

Minutes of the January Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the January session on Thursday, January 19, 2016, in PSU 313. Chair Mike Foster called the session to order at 3:30 p.m.

Substitutions: None

Absences: Christina Bowles, Staff Senate; Lanette Cadle, EN; Andy Cline, MJ; Richard Gebken, IM; Drew Geer, SGA; Paige Grisham; GSS; Walt Nelson, FCC; Bob Pavlowski, B&P; Tim Pfeil, GL; Cathy Starr, FI; Beth Walker, CGEIP

Guests: Chris Craig, Office of the Provost; Ken Gillam, ENG; Nathan Hoff, Office of the Registrar; Rob Hornberger, Registrar; Tammy Jahnke, CNAS; Julie Masterson, Grad College; Alicia Mathis, BIO; Sharmistha Self, Past Chair; Michael Suttmoeller, CRM; and Ken Vollmar, Computer Science.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 2016 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 24th at 3:30 p.m. in PSU 313.
2. Applications for the Eric Shade Memorial Award are being accepted now through February 15th. Please send all application materials to the Faculty Senate office or in an email to Chair Foster.
3. Chair Foster shared there is concern about the university budget situation given the governor's withholding this year and projected shortfalls at the state level for next year. For this year, the governor withheld \$146 million with \$83.8 million coming from higher education. Of that, Missouri State will take a \$6.3 million hit to this year's budget. President Smart believes that this hit can be absorbed by one time monies. Next year's state budget is projected to be a deficit of somewhere between \$400-\$700 million. The university's legislative team, including President Smart, believes at this point that this number will land at around \$450 million. If higher education takes a similar percentage hit in next year's appropriations as it has just done with this year's withholds, this could mean upwards of a \$20 million loss in state appropriations for Missouri State. President Smart has asked cost center heads, including deans, to begin looking at cuts between 2% and 10% from their operating budgets for next year. By statute, the governor has to produce his budget by February 1st, at which time we will know better in what direction we are headed. Some of the questions that have been brought up and answered are as follows:
 - It is President Smart's plan that promotions and the PSIP continue next year. Provost Einhellig also said that he will not be reviewing promotion cases through the lens of the budget, meaning that promotions will occur as always and will be based on the merits of the application, not the finances of the day. Both President Smart and Provost Einhellig expect to fund five PSIP applications this fiscal year.
 - A question was raised in a meeting about the possibility of terminating faculty next year if we take a significant budget hit. Chair Foster noted at ALC that to do so the university would have to declare financial exigency and that those policies are clearly laid out in the Faculty Handbook. He also said that terminating personnel should not be the first place MSU looks to save money, a statement to which President Smart verbally agreed.
 - President Smart will meet with the Board of Governors and seek approval for small tuition increases to help fill some of the budget gaps. The specifics of these increases will be determined at the February Board of Governor's meeting.
 - President Smart has agreed to report to Faculty Senate at our February session. We agreed that today's meeting was not ideal because there are still too many unanswered questions, including a major one which is the governor's budget. By our February session we should have more answers.

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

Charge Fourteen: Consider moving that language in the Bylaws which describe the requirements for selecting representatives to Graduate Council from ART II (College Councils) to ART V (Graduate Council).

The Amendment **Passed**.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

New Interdisciplinary Program—Undergraduate Certificate in Conservation Law Enforcement

Moved by Senator Gartin: **APPROVED**

SA 10-16/17

New Program—MS in Computer Science

Moved by Senator Wang: **APPROVED**

SA 11-16/17

New Program—Graduate Certificate in Cultural Resource Management Archaeology

Motion to Approve: **FAILED**

Motion to Reconsider Program: **APPROVED**

Motion to Approve: **APPROVED**

SA 12-16/17

New Program—BS in Marketing Research

Motion to Approve: **FAILED**

Motion to Reconsider Program: **APPROVED**

Motion to Postpone until February: **APPROVED**

Program Deletion—BS in Management/Operations Management

Motion to Approve: **FAILED**

Motion to Reconsider Program: **APPROVED**

Motion to Postpone until February: **APPROVED**

Program Deletion—MSED in Secondary Education/Business

Moved by Senator Johnson: **APPROVED**

SA 13-16/17

REPORT FROM RULES COMMITTEE

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

Charge Five

Consider whether proposals for graduate courses and programs should be reviewed by the home department's College Council. The Rules Committee recommendation is to make no changes to the Bylaws regarding this charge.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The February session will be held on Thursday, February 9th at 3:30 p.m. in PSU 313.

Chair Foster adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Beth Hurst

Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 10-16/17

Adopted by Senate on January 19, 2017

Right of Challenge Expires February 13, 2017

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