

Minutes of the March Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held its March session on Thursday, March 21, 2013, in PSU 313. Chair Christopher Herr called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Joan Test for Andrea Hellman, EF; Mary Ann Jennings for Joan McClennen, SW; Paula Kemp for Kishor Shah, MA.

Absences: Sandra Bailey, FI; John Bourhis, CM; Deanne Camp, Grad Chair; Ching-Wen Chang, RF; Ronald Clark, MK; Tracy Cleveland, PN; Andrew Cline, MJ; Vicki Dunlop, GL; Sam Dyer, ARC Chair; Dan Kaufman, PH; Sarah Nixon, Assoc Prof Rep; Paige Oxendine, SGA Rep; Patti Salinas, CR; John Satzinger, CI; John Schmalzbauer, RE; and Y. Jenny Zhang, FG.

Guests: Chris Craig, Office of the Provost; and Rob Hornberger, Registrar.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Chair Herr asked the Senate to join him in a moment of silence to remember Dr. Carl Riegel, a colleague and faculty member in Hospitality and Restaurant Administration, who passed away on February 27.
- 2) The carryover meeting for this session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, in Library 101.
- 3) As the Senate prepares for the discussion of the revisions to General Education at the April session, Chair Herr noted a few procedural issues that the Senate will be following, including a couple that are somewhat different from the usual pattern:

First of all, we will be issuing at least two, and possibly three, special challenge packets only for General Education materials so that as CGEIP approves new and revised courses, they can go through the challenge and appeals period in time for consideration of our first April meeting and subsequent carryover meetings. The first special challenge packet will be sent out tomorrow, and the second will be sent out soon after the March 27 CGEIP meeting. If necessary, a third special challenge packet may be sent out after an April 3 CGEIP meeting.

Because our Bylaws do not permit the approval of a program before the approval of the courses in that program, we will consider on the floor all new and revised courses proposed for Gen Ed before we consider the program as a whole. Just to be clear, the approval of a course by CGEIP or Senate does not mean that it is automatically approved as part of the program; the courses and the program are separate considerations.

The agenda attachments for the April session will be quite large—likely running to several hundred pages—as they will contain proposals for all courses in the Gen Ed program as well as the revised program itself. Although all of the items under discussion will be projected as usual, many will want to have the documents in front of them as well. Chair Herr advised everyone to try to conserve paper and bring a laptop or tablet to the meetings if possible.

Finally, to facilitate timely discussion of a large number of items, the Chair asked Senators to follow the three-minute time limit for speaking outlined in the Bylaws.

- 4) We are still looking for faculty who are interested in serving on the Ad Hoc Committee on Digital Literacy. We have several members, but are interested in getting a wide representation across colleges and ranks. If you are interested, please contact the Senate office or Chair Herr directly.

VOTING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE FACULTY SENATE

- 1) Consider changes to the current language in ART I Sections 4 and 8 and ART 3 Section 4 to clarify the role of the Chair Elect of the Senate on standing committees and whether it would be useful to have a member of the FSEC serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of PEC.

Passed: 32 to 1

- 2) Consider revising language throughout the Bylaws to incorporate the Library and new School of Agriculture into the Bylaws.

Passed: 32 to 1

REPORT FROM RULES COMMITTEE

Cynthia MacGregor, Chair, presented the report. She reviewed two charges with the Senate, which will be voted on in the April session, and reminded the Senate that both charges concern representation, an important part of the Bylaws. The Senate discussed the charges, and Dr. MacGregor answered questions.

Charge Two

Consider the position of clinical faculty and instructors in the Bylaws and Constitution in terms of committee representation, both on Senate and Senate committees.

- Can clinical faculty or instructors serve as representatives on Faculty Senate and other committees?
- Are there Senate committees that are restricted to representation by ranked faculty only and if so, should that be changed?
- Who is eligible to vote for representative to Senate within a department? That is, if clinical faculty are eligible to serve on Senate, should they also be eligible to vote? If they are, is there a possibility that a department with a lot of clinical faculty could outvote even a tenure-track faculty member who wanted to serve?
- Since the locus of Greenwood's tenure changed several years ago, the faculty hired there are no longer "ranked" according to the definition in the Constitution (that is, they are tenure-eligible—at Greenwood—but they do not have the title of Assistant, Associate...). When the current ranked faculty (2 of 27 people there) at Greenwood retire, there will be no one who is technically eligible to represent Greenwood on Senate except the director/department head (see below)

Senator Ridinger moved to change the two-year requirement to three years so that it would read: "have served no less than three consecutive academic years." **The amendment passed.**

Charge Eight

In November 2012, the Faculty Senate voted to restructure the Faculty Concerns committee along the following lines, with a subsequent charge to the FSEC to Charge Rules with amending the Bylaws:

Be it resolved, that the structure of the Faculty Concerns Committee be changed from its current model of one representative per department to a model in which two representatives are elected from COB, CHHS, CNAS, CHPA, COE, and COAL, as well as one representative from the Library and one representative from The School of Agriculture.

Charge: amend the Bylaws sections that deal with Faculty Concerns Committee to reflect the structure approved by Senate, including language about how and when members are to be elected and their terms of service.

ELECTIONS FOR FACULTY-STUDENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

The following faculty members were elected to the Faculty-Student Judicial Commission.

Faye Felicilda (NR)

Richard Garrad (BS)

Scott Bloom (EC)

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR-ELECT AND SECRETARY

Nomination Committee Chair Ryan Giedd presented the committee's nominees.

The committee officially nominates: Stephen McIntyre (History), Chair-Elect; Kathryn Gibson (Greenwood), Secretary of the Faculty.

No nominations were offered from the floor, and senators were reminded that they may still submit nominations, with an appropriate second, for either office to the current Secretary of the Faculty by April 1. All Candidates must provide a written statement (300 words maximum) to the Secretary of the Faculty no later than April 3, for inclusion in the April agenda packet. The candidate forum and elections for officers will be held in the April meeting.

REPORT FROM BUDGET & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Dr. Stephanie Hein, Chair, presented the MSU Public Scorecard 2013 report. The Senate discussed.

REPORT FROM FACULTY CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Mr. Micheal Foster, Chair, presented the summary. Mr. Foster answered questions from the Senate.

REPORT FROM FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

Chair Herr asked the Senate to consider each of the four sections separately.

Dr. Rich Biagioni, Chair, presented each of the four sections of the revisions to the handbook.

Senator Rosenkoetter moved to adopt the first section of the revisions.

- 1) **The motion passed to adopt amendments to Section 4.8.5.** Departmental Personnel and Governance Documents.

Senator Ridinger moved to adopt the second section of the revisions. The Senate discussed.

- 2) **The motion passed to adopt amendments to Sections 3.4.1, and 3.4.2** (Version of Policy in Effect; Other Clarifications).

Senator Ridinger moved to adopt the third section of the revisions.

- 3) **The motion passed to adopt amendments to Section 4.8.2** Applicant's Responsibility (Evaluation-Related Policies).

Senator Rosenkoetter moved to adopt the fourth section of the revisions.

- 4) **The motion passed to adopt amendments to Section 1.5** (related to Department of Library Science and Darr School of Agriculture).

ADJOURNMENT

Senator McIntyre moved to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Kathy Gibson
Secretary of the Faculty