

Minutes of the October Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held its October session on Thursday, October 17, 2013, in PSU Ballroom East. Chair Ryan Giedd called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Ed DeLong served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Reed Olsen for Mahua Mitra, EC; M. Reed for Saibal Mitra, PA; Michael Hignite, CI; and Andrea Hellman for Joan Test, EF.

Absences: Sandra Bailey, FI; John Bourhis, CM; Jeremy Chesman, Parliamentarian; Ron Clark, MK; Tracy Cleveland, PN; Patrick Gartin, CR; Donna Gloe, NR; Brenda Goodwin, PEC Chair; Steve Hinch, B&P Chair; Melissa Hudson, AG; Brent Kinghorn, MG; Kevin Mickus, GG; Jack Rosenkoetter, Assoc Prof Rep; George Schmelzle, AC; and Brooke Whisenhunt, Grad Council Chair.

Guests: Kathy Nordyke, CASL; Paige Jenkins, BOG; Taylor Clifton, SGA; Matt Kimberlin, GSS; and Nathan Hoff, Office of the Registrar.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 2013 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) The chair and chair-elect attended the MAFS meeting in Jefferson City last week:
 - a. Addressed the veto Session of HB 253 and that some legislators planned continued action in the next session to cut taxes that will probably lead to a reduction in funding for higher Education.
 - b. Met with the Commissioner for MDHE David Russell and discussed higher education funding formula endorsed by Council on Public Higher Education, COPHE.
- 2) There are two new members of the BOG (Board of Governors), Virginia L. Fry of Springfield and James Kendall Seal of Kansas City replacing Gordon Elliot and Cathy Smith. Mr. James Seal is a former MSU student.
- 3) The Administration is in the process of considering renewing the contract with Blackboard. As a result, they are also considering alternative platforms. If you have strong feelings about retaining Blackboard or trying a new platform, please let me know.
- 4) Something to look forward to... we are moving toward an electronic process for routing our in the curricular review/revision procedure. This may mean we need to modify some of the language on our current set of forms.
- 5) The Executive Budget Committee has met and determined that \$600k will be used for new faculty lines including ranked and unranked positions (not per course). Plans for distribution of these lines among the colleges (cost centers) are currently based on growth and student demand. The \$400k of remaining funds are not yet allocated, and will be discussed in the January meeting of the Executive Budget committee.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE LEARNING

Dr. Tina Liange, committee chair, presented the report. She reported that nearly 2800 students committed almost 61,000 hours of service to the community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Giedd announced the results of the Constitution & Bylaws Charge 1 vote. Of the faculty who voted, 94 to 14 voted yes to Charge 1.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Giedd adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.