

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

The Faculty Senate held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2005, in the Traywick Parliamentary Room, PSU 313. Chair Art Spisak called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Kandiah Manivannan for Mike Reed, P&A; James F. Miller for Kevin Mickus, GGP; Rob Owens for Carol Miller, FGB; and Jan Hendrix for Peggy Pearl, ECFD.

Absences: Carmen Boyd, Instructor representative; Norm Griffith, Staff Senate representative; Charles Harvey, GSC representative; Jerri Lynn Kyle, Lecturer representative; Norma McClellan, Rules Committee chair, MUS; Dale Moore, Staff Senate representative; and Rod Williams, MIL.

Guests: Sarah McCallister, HPER; John Catau, University College; John Harms, AAUP; Paula Kemp, MTH; Kim Bell, Records & Registration; Beat Kernen, PLS; Lois Shufeldt, MKT; Kent Kay, Chief Financial Officer; Victor Matthews, CHPA; Cynthia Pemberton, CHHS; Pauline Nugent, MCL; Paul Langston, Institutional Research; Carol Anne Costabile-Heming, COAL; Linda Garrison-Kane, STE; Paul Ajuwon, STE; Karl Kunkel, S&A; Keith Ernce, HPE; Gerald Masterson, HPE; Skip Phelps, Provost's Office; Tammy Jahnke, Provost's Office; Earl Holman, ENG; Dan Crafts, HRA; Bruce Johnson, AGR; Don Aripoli, Student Affairs; Michael Nietzel, President; Steve Koehler, Springfield News-Leader; Joyce Mahoney, community member; and other various news media members, students, and interested members of the Springfield community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November Senate session were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. In honor of Katherine Lederer, a long-time English professor who recently passed away, Chair Spisak read an article which had been written by her.
2. Chair Spisak referred to a handout placed on the sign-in table outlining the formation of a new *ad hoc* Committee on Search Committee Responsibilities. The Committee will consider how membership of departmental search committees formed to hire faculty should be constituted and the accountability of search committee members. The Committee will make recommendations to the Faculty Senate by its March 2006 meeting. Dr. Jim Giglio will serve as the Committee chair. Other members include: Gloria Galanes, COAL; Linda Garrison-Kane, School of Teacher Education; Tamera Jahnke, Provost's Office; Robert Jones, Psychology; and Tom Plymate, Geography, Geology & Planning.
3. The deadline for the Leadership Priorities Survey is tomorrow (December 9). As of today, the Senate office has received 216 completed surveys.

REPORT FROM INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Dr. Bruce Johnson, chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Priorities Committee (IAPC), presented the Committee's report. Other members of the Committee include: Darlene Bailey, Associate Director of Athletics; John Black, General Counsel; Jana Estergard, Equal Opportunity Officer; Kent Kay, Chief Financial Officer; Bill Kirkman, community member from BKD; Greg Onstot, Vice President for University Advancement; Peggy Pearl, Professor of Child Development; and Bill Rowe, Director of Athletics.

In August, the Committee was given two charges: Charge 1: Examine the scope of intercollegiate athletics at the University and make recommendations about the viability of 21 sports teams.

Charge 2: Make recommendations regarding policies for leasing, ownership, and construction of intercollegiate athletics facilities. Taking into consideration the Title IX implications, the number of student-athletics and coaches affected, and the impact on University diversity goals, three scenarios for dropping sports were presented to President Nietzel. The Committee recommended the third scenario to President Nietzel, which would drop men's indoor track, men's outdoor track, men's cross country, men's tennis and women's tennis.

COMMENTS CONCERNING THE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

President Nietzel indicated he would take the IAPC's recommendation to the Board of Governors for approval at their December 16 meeting. At present, Missouri State has more sports than any school in the Missouri Valley Conference and more than Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Texas A&M, and Iowa State. According to President Nietzel, the announcement is being made as soon as possible so that those affected will have time to make decisions. All 21 sports will complete their seasons for 2005-06, and all existing scholarship commitments will be honored through each student's eligibility period.

President Nietzel said he rejects the suggestion to move Missouri State football to Division I-A or to a non-scholarship program. He believes that football at Missouri State at the I-AA level can be successful. Football is the University's most diverse sport, and many donors care a lot about the program. President Nietzel announced that effective January 1, 2006, intercollegiate athletics will report directly to him rather than to the Vice President for University Advancement. A standing committee will be established to look at athletics facilities and make recommendations. At the conclusion of his presentation, President Nietzel took questions from Senate members. A copy of the press release and the Intercollegiate Athletics Priorities Committee report can be accessed at <http://www.news.missouristate.edu/news/releases/dec05/athleticsdecisions.htm>.

