

Minutes of the May Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the May session on Thursday, May 5, 2016, in PSU 313. Chair Mike Foster called the session to order at 3:30 p.m.

Substitutes: Martin Jones for Richard Gebken, IM; and Kim Wagner for Sharon Giboney, PN.

Absences: Char Berquist, Prof Rep; Andy Cline, MJ; Ken Gillam, EN; Alex Hamwi, MK; Darryl Haslam, SW; Saibal Mitra, PA; Glenn Pace, MG; Xiaomin Qiu, GG; Josh Smith, BS; and Vera Stanojevic, MA.

Guests: Sharmistha Self, Past Chair; Rhonda Ridinger, KIN; Chris Craig, Office of the Provost; Julie Gallaway; Michelle Olsen; Mike McManus, Computer Services; Rob Hornberger, Registrar; Nathan Hoff, Office of the Registrar; and Julie Masterson, Grad College.

ROLL CALL BY THE SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY

Secretary Beth Hurst called the 2016-17 Faculty Senate roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 2016 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10th in PSU 313, at 3:30 pm.
2. Chair Foster thanked the Senate for allowing him to serve.
3. Senate meetings are generally scheduled to conclude at 5 p.m. In an effort to ensure that all business on the floor of the Senate receives its due deliberation, the chair asked the senators to please allow an additional half hour to conclude business. If it appears that the Senate business will take longer than 30 minutes, then the meeting will adjourn and the session will continue during the scheduled carry-over meeting.
4. Senators are asked to arrive on time and sign in. If necessary, please send a substitute who can attend the full meeting. The business of Senate is important labor and requires your consistent effort to be effective.
5. The state budget bill that was signed by Gov. Nixon last Wednesday will mean an additional \$3.6m in new monies to Missouri State University. Pending approval by the Board of Governors, this will include a 2% across the board raise, continued funding of the full professor incentive program, and \$900k in new faculty positions.
6. The last day for feedback on the Long Range Plan is May 15. The website is www.missouristate.edu/developingplan. Each part of the plan has optional comment boxes.
7. Commencement Ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 13th. Chair Foster encouraged faculty to attend as the sacrifice of these few hours has the potential to pay off in greater ways.
8. The New Student Convocation will be Sunday, August 21st at 2 p.m. Again visibility equals attention.
9. Dr. Rhonda Ridinger and Senator Pauline Nugent have again agreed to represent Faculty Senate on the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates.
10. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee is still searching for someone who would like to serve as Parliamentarian. Those interested should contact Chair Foster.
11. At the beginning of the Fall semester Chair Foster will seek members to convene three ad hoc committees. These committees will be:
 - Policy Library Alignment & Oversight
 - Workload Policy for faculty who teach courses of 100+ Students
 - Consolidation of Faculty Resource Information

Senators are asked to forward this information to their colleagues. Those interested should contact Chair Foster.

REPORTS FROM DR. JULIE MASTERSON

Julie Masterson, Associate Provost, gave the report regarding Learning Management System Purges. The committee recommended that courses three years or older be purged at the end of the semester. Faculty can also request to keep courses on the server.

Dr. Masterson also reported on Integration of CIP & SOC Codes into New Program Creation.

REPORT FROM CGEIP BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Jack Llewellyn, chair, presented the report. The catalog description will be revised through the curricular process in the fall.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSAL

New Program: **Sign Language Studies**

Moved by Senator Proctor

APPROVED

SA 1-16/17

Program Deletion: **Nurse Anesthesia MS**

Moved by Senator Nugent

Discussion.

APPROVED

SA 2-16/17

RESOLUTION REGARDING MIXED CREDIT

Senator Novik moved the Resolution. Randy Dillon, Graduate Council Chair, presented the Resolution and answered questions from the Senate.

Discussion.

Senator Kane made a motion to revise the Resolution by adding: permission by the instructor of the course.

Discussion.

Senator Richter made a motion to call the question. The motion passed.

The motion to amend failed.

Further discussion.

The motion to adopt the Resolution passed.

SR 1-16/17

RESOLUTION FOR THE 2015-2016 SENATE CHAIR, DR. SHARMISTHA SELF

Senator Kane moved the Resolution for Dr. Self. Dr. Ridinger read the Resolution.

Resolution passed unanimously

SR 2-16/17

RESOLUTION FOR THE 2015-2016 SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY, MS. RUTH BARNES

Senator Patterson moved the Resolution for Ms. Barnes. Dr. Chris Thompson read the Resolution.

Resolution passed unanimously

SR 3-16/17

RESOLUTION FOR THE 2015-2016 PARLIAMENTARIAN, DR. CYNTHIA MACGREGOR

Senator Cornelius-White moved the Resolution for MacGregor. Dr. John Heywood, Rules Committee Chair, read the Resolution.

