

Minutes of the December Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held its December session on Thursday, December 9, 2010, in PSU 313. Chair Rebecca Woodard called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Jodi Flynn for Tracy Cleveland, PN; Christopher Herr for Telory Davies, T&D; Pauline Nugent for Joe Hughes, FL; Doug Gouzie for Dimitri Ioannides, GG; James Hackney for Sean Newton, PT; Sharmistha Self for Reed Olsen, EC; and Steve Willis for Gwen Walstrand, AR.

Absences: Dan Beckman, BI; Daniel Crafts, RA; Richard Johnson, CI; Jim Kaatz, PS; James Lampe, AC; and Jenifer Roberts, FI.

Guests: Annette Gordon, Chemistry; Edward DeLong, Library Science; Elizabeth Strong, CASL/Study Away; Rob Hornberger, Registrar; Carol Shoptaugh, Psychology; John Catau, Office of the Provost; Belinda McCarthy, Provost; Art Spisak, Office of the Provost; Jacob Swett, SGA; Margaret Weaver, FSEC; Justin Mellish, SGA; Tom Tomasi, AIC; and Emily Bernet, SGA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 2010 minutes were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Our Public Affairs Conference, the theme being **Leading in a Global Society**, will be held April 12 -15. Dr. Gloria Galanes, conference chair, will attend our January session to discuss the conference schedule. For questions about the conference, please contact Dr. Galanes or Mary Ann Wood in the Public Affairs Support Office.
2. At the September Senate session, Dr. Pauline Nugent, substituting for Senator Hughes, moved that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) address the recent audit with Dr. Cofer in whatever way the FSEC deemed appropriate to express faculty sentiment. Senator Richter amended the motion to add that the FSEC bring any potential recommendations to the Senate for a vote. The FSEC felt that the best way to address this internal Senate Action was to invite Dr. Cofer to personally address concerns of the Senate, as he did at our November session.
3. The Ad-Hoc Committee for the Development and Implementation of the Online Curricular Process has started their work and the FSEC is optimistic that the curricular process will be paperless beginning in the fall.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH PROVOST MCCARTHY

Dr. McCarthy announced that President Cofer accepted the recommendation of the [Compensation Committee](#) and will bring it to the next Board of Governor's meeting. Dr. McCarthy read the recommendation and answered questions from the Senate.

Developing the 2011-16 Long Range Plan—the current version of strategic directions and objectives is now on the [website](#). The committee meets every two weeks. The next step is performance measures and targets. The

Provost encouraged the Senate to continue to submit feedback, and it will be reviewed between meetings. Carey Adams will be giving an update on the full process at the academic meeting on the 17th.

One meeting of the Executive Budget Committee has been held, and there will be a meeting next week. The governor will give a State of the Union address and present a budget in January.

Faculty roles and rewards alignment process will be looked at.

Three major areas have come up:

1-Need for departments to talk seriously about what is the essential work of the department.

Departments: what are your research, teaching, and service expectations?

2-Need to do a stronger job of evaluation of teaching.

3-Need for establishing differential roles, faculty assignments, and work loads.

Dr. McCarthy answered questions from the Senate.

REPORT ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Dr. Tom Tomasi, [Academic Integrity Council](#) Chair, presented an update on academic integrity violations. Dr. Tomasi encouraged faculty to report violations. Forms are available on the academic integrity [webpage](#).

REPORT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Dr. Cynthia MacGregor, Rules Committee Chair, reported on Charge Two. The committee decision was as follows: The Faculty Bylaws are clear on this issue and give voting rights for rank representatives to administrators who are also ranked faculty.

Charge Four: to consider whether a nonvoting representative from Registrar's Office should be included in the membership of the committee on academic relations. The committee recommends this Bylaws change.

The Senate will vote on this amendment in January by secret ballot, without discussion.

REPORT FROM HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE COMMITTEE

Senator Hail moved a resolution to the floor to confer the Honorary Doctorate Degree upon Dr. Bert E. Park at the May 2011 commencement ceremony. Senator Hail read the resolution and moved that the Senate adopt the resolution. The motion passed.

