

## Minutes of the May Session of the Faculty Senate

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The Faculty Senate held the May session on Thursday, May 1, 2025, in the PSU 313. Chair Mike Foster called the session to order at 3:33 p.m. Mike Hudson served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Sarah Barber for Sarah Jones, Clinical Faculty Rep; Brian Greene for Babur Mirza, Biology; and Mitzi Kirkland-Ives for Andrew Wasserman, Art & Design.

Absences: Jenifer Roberts, Merchandising & Fashion Design; Aaron Sauer, Technology & Construction Management; Keely Scott, Instructor Rep; Scott Zimmerman, Biomedical Sciences; John Rose, Defense & Strategic Studies; and Adam McGee, Plant Science, Natural Resources & Animal Science.

Guests: Jamie Atkinson, Rules Committee; Cameron Wickham, Faculty; Joshua Lambert, Chair of Faculty Concerns; Tammy Jahnke, Office of the Provost; and Angela Young, Office of the Registrar.

### ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY KIM FINCH

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 2025 minutes were approved as posted.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. (location TBD).
- Creation of *ad hoc* committees:
  - Curricular Matters
  - General Education Revision
  - Clarification of Clinical Faculty Roles and Responsibilities in the Faculty Handbook
  - Requirement for External Review Letters in the Faculty Handbook
- Summer In-Person Session of the Faculty Senate
- August 12, 2025 (time/location TBD) Committee will report on work accomplished over the summer regarding rules.
- Eric Shade Award Recipient  
Dr. Cameron Wickham, professor of mathematics and a past-chair of the Faculty Senate, was selected as this year's recipient of the Eric Shade Memorial Faculty Governance Award.

#### REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & PRIORITIES

Report Only- No action items

#### REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON FACULTY CONCERNS

Report Only- No action items

#### REPORT FROM FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISION COMMITTEE

Mitzi Kirkland-Ives, FHRC Chair

Motion was made to adopt; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Stephen McIntyre; vote was unanimous.

#### RESOLUTION FOR THE 2024/25 SENATE CHAIR, DR. SCOTT ZIMMERMAN

Mike Foster, Chair of Faculty Senate, read the resolution. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Stephen McIntyre; vote was unanimous.

**SR 1-25/26**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE 2024/25 PARLIAMENTARIAN, DR. MICHAEL HUDSON**

Mike Foster, Chair of Faculty Senate read the resolution. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Shurita Thomas-Tate; vote was unanimous.  
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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Kim Finch

Secretary of the Faculty

**Resolution in Honor of Dr. Scott Zimmerman, Chair of the Faculty Senate 2024-2025**

Whereas, Dr. Scott Zimmerman provided outstanding servant leadership to Missouri State University, the community, and the faculty while Chair of the Faculty Senate during the 2024/2025 session; and

Whereas, he has worked to maintain an atmosphere of civility and openness in Faculty Senate discussions encouraging meetings to operate smoothly while empowering all viewpoints; and

Whereas, he has been steadfast in raising and addressing issues of concern to the faculty when representing their interests to the administration and the Board of Governors; and

Whereas, he has worked diligently to continue to build the stature and credibility of the faculty through his example of collegiality, professionalism, and diplomacy; and,

Whereas, he faithfully helped guide the Senate and stood as a campus leader in navigating the university through a series of complex administrative and identity issues that garnered local and national media attention with empathy, courtesy, and fairness.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University expresses its profound and heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Zimmerman and commends him for his exceptional service as Chair of the Faculty Senate.

**Resolution in Honor of Dr. Michael Hudson, Faculty Senate Parliamentarian 2024-2025**

Whereas, Dr. Michael Hudson's continued service as Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate during the 2024/25 session has been exemplary; and

Whereas, in the course of his duties he also served as a member of a number of committees including the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Senate Committee on Rules; and

Whereas, he has been instrumental in guiding the Senate and its various committees along a path of restructuring the Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty Senate; and

Whereas, he calmly and tactfully guided the Chair of the Faculty Senate, members of the Senate Executive Committee, and Faculty Senators during sessions of the Senate in carrying out their goals with order and respect; and

Whereas, he continues to serve Faculty Senate with a high level of dedication, commitment and collegiality out of a genuine commitment to shared governance and service to the University.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University commends and sincerely thanks Dr. Michael Hudson for his remarkable commitment to shared governance at Missouri State University, and for his outstanding service as Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate.