

Minutes of the September Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the September session on Thursday, September 12, 2019, in PSU 313. Chair Saibal Mitra called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Mike Hudson served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: None

Absences: Robert Joseph, DS; Yuhua Qiao, PS; and Ken Vollmar, CS.

Non-Voting Delegates Present: Mike Hudson, Parliamentarian

Guests: Chris Herr, APRC; Priscilla Skeeters, Bookstore; Nathan Hoff, Office of the Registrar; David Rohall, SA; Karri McKennis, Safety; Rich Biagioni, CGEIP; Katrina Chavez, Office of the Registrar; Shurita Thomas, FCTL; and Frank Einhellig, Provost.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 2019 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, at 3:30 p.m. in PSU 313.
2. If there is no objection, item H on the agenda will be moved up as item E with the presentation by Parliamentarian Mike Hudson.
3. Dr. Craig has sent out a link regarding suicide prevention. Though optional, please include it your syllabi.
4. Chair Mitra is working on the formation of two taskforces – one on Retention and the other on Mental Wellness. He will report more on these taskforces in the next meeting.
5. Senate meetings are generally scheduled to conclude at 5 p.m. However, sometimes we have lengthy agendas and we cannot guarantee that business will conclude by 5 p.m. If it appears that our business will require substantial time past 5 p.m., then we will adjourn and continue during the scheduled carry-over meeting. If we finish the business of the day we will not require the carryover meeting, although one is always on the schedule, just in case.
6. Please arrive early and sign in upon arrival. If you must be significantly late, or need to leave early, then please send a substitute who can attend the full meeting. If you cannot attend a senate meeting, then please send a substitute. The business of senate is important labor and requires the consistent representation of all parts of the university to be effective.
7. Chair Mitra stated that he would like to begin this academic year's Senate meetings by acknowledging and thanking members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and also Ms. Sandra Johnson of the Faculty Senate office. Thank you.

REPORT FROM OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

Provost Frank Einhellig presented the report on the budget and Bear Power among the topics he covered.

GREEN DOT MESSAGE PRESENTATION

Jenay Divin, Green Dot Coordinator, presented the report.

REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Parliamentarian Mike Hudson presented the report and reviewed Senate procedures.

REPORT ON 2018-19 SENATE ACTION SUMMARY

Chair Mitra presented the summary.

REPORT FROM APRC

Chris Herr presented the report and general information on the year's cases.

REPORT CGEIP

Richard Biagioni, Chair, presented the report.

Senator Cornelison-White made a motion to change the Resolution to an Internal Action.

The motion passed.

The Internal Senate Action passed.

Internal Senate Action 1-19/20

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSAL

New Interdisciplinary Program: Family and Juvenile Support Services Undergraduate Certificate

Moved by Senator Walker-Pacheco

APPROVED

SA 24-19/20

New Program: Soil Science Certificate

Moved by Senator McClain

APPROVED

SA 25-19/20

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Cornelison made a motion to request that the Curricular Workgroup work on or consider a solution to having the curricular process identify nonsubstantial changes so that they don't have to go all the way to the beginning of the curricular process.

The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mitra adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Beth Walker

Secretary of the Faculty

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**Faculty Senate Internal Action with
Council on General Education and Intercollegiate Programs**

Whereas during Spring 2019, the Council on General Education and Intercollegiate Programs (CGEIP) reviewed the current system for evaluating general education courses and discussed possible improvements and

Whereas CGEIP recommends that alternative methods for evaluating general education courses be explored and

Whereas CGEIP members have met with faculty, including general education coordinators, to discuss proposed changes and have received favorable responses to its suggested changes

Be it Resolved that Senate grant CGEIP permission to implement the proposed changes on a trial basis during the 2019 – 2020 academic year, with the expectation that CGEIP will report back to Senate on the results of the modified review process during Spring 2020. Key details of the proposed changes are as follows:

General Goals previously approved by Senate will be maintained. These proposed changes do not fundamentally change the nature of MSU's general education program.

Assessment will focus on General Goals (GGs) rather than on Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs), allowing general education faculty more flexibility in how they evaluate how their courses contribute to General Education.

Review periods are expected to be changed to biennial rather than the current system of annual reviews plus periodic reviews. CGEIP proposes that it review Natural Sciences and Public Affairs courses this year; reports will not be required for courses in other general education areas.

Review of reports should be completed by January, allowing CGEIP to evaluate whether or not the changes were beneficial and, if appropriate, present proposals to Senate to implement the changes on a permanent basis.