Senate Resolution 5-10/11

ACTION ON HONORARY UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

Senator Richter reported on an Honorary Undergraduate Degree policy and made the motion for a Senate Action. After discussion, the Action passed. **Senate Action 10-10/11**

ACTION TO AMEND SENATE ACTION 10-95/96

Dr. Gordon discussed the history of the original Senate Action regarding the CASL Director qualifications. Senator Richter moved the Senate Action to the floor. After discussion, the Action passed.

Senate Action 11-10/11

RESOLUTION CONCERNING REVIEW OF COURSE REPEAT POLICY

Senator Goodwin moved that the Senate adopt the resolution.

Dr. Self discussed the rationale for the Executive Committee to charge the Academic Relations Committee to study the course repeat policy and make a recommendation. The Senate discussed the resolution. The motion failed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate is Thursday, January 13, at 3:30 p.m. in PSU 313.

Cindy Hail
Secretary of the Faculty

Faculty Senate Resolution Conferring Honorary Doctorate Degree

Upon Dr. Bert E. Park

Whereas, Dr. Bert E. Park is a native of Springfield, a graduate of Parkview High School and a capable and respected neurosurgeon who has distinguished himself by his extraordinary contributions in the area of Public Affairs; and

Whereas, he has devoted more than fifteen years of service to medical missions in developing countries of the world; and,

Whereas, he has performed, by his own count, some one thousand brain and spinal surgeries at his own expense in seventeen different countries including various nations in Africa, Central Vietnam, Nicaragua, the Palestinian West Bank, and Port au Prince, Haiti; and,

Whereas, since 2001 he has been an invited guest of the Vietnam government to work and teach at the Da Nang General Hospital, located in the poorest, central region of the country to upgrade the surgical skills and technology of the surgical team; and,

Whereas, he has developed the first ever regional neurosurgery training program in Central and East Africa that is now sanctioned by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons of the United States and the Royal College of Surgeons in United Kingdom; and,

Whereas, “his personal mission is not only to provide care to patients, but to train local doctors to do the surgeries” (nomination letter quote); and,

Whereas, this native Missourian has clearly and repeatedly demonstrated the highest level of skill, compassion and service in international public affairs on behalf of our state and region;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University, meeting on this ninth day of December in the year two thousand ten, recommends to the Board of Governors of Missouri State University and President Cofer that the honorary doctorate degree, Doctor of Public Affairs (A. P. D.), be conferred upon Dr. Bert E. Park at the Commencement Ceremony in May two thousand eleven in recognition of his extraordinary achievements in the area of Public Affairs.

Right of Challenge Expires January 13, 2011

Faculty Senate Action on Honorary Undergraduate Degree

Whereas, Missouri State University awarded its first Honorary Undergraduate Degree during summer commencement, 2010; and,

Whereas, MSU has established specific guidelines and processes for the awarding of Honorary Doctorate Degrees; and,

Whereas, no guidelines are in place for the awarding of Honorary Undergraduate Degrees; Therefore,

Be it resolved, that the Faculty Senate recommends that the University award Honorary Undergraduate Degrees following the procedures in the attached Honorary Undergraduate Degrees Policy;

Be it further resolved, that the MSU administration join with the Faculty Senate to recommend that the attached Honorary Undergraduate Degrees Policy be adopted by the Board of Governors;

Be it further resolved, that if this Action and accompanying policy are approved by the Board of Governors, then the policy be forwarded to the Rules Committee of the Faculty Senate for incorporation into the *Bylaws of the Faculty*. The Rules Committee is not obligated to include the policy verbatim, and may recommend any editorial changes it sees fit to best integrate the policy into the *Bylaws*, provided that (1) the substance of the policy is unchanged, and (2) there is a clear distinction between this policy and the existing policy for Honorary Doctorate Degrees.

Right of Challenge Expires January 13, 2011

Faculty Senate Action Concerning CASL Director Qualifications

Whereas, Faculty Senate Action 10-95/96 states that the director of the Office of Citizenship and Service-Learning will be selected from SMSU ranked faculty; and,

Whereas, the academic responsibility of the program rests with the CASL Oversight Committee; and,

Whereas, 57% of service-learning programs are led by a master's degree candidate;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the director of Missouri State University's Office of Citizenship and Service-Learning may hold, minimally, a master's degree and may be selected from outside MSU ranked faculty.