

Minutes of the October Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the October session on Thursday, October 15, 2020, via Zoom online. Chair Cameron Wickham called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Mike Hudson served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: John Bourhis for Charlene Berquist, CM.

Absences: Michele Brown, SW; Thomas Franklin, CD; Robert Joseph, DS; Jill Layman, AN; Kewman Lee, Asst Prof Rep; Cedric Mbanga, FG; and Benjamin Onyango, AB.

Guests: Richard Biagioni, CGEIP; Chris Craig, Office of the Provost; Laura Derrik, Faculty; Rachael Dockery, University Counsel; Richard Garrard, APRC; Cindy MacGregor, Committee on Policy Review; Cathy Pearman, FHRC; Clif Smart, Office of the President; Suzanne Walker-Pacheco, PAWS to the Polls; and Kelly Wood, Student Success.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

Chair Wickham asked for approval of adding an agenda item to include the PAWS to the Polls presentation. There were no objections.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1-If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20th at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom.

2-MSU is currently developing the 2021-2026 Long Range Plan. The LRP Steering Committee of which Chair-Elect Jolivette is a member, are hosting Planning Webinars for discussions about the Plan. Upcoming sessions include Global Engagement on October 22, and Future of Work with Max Milder on October 28. Previous webinars are recorded. Please visit their website for more information and encourage your colleagues to attend—it's important that Faculty voices are heard.

3-As we did last month, in order to better facilitate Faculty Senate meetings virtually, we are using special rules to guide this meeting. These rules were sent out in the email with the agenda and Zoom link. In particular, to seek recognition from the chair, use the "raise hand" function on Zoom. If multiple hands are raised, the chair will progress through each member in the order presented on the Zoom screen. When a Senator or Delegate has an interrupting motion, the member may unmute their microphone while another attendee is speaking and address the chair with their motion.

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

President Clif Smart presented the budget update to the Senate. Good news: enrollment for the fall has been stronger than anticipated. Governor Parsons released 1.5 million in state appropriations. President Smart stated there could be a possible mid-year compensation increase. Some searches may be unfrozen.

PRESENTATION ON PAWS TO THE POLLS VOTING INITIATIVE

Suzanne Walker-Pacheco presented the information from this nonpartisan student-driven organization.

REPORT FROM THE ACADEMIC PERSONNEL REVIEW COMMISSION

Richard Garrad presented the report.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON POLICY REVIEW

Cindy MacGregor presented the report.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

Cathy Pearman and Rachael Dockery presented the report.

REPORT FROM CGEIP

Rich Biagioni presented the report.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

CGEIP Program Change: Linguistics

Moved by Senator Heidi Backes

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New Program: Geoarchaeology

Moved by Senator Damon Bassett

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NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wickham adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

Lanya Lamouria
Secretary of the Faculty

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