Resolution passed unanimously

SR 4-16/17

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Foster adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Beth Hurst
Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 1-16/17

Adopted by Senate on May 5, 2016

Right of Challenge Expires: May 28, 2016

New Program: Sign Language Studies

This curricular proposal can be viewed in the Curricular Action Workflow system.

Senate Action 2-16/17

Adopted by Senate on May 5, 2016

Right of Challenge Expires: May 28, 2016

Program Deletion: Nurse Anesthesia MS

This curricular proposal can be viewed in the Curricular Action Workflow system.

Faculty Senate Action on Mixed Credit

WHEREAS, mixed credit is defined as a course taken by an undergraduate student who then earns both undergraduate and graduate credit upon completion of the course;

WHEREAS, mixed credit is currently only allowed for students who are admitted to an accelerated master's program at Missouri State University;

WHEREAS, internal assessment has revealed that students have expressed the desire to complete graduate courses in departments that do not offer accelerated master's degree options;

WHEREAS, internal assessment has revealed that some students enter accelerated masters programs primarily to obtain mixed credit and therefore have no intention of completing the program thus negatively impacting program completion rates;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following language, as perfected and passed by the Faculty Senate, be incorporated into the policy library (Policy OP.3.04-4), the Office of the Registrar's web page on mixed credit, appropriately within the graduate catalog, and appropriately within the undergraduate catalog:

Students who meet all admission requirements to a graduate program (certificate, masters, accelerated masters) other than completion of a baccalaureate degree, who have completed 90+ credit hours and have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (or the admission GPA required of that graduate program, if higher), may be granted permission by the Graduate Program Director in the department in which the graduate course is taken, the Department Head of the undergraduate major to which the mixed credit will be applied, and the Dean of the Graduate College, to take up to six hours of mixed credit without first being admitted to that graduate program. Permission of the Graduate Director of one program does not guarantee that those approved mixed credit courses can be used in another graduate program.

**Resolution in Honor of Dr. Sharmistha Self
2015-2016 Faculty Senate Chair**

Whereas, Dr. Sharmistha Self has provided outstanding leadership to the University, to the community, and especially to the faculty while serving as Chair of the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University for the 2015-2016 academic year; and

Whereas, Dr. Self has faithfully, tirelessly, compassionately, and effectively served Faculty Senate, always with great concern for the welfare of the university, the faculty and the students; and

Whereas, Dr. Self has initiated, facilitated, and followed to completion the work of shared governance in maintaining the integrity of academic programs, in efficiently implementing the electronic curricular process, in clarification of the Senate By-Laws, in improving the working environment, and in enhancing the benefits of faculty; and

Whereas, She has never hesitated to raise and address issues of concern to the administration and the Board of Governors while advocating for faculty; and

Whereas, She has consistently provided a forum for full and open discussion and debate of issues and proposals of great importance to the faculty and students, ensuring that discussions and debates were respectful of all viewpoints; and

Whereas, She has enhanced the stature and credibility of the entire faculty of Missouri State University through her collegiality, professionalism, diplomacy, inclusiveness, and leadership; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University expresses its profound and heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Self and commends her for her exceptional service as Chair of the Faculty Senate.

**Resolution in Honor of Ms. Ruth Barnes
Secretary of the Faculty, 2015-2016**

Whereas, The service of Ms. Ruth Barnes as Secretary of the Faculty during the 2014-15 academic year has been exemplary; and

Whereas, She has provided insightful, conscientious service to the Faculty Senate during all the Faculty Senate meetings and respectfully handled all official voting of this venerable body; and

Whereas, She has willingly and enthusiastically served her department, college, and university on the Executive Committee, the Rules Committee, and as the coordinator of the Dance program, among other varied duties; and

Whereas, She has, as Secretary of the Faculty, served with respect, dedication, and collegiality; and

Whereas, She has always placed the welfare of the faculty and of the University as the highest priority; therefore,

Be It Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University commend Ms. Ruth Barnes and express its sincere gratitude for her unflagging commitment to the faculty of Missouri State University and for the excellence and dedication with which she has carried out the duties of Secretary of the Faculty.

**Resolution in Honor of Dr. Cynthia Macgregor
2015-16 Faculty Senate Parliamentarian**

Whereas, Dr. Cynthia Macgregor's service as Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate in 2015-16 has been exemplary; and

Whereas, She has served the Senate with diligence, tact, humor, and collegiality; and

Whereas, She has tenaciously pursued improvement of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty through her continued service on the Senate Committee on Rules as an ex officio member; and

Whereas, Her dedication to the faculty and the Faculty Senate are evidenced by her tireless work as Parliamentarian and her willingness and desire to continue serving in positions of leadership; and

Whereas, She has ably and graciously guided the Senate and her fellow members of the Senate Executive Committee in carrying out their goals, both in Senate meetings and in the operation of the Executive Committee; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University commends and sincerely thanks Dr. Cynthia Macgregor for her strong commitment to shared governance at Missouri State University, and for her outstanding service as Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate.