

***BOARD OF GOVERNORS' REPORT***  
***December Session***  
***Art L. Spisak***  
***Chair, Faculty Senate***

The Faculty Senate held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2005.

***REPORTS***

***REPORT FROM INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE***

For about half the senate session we had standing room only because of the report from the Intercollegiate Athletics Priorities Committee and then President Nietzel's comments on the report.

Dr. Bruce Johnson, chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Priorities Committee (IAPC), presented the Committee's report.

Taking into consideration the Title IX implications, the number of student-athletics and coaches affected, and the impact on University diversity goals, the Committee recommended to President Nietzel to drop men's indoor track, men's outdoor track, men's cross country, men's tennis and women's tennis.

***PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO THE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT***

President Nietzel indicated he would consider the IAPC's recommendation in the next several days and then take his own recommendation to the Board of Governors for approval at their December 16 meeting. According to President Nietzel, the announcement is being made as soon as possible so that those affected will have time to make decisions.

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. Also 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.

### ***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. 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**.

## ***CURRICULAR ACTIONS (6)***

### ***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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. After further discussion, the above motion was approved by voice vote. It will go forward as **Senate Action 9-05/06.**

***RESOLUTIONS***

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

Senator Baggett moved the above resolution. 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 Baggett asked that the Faculty Senate express its will for the knowledge of the committee. By voice vote the above resolution was approved. It will go forward as **Senate Resolution 9-05/06.**

*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.