REPORT FROM HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE COMMITTEE

Mr. Edward DeLong, chair of the Honorary Doctorate Degree Committee, moved for approval of a resolution conferring an honorary doctorate degree upon Patricia White Walker. His motion was seconded by Senator Zimmerman. Mr. DeLong then moved that the vote be taken by secret ballot. After receiving the required 20 percent approval of senators present, a secret ballot vote was taken. The results, announced later in the meeting, were overwhelmingly in favor of the above resolution. It will go forward as **Senate Resolution 8-05/06**.

DELETION OF GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE (GLG 115)

Dr. Barbara Turpin, chair of CGEIP, moved for approval of the deletion of GLG 115 from the General Education Program (seconded by Senator DeLong). Senator Miller (substituting for Senator Mickus) informed the Senate that the Geography, Geology & Planning Department was not teaching the course at this time because the faculty member who used to teach it had retired. By voice vote, the above motion was approved. It will go forward as **Senate Action 4-05/06**.

NEW EMPHASIS AREA IN M.S. IN EDUCATION-SPECIAL EDUCATION

Senator Swearingen moved for approval of the new emphasis in Orientation and Mobility in the M.S. in Education-Special Education program (seconded by Senator Kane) and deferred discussion to Paul Ajuwon, who provided a brief explanation concerning the new emphasis area. John Hoftzyer, chair of the Budget & Priorities Committee, said this new emphasis, along with all the other curricular items listed on this month's agenda, had been reviewed and endorsed by the Budget & Priorities Committee, as none of them require additional financial resources. By voice vote, the motion was approved. It will go forward as **Senate Action 5-05/06**.

NEW B.S. IN EXERCISE AND MOVEMENT SCIENCE

Senator Woodard moved for approval of the above new program in Exercise and Movement Science (seconded by Senator Ward) and deferred discussion to Rhonda Ridinger, who spoke in support of the program. By voice vote, the above motion was approved. It will go forward as **Senate Action 6-05/06**.

NEW MINOR IN RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES

Senator Woodard moved for approval of the new minor in Recreation and Leisure Studies (seconded by Senator Swearingen) and deferred discussion to Keith Ernce, who provided a brief explanation of the minor. By voice vote, the above motion was approved. It will go forward as **Senate Action 7-05/06**.

NEW OPTION IN SPORTS MANAGEMENT UNDER THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES

Senator Woodard moved for approval of the new option in Sports Management under the Master of Science in Administrative Studies (seconded by Senator Wyrick) and deferred discussion to Gerald Masterson. A friendly amendment was made by Senator Kane (accepted by Senator Woodard) to substitute wording of the explanation of the PSY 555/556 courses in the supporting documentation to read, "These courses are for those with significant experience in finance. PSY 555/556 helps students construct and implement strategies to develop the leadership skills of student-athletes and to promote a team climate that supports character development, team-oriented action, and ethical conduct." By voice vote, the above motion was approved. It will go forward as **Senate Action 8-05/06**.

NEW MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINOLOGY

Senator Brinker moved for approval of the new Master of Science in Criminology (seconded by Senator Baggett) and deferred discussion to Karl Kunkel. When asked if the dean had signed off on

the new program, Dr. Kunkel said the dean was aware of it, but there was no commitment at this point. Senator Wyrick suggested the Senate leadership might want to give a charge to the Budget & Priorities Committee to update committee procedures in light of the budget process changes to cost centers in the colleges. After further discussion, the above motion was approved by voice vote. It will go forward as **Senate Action 9-05/06**.

SENATE RESOLUTION ON THE FUTURE OF MSU FOOTBALL

Senator Wyrick moved for approval of the above resolution (seconded by Senator Woodall). He amended the resolution to strike all the “Whereas” paragraphs and the first “Therefore” paragraph, and amend wording in the last “Therefore” paragraph, so the resolution would read, “Be it resolved, that the subsidy to football and other intercollegiate sports from the University’s E&G operating budget be *significantly* reduced from current levels and the savings devoted to academic and other high-priority missions of this University.” Senator Wyrick said three or five years down the road, some people might say that the Senate had had a chance to speak up at this time but didn’t, so he felt now was the time to pass such a resolution.

After discussion, several friendly amendments were offered to the resolution (accepted by Senator Wyrick): leave in the final “Whereas” paragraph, reading, “Whereas recent warnings from the Sate Capitol have suggested that budget conditions may tighten further, faculty lines (both in number and rank) are inadequate to support existing and new programs, and pressures for significant fee (tuition) increases continue to mount”; take the italics off the word “significantly”; and change the title of the resolution to “Senate Resolution on MSU Intercollegiate Athletics.”

Dr. Lois Shufeldt pointed out that the Senate had passed a similar resolution in 1990. At that time the deficit was \$1 million. Instead of decreasing, the deficit has now increased to \$5.1 million. After more discussion, Senator Wyrick agreed to remove “football and other” from the resolution. Senator Kane said he agreed with the resolution in spirit, but from a public relations perspective he felt it pitted faculty against athletics. Senator Wyrick replied that it was the budget, not the faculty, that forces the Senate to make this trade off. He then moved the previous question (seconded by Senator Herr). By voice vote, the motion to move the previous question passed. By a show of hands, the resolution, as amended, failed with 21 “yes” votes and 22 “no” votes.

SENATE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REINSTATEMENT OF FACULTY SERVING AS CHAIRS OF FACULTY SEARCH COMMITTEES

Senator Baggett moved the above resolution (seconded by Senator Watson). Even though a committee has now been formed to study this issue, which is a positive development, Senator Baggett still felt the Senate needed to pass this resolution. Senator Harsha said when he was department head, he didn’t have a lot of faculty members wanting to chair a search committee. There have also been changes which place more responsibilities on the chair. He felt the change would help keep faculty free of legal challenges. Associate Provost Phelps said the rationale for the change in policy had been discussed in an earlier Academic Administrators Assembly meeting and that it was in response to safety nets being eliminated.

Senator Baggett asked that the Faculty Senate express its will for the knowledge of the committee and moved the previous question (seconded by Senator Wyrick). By voice vote, the motion to move the previous question passed. Also by voice vote, the above resolution was approved. It will go forward as **Senate Resolution 9-05/06**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting will be on Thursday, January 19, in the Traywick Parliamentary Room, PSU 313.

Rhonda R. Ridinger
Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 4-05/06

Adopted by Senate on December 8, 2005

Right of Challenge Expires January 12, 2006

Deletion of General Education Course (GLG 115)

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

Senate Action 5-05/06

Adopted by Senate on December 8, 2005

Right of Challenge Expires January 12, 2006

New Emphasis Area in M.S. in Education-Special Education

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

Senate Action 6-05/06

Adopted by Senate on December 8, 2005

Right of Challenge Expires January 12, 2006

New B.S. in Exercise and Movement Science

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Senate Action 7-05/06

Adopted by Senate on December 8, 2005

Right of Challenge Expires January 12, 2006

New Minor in Recreation and Leisure Studies

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Senate Action 8-05/06

Adopted by Senate on December 8, 2005

Right of Challenge Expires January 12, 2006

***New Option in Sports Management under the
Master of Science in Administrative Studies***

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Senate Action 9-05/06

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Right of Challenge Expires January 12, 2006

New Master of Science in Criminology

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Resolution Conferring Honorary Doctorate Upon Patricia White Walker

WHEREAS, Patricia White Walker has distinguished herself by her extraordinary contributions to public service; and

WHEREAS, her exceptional efforts in improving Springfield and the surrounding areas have been recognized by the Junior League, the National Friends of Public Television, the Chamber of Commerce, the Girl Scouts United States of America, the Greene County Bar Association, the City of Springfield, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, she has taken an active role in public health by establishing the first all volunteer, community-based Hospice Program in the United States; and

WHEREAS, she has organized the Meals on Wheels program; and

WHEREAS, she has helped lead the efforts in beautifying Park Central Square, downtown Springfield, and has served as the chief coordinator of Founders Park; and

WHEREAS, she was instrumental in the acquisition of Ozarks Public Television by Missouri State University; and

WHEREAS, she has served on over 30 national, state, regional and local boards of various organizations, and

WHEREAS, she has devoted almost a half century to improving peoples' lives in the Ozarks,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of Missouri State University, meeting on this sixteenth day of December in the year two thousand five, approve the degree Doctor of Public Affairs (D.P.A.) which will be conferred upon Mrs. Patricia White Walker at the Commencement Ceremony in May two thousand six in recognition of her extraordinary achievements in the area of public service.

***Resolution Regarding the Reinstatement of Faculty Serving
as Chairs of Faculty Search Committees***

WHEREAS, faculty have ably served on search committees, both as members and as chairs, in fulfillment of their professional responsibility to assist in the selection of their colleagues; and

WHEREAS, faculty, without consultation, have recently been excluded from serving as chairs of faculty search committees; and

WHEREAS, the recent policy shift does not support shared governance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of MSU endorses the reinstatement of faculty serving as chairs of faculty search committees and urges the Administration to repeal the recent policy change as soon as possible to accommodate this endorsement.