

Minutes of the September Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the September session on Thursday, September 11, 2014, in PSU 313. Chair Stephen McIntyre called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Kishor Shah for Vera Stanojevic, MA; and Diana Piccolo for Joan Test, EF.

Absences: Judge Bockman, GSS Rep; David Johnson, PS; James Lampe, AC; Tara Oetting, Clin Fac Rep; Glenn Pace, MG; Bob Pavlowsky, B&P Chair; and Angel Wang, CD.

Guests: Linda Johnson, Office of the Registrar; Lyn Gattis, English; John Catau, Office of the Provost; Chris Craig, Office of the Provost; Jordan McGee, SGA; Cathy Pearman, RFT; Rachelle Darabi, Office of the Provost; Eric Sheffield, RFT; Steven Jones, RFT; and Rebecca Woodard, Secondary Education.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 2014 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Please sign in at all Senate meetings and use your name card. If you forget, please sign in at the end of the meeting.
2. If we need to have a carryover meeting, it is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16th in PSU Ballroom East.

REPORT ON 2013-14 SENATE ACTION SUMMARY

During 2014-15 the Senate approved 28 Senate Actions and 5 Resolutions. None were disapproved.

REPORT FROM ACADEMIC PERSONNEL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Eric Shade, committee chair, presented the report. There was one grievance filed last year concerning a denied promotion, which is not in the purview of the grievance process as defined in the Faculty Handbook.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

New Program: **MS in Cybersecurity**

Moved by Senator Johnson

APPROVED

SA 8-14/15

New Program: **Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning**

Moved by Senator Hurst

Discussion.

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SA 12-14/15

New Interdisciplinary Program: **Bachelor of General Studies**

Moved by Senator Heywood

Senator Richards presented the Budget & Priorities Committee report on the budgetary impact of the new program, finding no negative implications.

The SGA submitted a resolution in support of the program.

Discussion.

Senator Heywood moved to amend the program's language as follows: "4. At least nine of the hours must be 400 level." *to read:* "4. At least 9 of these hours must be 400 level **or above.**" The motion to amend Passed.

Senator Ridinger moved to amend the program by adding:

Students must achieve an overall GPA (MSU plus transfer courses combined) of 2.0.

Discussion.

Senator Ridinger withdrew the amendment.

Senator Cornelius-White moved to amend the word "departments" in Point B to "course prefixes":

B. Significant coursework from two or three specific ~~departments~~ **course prefixes** (minimum 45 hours)

1. If three ~~departments~~ **course prefixes**, a minimum of 15 hours from each.

2. If two ~~departments~~ **course prefixes**, a minimum of 21 hours each plus 3 additional hours in one of the ~~departments~~ **course prefixes** to reach the 45 hour minimum.

Discussion.

Senator Cornelius-White withdrew the motion.

Senator Weaver moved to change "departments" to "programs" in point B.

Discussion.

The motion to amend "departments" to "programs" Failed.

Senator Smith moved to call the question. The motion Passed.

The motion to approve the new program as amended Passed.

APPROVED As Amended SA 13-14/15

SPECIAL RULE OF ORDER

Chair-Elect Sharmistha Self presented the special rule of order from the Senate Executive Committee on time limit on reconsideration. The motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair McIntyre adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Ruth Barnes

Secretary of the Faculty

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