

***Minutes of the September Session
of the Faculty Senate
Missouri State University***

The Faculty Senate held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2008, in Plaster Student Union, Room 313. Chair Pauline Nugent called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Gigi Saunders for Lynn Robbins, BI; Ben Timson for Michelle Bowe, CGEIP Chair; and David Gutzke for Bill Piston, HI.

Absences: Alan Becker, NR; Michelle Bowe, CGEIP Chair; Roberto Canales, PN; Jeremy Chesman, MU; Kelly Copeland, GSC Rep.; Martha Finch, RE; Norm Griffith, Staff Delegate; Dennis Hickey, DS; Shyang Huang, PA; Dan Kaufman, PH; Dale Moore, Staff Delegate; Eric Morris, CM; Reed Olsen, ARC Chair; James Philpot, Asst. Prof. Rep.; Jenifer Roberts, FI; Libby Rozell, Grad. Council Chair; Greg Skibinski, SW; Shujun, CH; Miles Walz, MS; and Chien-Hui Yang, CL.

Guests: Tammy Jahnke, CNAS; Doug Carroll, CNAS; John Bourhis, COAL; Deborah Cran, CSD; Patricia Pike, CSD; Gloria Galanes, ARPC; Dennis Kear, COE; Ben Timson, CGEIP; Nicole Rovig, Registrar; Tom Kane, Past Chair; John Satzinger, CIS; John Catau, Office of the Provost; Belinda McCarthy, Office of the Provost; Tom Plymate, GGP; Doug Gouzie, GGP; and Bill Agnew, COE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 8 Senate session were approved as amended. The correction noted that Michelle Bowe, CGEIP Chair, was marked absent, but was present at the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A "Summary of 2007/08 Senate Actions and Resolutions" was distributed to Senate members. All Senate actions received administrative approval with the exception of two: Senate Action 15-07/08 Hiring Procedures for Department Head Searches forming the Search Committee; and Senate Action 20-07/08 Program Change in B.S. in Child & Family Development—Completion Program—West Plains. The disapprovals will be discussed by Dr. John Catau, Office of the Provost, at a later date.

2. The Faculty Workload Policy, distributed with the agenda, has been approved.
3. SGA announced that the week of September 15th will be Public Affairs week, with several events scheduled.
4. The members of the Blue Ribbon Committee to review the General Education Curriculum were announced: Tom Wyrick, CHPA; Sandra Byrd, COBA; Cindy Wilson-Hail, COE, chair; Dianne Strickland, COAL; Bill Corcoran, CNAS; Rhonda Ridinger, CHHS; Michelle Bowe, *ex officio*, chair, CGEIP; Tom Kane, Faculty Senate; and John Catau, Office of the Provost. The committee is charged “to review the General Education Program to insure that it embraces the Public Affairs Mission of the University and meets the needs and skills required of students in the 21st century. Given that the Capstone Course, GEP 397, has been suspended for two years, it is important to establish the extent to which the University Mission of Public Affairs is already woven into this curriculum.”
5. Departments are asked to forward the names of the members of the College Advisory Committees to the Faculty Senate office.
6. Chair Nugent asked the Faculty to join her in a moment of silence to commemorate the victims of 9/11.

PRESENTATION ON UNITED WAY

Jennifer Kennally, President and CEO of the United Way of the Ozarks, gave a presentation about the United Way’s work in the area and asked faculty to continue their strong tradition of support for the organization

REPORT ON COLLABORATIVE ENGINEERING PROGRAM

Dean Tammy Jahnke and Dr. Doug Carroll presented a report on the Collaborative Engineering Program between Missouri State and Missouri University of Science & Technology in Rolla. According to the memorandum of understanding between the two universities, the program, which has its first class starting in fall 2008, will allow students at Missouri State to earn degrees in electrical and civil engineering from MOS&T. The students will complete the same ABET accredited curriculum currently offered in Rolla and all courses, except for a few specialized lab courses, will be offered in Rolla on weekends. In addition, Dr. Carroll will serve as onsite director to guide the students at Missouri State through the program. State funding for the program will be used at Missouri State for faculty lines and administrative assistance, as well as for classroom and distance learning upgrades.

REPORT ON SB 389

This item was postponed until the October session. The Faculty Senate was provided with a handout about the Missouri Department of Higher Education's implementation of the bill, which requires that public institutions post "consumer information" on their websites.

REPORT ON SALARY UPDATE/EQUITY/COMPENSATION

Dr. Tom Kane mentioned that the Faculty Workload Policy, included in the agenda packet, is similar to the Workload Policy approved by the Senate two years earlier for recommended inclusion in the Faculty Handbook. Dr. Kane addressed the report by the University Compensation Committee on Best Practices for the Missouri State Compensation System Document (dated September 2, 2008). The Best Practices document identifies several issues that have been raised about the system and summarizes suggestions about how best to address those issues to create a clear and effective system.

REPORT ON TIME-LIMITED AND NON-TENURABLE TEACHING FACULTY

This item was postponed until the October session.

REPORT FROM CITIZENSHIP & SERVICE-LEARNING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Dr. Carol Shoptaugh, Chair of the CASL Oversight Committee, recognized the work of the past chair, James Baumlin. She stated that Missouri State should be proud of the Service-Learning Program, noting that the number of students (1,776) involved in Service-Learning courses and the number of hours of Service-Learning (45,845) had increased in 2007-08. She also noted that the committee has three new members for 2008-09: Sam Dyer, COAL; Holly Baggett, CHPA; and Margaret Weaver, Faculty Senate Chair-Elect.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSAL

MS in Geospatial, Sciences in Geography, and Geology. Moved by Senator Rovey; seconded by Senator Buckner; after brief discussion, motion approved by voice vote. The motion will go forward for approval as Senate Action 5-08/09.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

**REPORT FROM THE ACADEMIC PERSONNEL REVIEW COMMITTEE
(APRC)**

Dr. Gloria Galanes reported for Dr. Arden Miller that the committee had reviewed 13 grievances from ten different faculty members in 2007-08 (up from one faculty grievance in 2006-07), including one involving course overloads, six about tenure/promotion issues, two about reassignment issues, and one about professional misconduct against a faculty member. They also consulted formally with UHP and with PPRP regarding procedural issues and informally with several faculty members during the course of the year.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nugent adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9, 2008, beginning at 3:30 p.m. in PSU 313.

Christopher Herr
Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 5-08/09

Adopted by Senate on September 11, 2008

Right of Challenge Expires October 7, 2008

M.S. in Geospatial Sciences in Geography & Geology (new research concentration area)

A complete copy of the above curricular proposal can be viewed in the Faculty Senate office.