

Faculty Senate Report to Missouri State University Board of Governors – May 18, 2023

Since my last report to the Board, the Faculty Senate has met four times; however, the following report provides a summary of only the February, March, and April 2023 sessions of the Faculty Senate. It does not provide a report of the May 2023 Senate session because this meeting had not occurred by the time this report was due. Contained in this report are also updates of the Faculty Senate's work with the two ad hoc committees (see the March and April session summaries) I formed this past academic year.

FEBRUARY 2023 FACULTY SENATE SESSION

The sixth meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2022-2023 academic year was on Thursday, February 9, 2023. In addition to completing normal introductory activities, the Senate conducted the following business.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING DATA ANALYSIS

Following discussions with Provost Jasinski and Dean Mark Smith, I announced the Faculty Senate was invited to participate with academic restructuring data analysis. We were asked to provide up to 4 faculty members with qualitative data analysis experience. This request resulted in close to 20 volunteers, from which we selected the 4 Faculty Senate representatives.

UNIVERSITY HEARING COMMITTEE ELECTION

We elected 11 new faculty members for this committee.

REPORT ON GEP 101 AND REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTORS

Dr. Tracey Glaessgen and Dr. Kelly Wood presented updates on this part of general education program.

CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

The Faculty Senate discussed and approved 1 new program.

MARCH 2023 FACULTY SENATE SESSION

The seventh meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2022-2023 academic year was on Thursday, March 9, 2023. In addition to completing normal introductory activities, the Senate conducted the following business.

SENATE DISCUSSION WITH PROVOST JOHN JASINSKI, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ZORA MULLIGAN, AND DEAN MARK SMITH

Provost Jasinski, Executive Vice President Mulligan, and Dean Smith were present to discuss with the Faculty Senate their ongoing work regarding student enrollment, student retention, and activities associated with academic restructuring (e.g., curricular workflow, academic hiring, salary adjustments for faculty, learning management systems).

FACULTY STUDENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION ELECTION

The Senate elected 3 new faculty members to the commission.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES

The committee presented 12 proposals to amend the 2022 *Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty*. The Faculty Senate voted on these proposals during the April 2023 session.

REPORT FROM FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE (FHRC)

Amendments to the Faculty Handbook that were proposed to the FHRC by the Blackboard Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee were presented to the Faculty Senate. The FHRC approved all proposed amendments regarding faculty using the learning management system for certain aspects of their courses. By unanimous consent, the Faculty Senate also approved each amendment.

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION TO RENAME THE NEW REYNOLDS COLLEGE

The Faculty Senate approved the resolution requesting the name for the new college to be the Reynolds College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Scott Zimmerman was nominated for 2023-2024 Chair-elect of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Melinda Novik was nominated for a second term as Secretary of the Faculty for 2023-2024.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL REVIEW

I charged the Committee on Judicial Review to examine certain bylaws and provide their decision regarding the authority the Faculty Senate gave the Graduate Council as it pertains to making and/or recommending university policy and/or policy changes. The committee determined the Graduate Council does not have this direct authority. Also, the committee recommended amendments to the *Bylaws of the Faculty* to clarify the council’s authority in the bylaws.

CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

The Faculty Senate discussed and approved 4 new programs and deleting 1 program.

APRIL 2023 FACULTY SENATE SESSION

The eighth meeting of the Faculty Senate for the 2022-2023 academic year was on Thursday, April 13, 2023. In addition to completing normal introductory activities, the Senate conducted the following business.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING ERIC SHADE MEMORIAL FACULTY GOVERNANCE AWARD

I announced that Professor Mike Foster was selected by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee as the recipient of this year’s faculty governance award.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE LEARNING

Dr. Alan Tinkler, Committee Chair, presented this committee’s annual report to the Faculty Senate.

SENATE DISCUSSION WITH EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ZORA MULLIGAN

Executive Vice President Mulligan presented and discussed the ongoing work regarding academic advisement initiatives.

FACULTY SENATE OFFICER ELECTIONS

There were no additional nominations for the roles of Chair-elect of the Faculty Senate and Secretary of the Faculty. Per the *Bylaws of the Faculty*, Dr. Scott Zimmerman and Dr. Melinda

Novik were elected to their respective officer roles. Their terms began immediately following the April 2023 Senate Session. Also, at the conclusion of this session, Dr. Elizabeth Walker assumed the role of Chair of the Faculty Senate, and I assumed the role of Past-chair of the Faculty Senate. I was also appointed to be Parliamentarian to the Faculty Senate for 2023-2024.

VOTE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE *CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE FACULTY*

The Faculty Senate approved the 12 amendments proposed by the Committee on Rules during the 2023 March session of the Faculty Senate.

FACULTY SENATE ACTION— SEPARATION OF THE *CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE FACULTY* IN THE POLICY LIBRARY

I presented this Faculty Senate Action to the Faculty Senate, which was approved. The purpose of this Faculty Senate Action is described in a separate resolution—Approval of Bifurcation of G2.01 *Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty*—presented to the Board of Governors.

REPORT FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE REDESIGN OF THE ACADEMIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The ad hoc committee proposed 3 actions to the Faculty Senate, which were all approved: (1) delete the Committee on Academic Relations, (2) charge the Committee on Rules to form a new Committee on Curricular Matters, and (3) form an ad hoc committee to address curricular matters until the new committee can be officially formed. The Committee on Curricular Matters will oversee curricular processes, practices, actions, and systems, and report these activities to the Faculty Senate. The committee’s membership will include members of the Faculty Senate, Office of the Registrar, and Office of the Provost, and it will be chaired by a past Secretary of the Faculty. The ad hoc committee provided other actions for the Faculty Senate to consider regarding curricular matters.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY BUDGET & PRIORITIES

The committee provided its annual report regarding student credit hour production and faculty utilization. For this report, the committee compared the data to current and past university budgets. The committee recommended greater transparency with revenue generated and expenses incurred at the college and department levels, including university athletics. This transparency allows for better comparisons, which can improve efficiency. Following this report, the Faculty Senate charged the committee to return to the Senate with additional actions for pursuing these recommendations.

CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

Curricular proposals that would need to go to the Faculty Senate had not passed through the challenge period to be considered during this session. These proposals will be considered at the 2023 May session of the Faculty Senate.

ADDITIONAL UPDATE

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee wants to express its gratitude to Dr. Cameron Wickham for returning to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee as Past-chair due to Dr. Christopher Herr taking on the role of Interim Department Head for the Theatre and Dance Department.

ADDITIONAL UPDATE

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee has started discussing strategies for the Faculty Senate to work on its restructuring following the final report on the university’s academic restructuring.

If needed, this restructuring will address faculty representation to the Faculty Senate but also to each of the standing committees and councils of the Faculty Senate.

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