

Minutes of the March Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the first meeting of the March session on Thursday, March 17, 2016, in Karls 102. Chair Sharmistha Self called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Cynthia MacGregor served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Catherine Jolivette for Keith Ekstam, AR; and Janice Greene for Laszlo Kovacs, BI.

Absences: Andy Cline, MJ; Melanie Dreyer-Lude, TD; Ken Gillam, EN; Les Heitger, AC; Mike Hudson, SM; Ahren Johnston, MK; Kurt Killion, EPPC Chair; Pedro Koo, Assoc Prof Rep; David Mitchell, ARC Chair; Bob Pavlowsky, B&P Chair; Lisa Proctor, CD; Marcus Shadwick, GSS Rep; Josh Smith, BS; and Chris Thompson; MU.

Guests: Steve McIntyre, FSEC; Chris Craig, Office of the Provost; Indira Palacios, Political Science; Linda Johnson, Office of the Registrar; David Rohall, Soc-Ant Dept.; and Ryan Wilson, Staff Senate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 2016 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, in Karls 102.
2. Chair Self announced a change in the order of the agenda, placing the presentation of the report from Rules Committee after curricular proposals.
3. Presidential Task Force on Faculty Benefits: Chair Self discussed a follow-up with President Smart, who agreed that one-semester sick leave will include family members.
4. Chair Self reminded senators of the primary election for Faculty Senate rank representatives beginning Friday, March 18th and ending on Friday, March 25 and asked senators to remind department faculty and constituents in those ranks. The ranks include: Professor, Associate Professor, Instructors, and Clinical Faculty.
5. Chair Self requested that faculty send any comments about visioning guide to her or the committee.

ELECTIONS FOR FACULTY-STUDENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

There was a tie for the third committee member; a re-vote must be held (see: Unfinished Business).

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

Charge One: Change CGEIP from a Committee to a Council and add a section to ART I defining Councils of the Faculty.
Passed

Charge Two: Replace “council” with “college council” in ART II.

Passed

Charge Six: Describe a protocol for finding replacement or interim officers when the Chair-elect or Secretary leaves office prematurely.

Passed

Charge Seven: Eliminate inconsistent language about review of curricular proposals by the College Dean.

Passed

Charge Eight: Eliminate inconsistent language about the role of college councils in reviewing general education proposals.

Passed

Charge Nine: Eliminate inconsistent language about the power of Faculty Senate Councils, which merely recommend approval of curricular proposals.

Passed

Charges Ten & Eleven: Correct the routing of proposals affecting education programs and education courses to agree with common practice.

Passed

Charge Twelve: Add new text describing the roles (in common practice) of the Secretary of the Faculty and the FSEC in the curricular process.

Passed

REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nomination Committee Chair Micheal Foster thanked the members of the committee, Margaret Weaver, Rhonda Ridinger and Tom Kane, and presented the committee's nominees.

The committee officially nominated: Cynthia MacGregor (CLSE), Chair-Elect; and Beth Hurst (RFT), 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, should there be more than one candidate nominated per office, will be held in the April meeting.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

New Interdisciplinary Program—Environmental Education Certificate

Moved by Senator Miao

Chair Self present B&P's report: no negative budgetary implication, no new course or instructors needed, and existing resources available to support administrative cost.

APPROVED

SA 24-15/16

(CGEIP) Course Change—SOC 152 Social Problems in the Community

Moved by Senator Sobel

Discussion

APPROVED

SA 25-15/16

(CGEIP) Program Change—Latin American Studies

Moved by Senator Johnson

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Program Deletion—Religious Studies for the Professions-Graduate Certificate

Moved by Senator Given

Discussion

APPROVED

SA 27-15/16

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SA 28-15/16

New Program—Forestry Minor
Moved by Senator Hwang
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REPORT FROM RULES COMMITTEE

Dr. John Heywood, chair, presented the report on Charges Three, Five, and Thirteen.

Senator Ridinger moved to amend the language on (b) Membership (aa), to remove *as well as those instructors and clinical faculty*. Discussion followed. Senator Richter called the question – passed.

The motion to adopt the amendment passed.

Senator Olsen moved to change the procedures by which the members are chosen, to say: *appointed by the Chair of the Faculty Senate. The chair of the Faculty shall choose members with interest in benefits*. Discussion followed. Further changes: (bb) change reelected to *reappointed*; strike the second sentence. Strike all of (cc) and (dd).

Senator Richter called the question – passed.

The motion to adopt the amendment passed.

REPORT FROM FACULTY CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Joshua Lambert, chair, a report on the Academic Administrators Assessment survey. Questions and discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to the time and a loss of quorum Chair Self adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

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REPORT FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Senator Ridinger, chair, presented a report on the accrual of sick leave hours to MOSERS retirement. Discussion and questions followed.

REPORT FROM FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

Chair Self explained the procedure for adopting the report.

Roberto Canales, Chair, presented the report and two proposals: Sabbatical Leave for Faculty (section 7.2.1) and Relationship Policy (section 8.4).

Questions and discussion followed.

Senator Giboney made a motion to adopt the amendments.

The motion passed – both amendments were adopted.

REPORT ON MAFS SPRING CONFERENCE

Senator Nugent, designated voter, presented the report.

RESOLUTION ON SPRING SEMESTER

Senator Richter presented the Resolution and made a motion to adopt the Resolution on Spring Semester. Discussion.

The Resolution failed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Jessica Bennett (LI, Library)

Mike Burton (AG)

Mark Paxton (MJF, COAL)

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Self adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

Ruth Barnes
Secretary of the Faculty

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