

Missouri State University Faculty Senate Report to MSU Board of Governors

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Faculty Senate Activity Since Last Report

As of this writing, the Faculty Senate has met only once since the last report. At that January meeting, Cindy MacGregor, chair of the Committee on Policy Review, [gave a report on their activities during the fall of 2020](#).

Membership of the Committee on Policy Review (from Bylaws): The Chair of the Faculty Senate, the Chair-Elect of the Faculty Senate, and the Chair of the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee shall be members of the Policy Review Committee. A minimum of three additional faculty members will be appointed by the Chair of the Faculty Senate, so as to provide representation from various academic colleges. These additional faculty members will serve a two year term and may be reappointed for up to two consecutive terms. One of these faculty members will be appointed by the Chair of the Faculty Senate to serve as committee chair. The Student Government Association shall provide a representative to the committee who will be *ex officio* without vote. The Director of Human Resources, the Provost, a representative from the Registrar's office, and General Counsel will be *ex officio* members without vote.

Purpose of the Committee on Policy Review (from Bylaws) Shall meet up to twice monthly to discuss pending policies under consideration by university leadership and to review current content in the university Policy Library. Shall identify current and emerging content in the university Policy Library (excluding the Faculty Handbook) that should be reviewed by the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee or warrants further review by the faculty. Shall prepare and present periodic reports with recommendations to the Faculty Senate regarding policies being referred to the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee, pending operating policies (OP) under consideration by university leadership, and other Policy Library content that should be further reviewed by the faculty.

The report details the various policies reviewed. Of particular note were the committee's involvement in the feedback and review process for the substantial changes to the Study Away policy and a vigorous discussion about changes to the Faculty Handbook required by law when faculty are generally not available (such as summer session). The Committee on Policy Review serves as an additional source of review for the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee; any revisions brought forward to Faculty Senate by FHRC have been previously discussed by CPR.