

Minutes of the December Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the December session on Thursday, December 8, 2016, in PSU Ballroom East. Chair Mike Foster called the session to order at 3:30 p.m.

Substitutes: Christopher Herr for Melanie Dreyer-Lude, TD; Rose Utley for Faye Felicilda, NR; and Kishor Shah for Vera Stanojevic, MA.

Absences: Ethan Amidon, CR; Christina Bowles, Staff Sen Rep; Andy Cline, MJ; Jef Cornelius-White, CL; Melissa Dallas, RA; Keith Ekstam, AR; Drew Geer, SGA; Paige Grisham, GSS Rep; Alex Hamwi, MK; Pedro Koo, Assoc Prof Rep; Saibal Mitra, PA; Walt Nelson, FCC Chair; Glenn Pace, MG; Bob Pavlowski, B&P Chair; Xiaomin Qiu, GG; and Beth Walker, CGEIP Chair.

Guests: Clif Smart, President; Frank Einhellig, Provost; Rhonda Ridinger, Kinesiology; Julie Masterson, Grad College; Shar Self, Econ; Nathan Hoff, Office of the Registrar; Roberto Canals, PAS, CHHS; and Rob Hornberger, Registrar.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 2016 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Thursday, December 13, at 3:30 p.m. in PSU Ballroom East.
2. The college councils have been asked to poll their constituencies regarding lowering the number of hours to graduate from 125 to 120 credit hours. The general consensus is that though it has been made clear that a reduction of hours in individual major programs will not be mandated, programs nevertheless feel threatened and instead recommend that any reduction of hours comes from General Education.
3. Applications for the Eric Shade Award are being accepted now through February 15.
4. The Committee on Faculty Benefits is soliciting feedback from the faculty with regard to current and desired benefits and encourages senators to take this announcement to the faculty they represent. Please forward feedback to the committee chair, Dr. Reed Olsen at ReedOlsen@missouristate.edu.

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

University President Clif Smart presented a report about state appropriations. Money was released from the state to finish Glass Hall. There will likely be major cuts in funding from the state next year. President Smart answered questions from the Senate.

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

Provost Frank Einhellig presented the report that included asking the Board of Governors to change the School of Agriculture to the College of Agriculture. The university has hit all of our performance measures this year. Provost Einhellig answered questions from the Senate.

REPORT FROM RULES COMMITTEE

Rules Chair John Heywood presented the report on the following Charges.

Charge One

Consider establishing in the Bylaws the process by which the Eric Shade Memorial Award is granted. The Rules Committee recommendation is to make no changes to the Bylaws regarding this charge.

Charge Seven

Consider removing periodicity as a consideration from the curricular process. The Rules Committee does not have a recommendation for this charge and noted that the Bylaws do not mandate such detail for curricular proposals, and it requires a broader charge.

Charge Fourteen

Consider moving that language in the Bylaws which describes the requirements for selecting representatives to Graduate Council from ART II (College Councils) to ART V (Graduate Council). The Rules Committee recommends this change.

The Senate will vote on Charge Fourteen in the January meeting.

REPORT FROM FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

Chair Foster reminded the Senate that per Special Rule of Order Number Four of the Bylaws, the Senate must make a recommendation on the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee's report, but the recommendation from Senate does not supersede the committee's report; both the committee's report and the Senate's recommendation are forwarded to the administration and Board of Governors.

FHRC Chair Roberto Canales presented the report recommending changes to the following sections of the Faculty Handbook.

- A. 3.11 Graduate Faculty
- B. 3.3.1. Assistant Professor
- C. 11.5 Administrative Leave.

Senator Kane made a motion to adopt the report.

Senator Abidogun made a motion to strike "for consideration" in 3.11. **The motion passed.**

On behalf of the committee, committee Chair Canales agreed to the revision for the report.

The Senate approved adopting the report as amended.

VOTING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE FACULTY

Charge Fifteen: Consider eliminating from ART VI SEC 14D the reference to GEP 397.

The Amendment **Passed** with a vote of 35-yes, 1-no.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The January session will be held on Thursday, January 19th at 3:30 p.m. in PSU 313.

Chair Foster adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Beth Hurst
Secretary of the Faculty