

Minutes of the December Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held its December session on Thursday, December 6, 2012, in LIBR 101. Chair Christopher Herr called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Ben Timson for Michael Craig, BS.

Absences: Sandra Bailey, FI; John Bourhis, CM; Deanne Camp, Grad Chair; Sam Dyer, ARC Chair; Michael Foster, FCC Chair; Donna Gloe, NR; Cindy Hail, PEC; John Hail, EF; Martin Jones, Asst Prof Rep; Joan McClennen, SW; Kevin Mickus, GG; Paige Oxendine, SGA Rep; George Schmelzle, AC; Cathie Weir, TT Instruc Rep; and Y. Jenny Zhang, FG.

Guests: Weirong Yan-Scherefer, MCL; Lynn Cline, Library; John Catau, Provost; Chris Craig, Provost; Megan Schiller, Institutional Research; Paula Kemp, Math; and Nathan Hoff, Office of the Registrar.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 2012 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We have scheduled a carry-over meeting, should one be necessary, for 3:30 on Tuesday the 11th in PSU 315.
2. Chair Herr announced that Past-Chair Terrel Gallaway has accepted a position as interim department head of Economics beginning in the summer, and will no longer be serving on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. He read the following letter.

Dr. Herr:

The Department of Economics needed a senior faculty Member to temporarily serve as the Department Head for the Fall 2013 semester. I was asked to serve in this capacity and have accepted the position. The position will last six months or less.

In keeping with Article 1, SEC 8 of the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate, I hereby resign from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, effective immediately.

It has been a pleasure working with you and an honor serving the faculty of Missouri State University.

Sincerely,

Terrel Gallaway

Chair Herr thanked Terrel for his service to Senate and his principled and dedicated representation of faculty in the university community.

3. The President and Provost are putting together a special committee to look at—among other things—credit by exam and MOOCs (massive open online courses) and Missouri State's role in relation to the changing landscape of higher education. The committee would do its work in Spring 2013 with a report to be made by April. Though this is not a Senate committee, we all agreed that wide representation from faculty would be a necessary part of any committee of this nature. Anyone from your departments who is interested in serving on the committee should either contact Chris Herr or the Provost's Office.
4. We remind you to be sure and sign in for each meeting for a more accurate attendance count in the minutes.

VOTING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws:

1) Revise the current language of ART IV Sections 6-A and 6-B of the Bylaws of the Faculty to match election timing of CGEIP with B & P.

2) Change ballot preparation responsibility in Section 6-B from academic dean to chair of the college council. Currently the departmental nominees are forwarded to the dean who prepares a ballot that is sent to the college council for a vote. It is more efficient if the college council collects the departmental nominees, prepares the ballot, then votes.

3) Add the chair of the college council to the list of people to notify in Section 6-A, as the chair is proposed to be responsible for the preparation of ballots in Section 6-B and must have the election results from the individual academic departments/schools in order to do so.

Passed: unanimously

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSAL

New Program: Minor in Japanese

Moved by Senator Harges

Passed.

SA 7-12/13

REPORT FROM THE RULES COMMITTEE

Rules Chair Cynthia MacGregor presented two proposed changes to the Bylaws on which the Senate will vote next month: the first eliminates the requirement for a ballot for unopposed candidates for Chair-Elect and Secretary of the Faculty; the second changes the supermajority vote required for the Graduate Council to amend its bylaws from 3/4 to the more standard 2/3.

REPORT FROM HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE

Dr. Paula Kemp presented the Resolution Conferring Honorary Doctorate Upon Mr. John Goodman.

Senator Shah moved to adopt the Resolution.

Senator Rosenkoetter moved to make an editorial change of the date May 2012 to May 2013

Senator Kaufman proposed a minor edit “*were* prominent in the aftermath.”

An editorial change on agenda was mentioned that the committee is actually called the “Honorary Degrees Committee.

Another editorial change was suggested to add “Missouri” after Eldorado Springs.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Senate.

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REPORT ON PART-TIME AND TIME-LIMITED FACULTY

Dr. Chris Craig presented the report. MSU enjoyed a significant increase in the number of new full-time faculty hired for the 2012-2013 academic year.

REPORT FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE ON UPPER DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Dr. Dan Kaufman presented the report. Discussion.

Senator Barnes moved to approve the Senate Action to Implement Public Affairs Graduation Requirement.

