

## **Minutes of the December Session of the Faculty Senate**

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The Faculty Senate held the December session on Thursday, December 8, 2022, in PSU 313. Chair Mike Hudson called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Cynthia MacGregor served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Jami Atkinson for Judith Martinez, Asst. Professor Rep; and Lyon Hough for Scott Zimmerman, BMS.

Absences: Wajeana White, Instructor Rep; Jennifer Lowenthal-Hershey, ITC; Alex Hamwi, MK; Melinda Hammerschmidt, GL; Andrei Shoumikhin, DSS; Razib Iqbal, CS; and Drew Minnis, SGA.

Guests: Angela Young, OR; Katrina Chavez, OR; Linda Johnson, OR; Brett Garland, CRM; Stephen Haggard, FRM; Dana Haggard, MGT; Tom Dicke, HST; Cathy Pearman, RFT; Amanda Keys, SWK; Elizabeth King, Grad Council Chair; Chris Lynch, PLS; Victor Matthews, CHPA; Kishor Shah, Mathematics; Keri Franklin, English/Provost; Kelly Wood, Com/Provost; Amanda Brodeur, BMS; Laura Derrick, Design & Construction; Algerian Hart, Office of the President; John Jasinski, Office of the Provost; Zora Mulligan, Office of the Provost; Joe Williams, CGEIP; and Marlin Barber, Faculty Development and Inclusive Excellence.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The November minutes were approved as posted.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, at 3:30 PM. The location is to be determined.
2. Nominations for the Eric Shade Memorial Faculty Governance Award should be submitted to Mike Hudson, Faculty Senate Chair, by January 27, 2023. Complete information for this award can be found on the [Faculty Senate Eric Shade Memorial Faculty Governance Award webpage](#).
3. The university is still accepting applications and nomination for the 2023 foundation awards. Applications and nominations must be submitted by December 9<sup>th</sup>.
4. The university has created a webpage for the new alignment work: [revitalize and transform academic affairs](#). More information will be available at the online townhall in January.

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

Zora Mulligan, Executive Vice President, spoke about enrollment in relation to the overall agility plan.

The state released their state-wide numbers on enrollment. She presented the statewide perspective.

She also spoke on future plans for retention recommendations and answered questions from the Senate.

Dr. John Jasinski, Interim Provost, spoke on the process and creation of the new college, Reynolds College of Arts and Humanities, and academic realignment. He answered questions from the Senate.

### **PRESENTATION ON INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE SCORECARD**

Dr. Algerian Hart talked to the Senate about the Excellence Score Card and information for each college's diversity excellence and inclusiveness activity and opportunities.

### **REPORT FROM PLANNING, DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION ON TEMPLE HALL IMPACT**

Laura Derrick, Project Manager, spoke to the Senate on the Temple Hall renovation/expansion which will enable more research, flexibility, and increase visibility for science. The building will be 67k square feet. She answered questions from the Senate and encouraged anyone with further questions or concerns to contact her.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES**

Dr. Tom Dicke, committee chair, presented the report and nomination of Rodney Dillard for the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters (L.H.D.).

Chair Hudson reminded the Senate of Special Rule #6 which states actions and resolutions from Senate councils and committees are automatically moved to the floor of the Senate after being presented.

The Senate Action was unanimously adopted by the Senate.

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**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY BUDGET & PRIORITIES**

Dr. Stephen Haggard, committee chair, presented a report card on the fall charge.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hudson adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Melinda Novik  
Secretary of the Faculty

Faculty Senate Chair Must Be Notified of Intent to Challenge By: December 16, 2022  
Right of Challenge Expires February 3, 2023

**Senate Action Conferring Honorary Doctorate upon  
Rodney Dillard**

**WHEREAS**, the honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) is awarded to “recognize the extraordinary achievements of distinguished citizens” especially those with “a strong tie to this community, state, or region”; and

**WHEREAS**, Rodney Dillard has distinguished himself since the 1960s as an authentic voice of Ozarks music; and

**WHEREAS**, Rodney Dillard both individually and as a member of the Dillards was one of the first to introduce the Ozarks music to the nation and to the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Rodney Dillard and the Dillards were, and remain, among the most listened-to purveyors of the Missouri Ozarks musical heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years Rodney Dillard has done much to advance the understanding and evolution of music in the Ozarks; and

**WHEREAS**, Rodney Dillard has shown himself to be an astute student of music history, of the musical traditions of the Ozarks, and of the evolution of bluegrass;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University, meeting on this eighth day of December, 2022, recommend to the university’s Board of Governors that the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D) be conferred upon Rodney Dillard at the Commencement ceremony in May 2023 in recognition of outstanding musical achievements.