposed revisions on charges to 14.5.1 Dismissal Procedures; Pearman reported on the following two issues: Glossary Start Date and 3.2.2 Initial Appointment Contract Letters.

REPORT FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE ON 120-HOUR GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Chair-elect Tom Dicke presented the report and moved the Senate Action on 120-Hour Graduation to the floor. The Senate discussed.

APPROVED

SA 11-17/18

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSAL

New Interdisciplinary Program: **Foundations of Interdisciplinary Science**

Moved by Senator Richter

APPROVED

SA 12-17/18

Delete Program: **Communication/Rhetoric-BA-Minor Required**

Moved by Senator Berquist

APPROVED

SA 13-17/18

Delete Program: **Communication/Ethical Leadership-BS-Minor Required**

Moved by Senator Berquist

APPROVED

SA 14-17/18

Delete Program: **Communication/Ethical Leadership-BA-Minor Required**

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SA 15-17/18

Delete Program: **Communication/Rhetoric-BS-Minor Required**
Moved by Senator Berquist
APPROVED
SA 16-17/18

Delete Program: **Concntrtd Officer Devlpmnt: Community-Undergrad Certificate**
Moved by Senator Gartin
APPROVED
SA 17-17/18

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Moved by Senator Gartin
APPROVED
SA 18-17/18

Delete Program: **Concntrtd Officer Devlpmnt: Leaders/Law Enfrcmnt-UG Certificate**
Moved by Senator Gartin
APPROVED
SA 19-17/18

Delete Program: **Concntrtd Officer Devlpmnt: Justice System-Undergrad Certific**
Moved by Senator Gartin
APPROVED
SA 20-17/18

Delete Program: **Real Estate**
Moved by Senator Philpot
APPROVED
SA 21-17/18

Delete Program: **Finance/Real Estate-BS**
Moved by Senator Philpot
APPROVED
SA 22-17/18

New Program: **International Perspectives in K-12 Special Education Certificate Program**
Moved by Senator Cornelius-White
APPROVED
SA 23-17/18

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

New Program: **Certificate in Ranch Management**
Moved by Senator Walker (sub for Senator Lancaster)
Discussion.
The Program was postponed to the January meeting.
Moved to Postpone until January meeting.
Approved to Postpone.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Beth Hurst
Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action – 120 hour requirement

Early in the Fall, 2017 semester the Chair of Faculty Senate, Dr. Cynthia MacGregor, created the Ad Hoc Committee on the 120 Hour Graduation Requirement and charged it to “investigate the appropriateness and feasibility of changing the MSU minimum undergraduate graduation requirement from 125 hours to 120.” The committee was asked to make a recommendation to Faculty Senate no later than its December 7, 2017 meeting. The ad hoc committee met several times over the course of the semester and as a result of these deliberations the committee brings forward the following proposed Senate Action for your consideration. The committee recommends this action unanimously among those voting. The proposed revised language for the Undergraduate Catalogue is below the Senate Action.

Whereas a change in the minimum semester hours required for graduation from 125 to 120 will require no change in either general education or program requirements; and

Whereas most of the reviewed peer intuitions adhere to a 120 minimum hour graduation requirement, and our institutional accrediting body, the Higher Learning Commission, considers 120 hours to be the commonly accepted minimum program length for bachelor’s degrees; and

Whereas changing the minimum graduation requirement to 120 hours is consistent with the University’s focus on affordability and efficiency, and the potential financial impact on the University and students has been considered; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate supports a change of the University’s minimum undergraduate graduation requirement from 125 to 120 hours of credit.

BE IT ALSO RESOVED that this change be introduced between semesters and be applied to any catalog term, including past semesters.

Senate Action 12-17/18
Right of Challenge Expires January 15, 2018

Adopted by Senate on December 7, 2017

New Interdisciplinary Program: **Foundations of Interdisciplinary Science**

This curricular proposal can be viewed in the Curricular Action Workflow system.

Senate Action 13-17/18
Right of Challenge Expires January 15, 2018

Adopted by Senate on December 7, 2017

Program Deletion: **Communication/Rhetoric-BA-Minor Required**

This curricular proposal can be viewed in the Curricular Action Workflow system.

Senate Action 14-17/18
Right of Challenge Expires January 15, 2018

Adopted by Senate on December 7, 2017

Program Deletion: **Communication/Ethical Leadership-BS-Minor Required**

This curricular proposal can be viewed in the Curricular Action Workflow system.

Senate Action 15-17/18
Right of Challenge Expires January 15, 2018

Adopted by Senate on December 7, 2017

Program Deletion: **Communication/Ethical Leadership-BA-Minor Required**

This curricular proposal can be viewed in the Curricular Action Workflow system.

Senate Action 16-17/18
Right of Challenge Expires January 15, 2018

Adopted by Senate on December 7, 2017

Program Deletion: **Communication/Rhetoric-BS-Minor Required**

This curricular proposal can be viewed in the Curricular Action Workflow system.

Senate Action 17-17/18
Right of Challenge Expires January 15, 2018

Adopted by Senate on December 7, 2017

Program Deletion: **Concntrtd Officer Devlpmnt: Community-Undergrad Certificate**

This curricular proposal can be viewed in the Curricular Action Workflow system.

Senate Action 18-17/18
Right of Challenge Expires January 15, 2018

Adopted by Senate on December 7, 2017

Program Deletion: **Concntrtd Officer Devlpmnt: Concntrtd Officer Devlpmnt:Officer-Undergrad Certificate**

This curricular proposal can be viewed in the Curricular Action Workflow system.

Senate Action 19-17/18
Right of Challenge Expires January 15, 2018

Adopted by Senate on December 7, 2017

Program Deletion: **Concntrtd Officer Devlpmnt: Leaders/Law Enfrcmnt-UG Certificate**

This curricular proposal can be viewed in the Curricular Action Workflow system.

Senate Action 20-17/18
Right of Challenge Expires January 15, 2018

Adopted by Senate on December 7, 2017

Program Deletion: **Concntrtd Officer Devlpmnt: Justice System-Undergrad Certificate**

This curricular proposal can be viewed in the Curricular Action Workflow system.

Senate Action 21-17/18
Right of Challenge Expires January 15, 2018

Adopted by Senate on December 7, 2017

Program Deletion: **Real Estate**

This curricular proposal can be viewed in the Curricular Action Workflow system.

Senate Action 22-17/18
Right of Challenge Expires January 15, 2018

Adopted by Senate on December 7, 2017

Program Deletion: **Finance/Real Estate-BS**

This curricular proposal can be viewed in the Curricular Action Workflow system.

Senate Action 23-17/18
Right of Challenge Expires January 15, 2018

Adopted by Senate on December 7, 2017

New Program: **International Perspectives in K-12 Special Education Certificate Program**

This curricular proposal can be viewed in the Curricular Action Workflow system.