[under the Description section in the report]

Senator Kaufman moved to add the words “at least” in front of “one” to amend the report. **Motion passed.**

Senator Mitra moved to add the words “3 cumulative credit hours” to amend the report. **Motion passed.**

Senator Heywood moved to delete the word “minimum” in the first sentence and add “at least.” **Motion passed.**

Description: Capstone Experience (the equivalent of **at least 3 cumulative credit hours**) – Every MSU senior must have completed a capstone experience related to the student’s major. The capstone experience allows a student to demonstrate the capacity to synthesize and apply information, demonstrate analytical, practical, and interpretive skills and promulgate ideas acquired from the major to bear on **at least one** significant summative experience, project, or class intrinsic to two elements of the public affairs mission. Capstone experiences/projects/classes will be designed and approved by individual departments or programs. The course number and credit hours assigned to the capstone experience will be determined by the department and carry a designation of “PAC” at the end of the course description and on the student transcript.

Chair Herr read the Senate Action to Implement Public Affairs Graduation Requirement.

Senator Rosenkoetter requested an editorial change to the Action to add (PAC) after “Capstone.”

Senator Kaufman moved to add “to bring forward a Senate Action to implement this requirement” to the Action. **Motion passed.**

Senator Mitra moved to amend the report to delete the word “to” and “at least one out of the three” under the “Characteristics” section. **The motion failed.**

The Senate voted on the Senate Action as amended.

Motion passed.

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REPORT FROM FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

Chair Herr reminded the Senate of the process of Handbook revisions concerning the Senate’s recommendations on the report.

Dr. Rich Biagioni presented revision of Section 16.2.3 proposing that once Senate has acted on a recommendation from FHRC, the FHRC would be allowed to adopt those recommendations before sending them forward.

The amendment would then include some renumbering.

Senator Rosenkoetter moved to adopt the revision.

The motion to adopt the revision to Section 16.2.3 passed.

Dr. Rich Biagioni presented the Principles for Revision of the Faculty Handbook and Revisions of Annual Review Sections in the Faculty Handbook.

Senator Barnes moved to adopt the Principles I section of the report.

Senator Kaufmann moved to strike the second bullet under number 4: “The Dean will need to approve the list of external reviewers.”

Discussion. **Motion passed.**

Senator Michalczyk moved to delete the first bullet under number 4: “The departmental personnel committee will not have a mandatory role in the process, but may provide advice and consultation at the request of either the candidate or the Head.”

Discussion.

Senator MacGregor moved to call the question. **Motion passed.**

Motion to delete this sentence passed.

Senator Cline suggested striking number 4 as it is now content free.

Motion to adopt the Principles I document as amended passed.

Discussion of the Principles II section of the document is unfinished business for the January session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Shah moved to adjourn. The motion passed and Chair Herr adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Kathy Gibson

Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 7-12/13

Adopted by Senate on December 6, 2012

Right of Challenge Expires January 10, 2013

New Program: Minor in Japanese

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

Resolution Conferring Honorary Doctorate upon Mr. John Goodman

WHEREAS, Mr. John Goodman has distinguished himself by his extraordinary contributions to the area of humanities; and

WHEREAS, he has continued his involvement with and support of Missouri State University by delivering public service announcements, donating to multiple scholarships, speaking to students and classes as a guest celebrity, joined the Tent Theatre 50 for 50th Club, and supporting both theatre and athletic activities; and

WHEREAS, he has sought opportunities as a proud alumnus to be an important ambassador for Missouri State University by attending homecomings and Tent Theatre reunions, talking with students and prospective students/families, and proudly proclaiming his own personally excellent preparation from Missouri State University; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the building of the new athletic complex for his high school alma mater in Affton, Missouri, as well as the Lighthouse Children's Theatre in El Dorado Springs, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, after the devastation in New Orleans, he contributed his own resources, time and talent to the Hurricane Katrina Relief in addition to hosting an important fundraiser that contributed over \$100,000.00 to victims of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, his contributions and civic leadership were prominent in the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the "Be the One" campaign for Restore the Gulf; and

WHEREAS, he has been honored with numerous awards as a premier performer of his generation and for achievement in the field of dramatic arts, but prefers to anonymously and quietly make contributions as a humanitarian, role model, activist, and an inspiration to students,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University, meeting on this sixth day of December in the year two thousand twelve, recommend to the Board of Governors of Missouri State University that the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) be conferred upon Mr. John Goodman at the Commencement Ceremony in May two thousand thirteen in recognition of his extraordinary achievements in the area of the humanities.

Right of Challenge Expires January 10, 2013

Senate Action to Implement Public Affairs Graduation Requirement

Be it resolved, that the Faculty Senate approves of a Public Affairs Capstone (PAC) graduation requirement as described in the Ad Hoc Committee's report; and

Be it further resolved, that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee work with the appropriate faculty and administrative groups—including the Provost's office and the Office of the Registrar—to bring forward a Senate Action to implement this requirement by the beginning of the 2014-15 academic year.