

Faculty Senate Report to Missouri State University Board of Governors – December 15, 2022

Since my last report to the Board, the Faculty Senate has met twice. The following report provides a summary of the October 2022 and November 2022 sessions of the Faculty Senate. This report also provides a brief update for the two Faculty Senate ad hoc committees I presented in my October 28, 2022, report.

OCTOBER 2022 FACULTY SENATE SESSION

The second meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2022-2023 academic year was on Thursday, October 20, 2022. In addition to completing normal introductory activities, the Senate conducted the following business.

SENATE DISCUSSION WITH INTERIM PROVOST JOHN JASINSKI AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ZORA MULLIGAN

Interim Provost Jasinski and Executive Vice President Mulligan continued their attendance at Faculty Senate meetings to discuss their ongoing enrollment, administrative, and academic realignment work. Senators of the Faculty Senate engaged in useful discussions with these administrators about this work.

PRESENTATION ON THE FACULTY DIVERSITY COMPOSITION INITIATIVE

Dr. L. Horton III presented his experiences participating in the Missouri State University forgivable loan program that supports the pursuit of a terminal degree.

CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

The Faculty Senate discussed and approved 5 new programs, a change to the interdisciplinary diversity studies minor, and the deletion of one graduate certificate program. Three other curricular proposals were postponed to the November 2022 session of the Faculty Senate.

NOVEMBER 2022 FACULTY SENATE SESSION

The third meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2022-2023 academic year was on Thursday, November 10, 2022. In addition to completing normal introductory activities, the Senate conducted the following business.

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PRESENTATION FROM PRESIDENT CLIF SMART

President Smart provided short update on select information regarding the Missouri State University FY2023 budget.

PRESENTATION FROM THERESA MCCOY, DEPUTY CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

The Senators were presented with an update about changes being made to the My Missouri State system.

CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

The Faculty Senate discussed and approved 2 new programs and the deletion of one program.

FACULTY SENATE AD HOC COMMITTEES UPDATE

For my October 28, 2022, report, I introduced the work of 2 new ad hoc committees of the Faculty Senate. The first ad hoc committee—Faculty Use of Blackboard—has completed its work and has passed on its recommendations to the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee.

The second ad hoc committee—Redesign of the Faculty Senate Academic Relations Committee—continues to meet and move forward with its charge. I anticipate this committee will submit its final report and recommendations to the Faculty Senate during the 2023 spring semester.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Hudson", written in black ink on a light-colored background.

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