

## Minutes of the February Session of the Faculty Senate

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The Faculty Senate held the February session on Thursday, February 11, 2016, in PSU 313. Chair Sharmistha Self called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Cynthia MacGregor served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Rob Moore for Scott Fiedler, Staff Senate Rep; Weston Thomas for Brianna Duda, SGA Rep; Erin Buchanan for Tom Kane, PY; Elizabeth Sobel for William Meadows, SO; and Robert Patterson for Saibal Mitra, PA;

Absences: Jamaine Abidogun, HI; Andy Cline, MJ; Keith Ernce; HR; Sharon Giboney, PN; Ken Gillam, EN; Richard Johnson, CI; Ahren Johnston, MK; Kurt Killion, EPPC Chair; Jack Knight, PH; Joshua Lambert, FCC Chair; Jack Llewellyn, CGEIP Chair; David Mitchell, ARC Chair; Reed Olsen, EC; Bob Pavlowsky, B&P Chair; Marcus Shadwick, GSS Rep; and Vera Stanojevic, MA

Guests: Nathan Hoff, Office of the Registrar; Chris Craig, Office of the Provost; Rob Hornberger, Registrar; and Ryan Wilson, Staff Senate.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The January 2016 minutes were approved as posted.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, in PSU Ballroom East
2. Chair Self requested that the Senate body observe a moment of silence to honor Dr. Jim Lampe from the School of Business.
3. A handout was provided with a password recovery update from Computer Services.
4. IT Council has renewed the university's contract with Blackboard.
5. Long-Range Plan town hall meetings will be held, Monday, Feb. 29, and Tuesday, March 1, 12:15-1:15 p.m. in PSU theatre.
6. Executive Budget Process – handouts were provided. An e-mail was sent with a link to a survey about the university budget.

### **ELECTIONS FOR UNIVERSITY HEARING COMMITTEE**

The Senate voted by secret ballot on nominees submitted by College Councils for the University Hearing Committee for a three-year term, ending in 2019. The following eight people were elected.

Sarah Wiggin (COAL)

Nebil Buyrugan (COB)

Stanley Leasure (COB)

Sarah Nixon (COE)

Austra Reinis (CHPA)

Stephen McIntyre (CHPA)

Debbi Corcoran (CNAS)

Tom Altena (CHHS)

### **ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS**

New Program—Statistics and Research Design

Moved by Senator Buchanan (substitute for Senator Kane)

Discussion

#### **APPROVED**

#### **SA 23-15/16**

There was discussion about the broad title of the program relative to the specific nature of the courses, all of which are in psychology. Senator Ridinger requested that the minutes show that the intent of this program is interdisciplinary in nature.

**REPORT FROM RULES COMMITTEE**

Chair Self reminded the Senate that the proposed changes to the Bylaws presented today will be voted on in the March meeting. Dr. John Heywood, chair, thanked the members of the Rules Committee and presented each of the charges, with proposed changes and rationales.  
Discussion followed.

**RESOLUTION ON CONCEALED CARRY ON CAMPUSES**

Senator Mark Given made a motion to adopt the Resolution.  
Discussion.  
Senator Richter made a motion to call the question. The motion passed.

**The Resolution passed.**  
**SR 6-15/16**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Senator Richter withdrew the Senate Action on Spring Holiday.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Self adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Ruth Barnes  
Secretary of the Faculty

**Senate Action 23-15/16**

**Adopted by Senate on February 11, 2016**

**Right of Challenge Expires: March 6, 2016**

**New Program: Statistics and Research Design**

This new program can be viewed in the Curricular Action Workflow system.

Resolution on Concealed Carry on College Campuses

WHEREAS, at least two Missouri lawmakers (Dixon-R and Munzlinger-R) have submitted bills to allow the concealed carrying of firearms on college campuses, and

WHEREAS, Munzlinger's bill only allows colleges to apply for an exemption with the state's Department of Public Safety if a college provides weapons detectors and security guards at every building entrance on campus, a financially onerous and possibly unfeasible step, and

WHEREAS, unlike in other states where the age requirement for concealed carry is 21, in Missouri it is 19, and

WHEREAS, in a context where immaturity, intoxication and mental health issues are concerns, the risks of accidental shootings, shootings in anger, and suicides outweigh the potential benefits of concealed carry, and

WHEREAS, allowing concealed carry permit holders to bring firearms on university grounds, buildings, or into classrooms threatens the progress of education and the expression of ideas and makes the university less safe, and

WHEREAS, most law enforcement professionals believe that prohibiting firearms on college campuses, except by campus police and trained security officers, is an essential element of schools' safety plans, and

WHEREAS, there is no credible evidence to support the idea that such laws would contribute to a safer environment for our students, faculty and staff, and prospective students, and

WHEREAS, surveys of faculty and students in other states where similar bills were recently submitted or passed show that majorities of faculty, students, and prospective students oppose concealed carry on campuses,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the faculty of Missouri State University strongly oppose any legislation that would prohibit universities from banning the carrying of firearms by non-law enforcement officials on our campus.