

Minutes of the November Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held its November session on Thursday, November 8, 2012, in PSU 313. Chair Christopher Herr called the session to order at 3:32 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: William Piston for Stephen McIntyre, HI; and Roberto Canales for Tracy Cleveland, PN.

Absences: John Bourhis, CM; Scott Cameron, MU; Andrew Cline, MJ; Sam Dyer, ARC Chair; Donna Gloe, NR; Joan McClennen, SW; George Schmelzle, AC; Kerry Slattery, IM; and Y. Jenny Zhang, FG.

Guests: William Cooper, Graduate Student Senate; John Catau, Provost's Office; Chris Craig, Provost's Office; Frank Einhellig, Provost's Office; Clif Smart, President; Elizabeth Strong, Study Away; Elizabeth Rozell, COB; Rob Hornberger, Registrar; Paige Oxendine, SGA; and Paige Jenkins, BOG.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 2012 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CGEIP posted a revised timeline for the submission of courses for General Education. The process has several different submission dates:
 - a. For courses to be considered by January, the deadline is December 3
 - b. For courses to be considered by February 13, the deadline is January 25
 - c. For courses to be considered by March 6, the deadline is February 8
 - d. For courses to be considered by March 20, the deadline is March 1

New courses or courses that need to go through substantive changes must go through the normal curricular process (i.e., department and College Council approval and Dean review), and must be to CGEIP a week before the course is scheduled to be reviewed by CGEIP. College Council chairs have been informed that they may hold extra meetings to consider course proposals, and have been encouraged to work to ensure that every course proposed has timely consideration.

2. The Ad Hoc Committee on the Upper Division General Education Graduate Requirement has been formed: It consists of the following members: Dan Kaufman, Rhonda Ridinger, John Satzinger, Ruth Barnes, Michelle Hudson, Ed DeLong, and Jennifer Pursley).
3. I have been asked to read the following Resolution of Appreciation, which was passed unanimously by the Psychology Department faculty regarding the recent talks with the Forest Institute:

Whereas, Missouri State University leaders approached the Psychology Department about potentially absorbing the graduate programs of the Forest Institute;

Whereas, University Leaders took the time to listen and to fully understand the conditions under which the psychology faculty considered it acceptable to participate in an MSU-Forest Institute merger;

Whereas, throughout a several month process, University Leaders worked as partners with the Psychology Department Faculty to fully research and explore the potential opportunities and challenges involved;

Whereas, University Leaders and administrative personnel spent an enormous amount of time and effort to gather and share information about the Forest Institute and negotiate with Forest Administration;

Whereas, University Leaders stridently upheld the general principles and values of shared governance;

Whereas, the final result of the negotiation process did not lead to a MSU-Forest partnership; nonetheless, strengthened the trust felt by the Psychology Faculty toward the University leaders involved in that process;

Whereas, the style and substance of the leadership exhibited by University Leaders has left the Psychology Department energized and optimistic about strengthening and expanding programs;

Be it resolved, that the Psychology Department of Missouri State University recognizes and commends President Clif Smart, Provost Frank Einhellig, Dean Helen Reid, and Department Head Tim Daugherty for exhibiting exceptional leadership and teamwork, which should serve as a model for all academic leaders at higher learning institutions.

REPORT FROM THE RULES COMMITTEE

Rules Chair Cynthia MacGregor top-lined the Rules Committee process and presented Charge Four and the Committee's response regarding changing the ballot preparation and timing for the CGEIP election process.

The charge and response, presented today, will be voted on in the December meeting.

Chair Chris Herr noted that this is the only opportunity to amend the language.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

MSU President Clif Smart spoke to the Senate about four items including:

1. There is a proposed plan to fill the Provost position. President Smart proposes Frank Einhellig would serve the remainder of this year and one additional year as the Provost. After the next year, a national search would take place. This proposal will go to the Board of Governors at the December meeting for approval.
2. The budget was discussed, including the failure of Proposition B. We will get the governor's budget around mid to late January. We are anticipating some additional money through performance funding, and possibility for some add-ons. There is a committee to evaluate a new formula to fund higher education. We are advocating 50% of new funding go to performance funding, and 50% on enrollment growth. The cost of retirement plans will go up January 1st. Executive Budget Committee will meet after the Governor's budget is presented. A 2% raise will go into effect for staff in January and for Faculty in February.
3. Performance measures were discussed. If the State enacts performance funding this year, we should receive the full amount since we met the requirements for each of several measures such as: percentage of first or full-time freshmen completing 24 hours; professional licensing tests; percentage of money spent on core mission; increasing the raw number of STEM and high demand graduates.
4. Diversity numbers are good this fall. We have more than 1500 international students on campus. Faculty and staff diversity continues to be flat. President Smart reminded the Senate of the university's diversity hiring program.

The President thanked everyone for the encouragement, calls and notes, and looks forward to serving the university and working with faculty. He then answered questions from the Senate.

REPORT FROM THE AD HOC STUDY AWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Committee Chair David Romano presented a report from the committee on Study Away's growth, student participation and opportunities.

Senator Romano moved the Resolution on Ad Hoc Study Away Advisory Committee to the floor.

Motion passed.

SR 6-12/13

INTERNAL SENATE ACTION TO RECONFIGURE THE FACULTY CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Senate Chair-Elect Ryan Giedd moved that the Senate adopt the Internal Senate Action to Reconfigure the Faculty Concerns Committee.

Discussion.

Senator Richter moved to call the question. Motion passed.

Motion passed.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Herr adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Kathy Gibson
Secretary of the Faculty

Right of Challenge Expires December 8, 2012

Internal Senate Action to Reconfigure the Faculty Concerns Committee

Whereas, the Faculty Concerns Committee membership currently consists of an elected member from every department on campus; and

Whereas, the size of the committee—which is significantly larger than other standing committees of Faculty Senate—often makes it difficult to have a quorum for meetings and creates unnecessary inefficiencies in carrying out its regular business; and

Whereas, a smaller committee would be more efficient while still representing all of the colleges on campus in a manner consistent with other Senate committees; therefore,

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. The members of the committee will serve staggered three-year terms; and

Be it further resolved, that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee charge the Rules Committee with amending the Bylaws to reflect this change, including language about how and when members are to be elected consistent with elections to other Senate standing committees.

Resolution on Ad Hoc Study Away Advisory Committee

Be it resolved, that the Ad Hoc Study Away Advisory Committee continue to operate during the 2012-13 academic year, and that it report back to Senate by April 2013 with recommendations to Senate on whether it should be a permanent committee of Faculty Senate and if so, on the makeup of the committee, how its members are chosen, and its responsibilities.