

Minutes of the October 2025 Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the October 2025 session on Thursday, October 16, 2025, in PSU 313. Chair Mike Foster called the session to order at 3:34 p.m. Mike Hudson served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: None.

Absences: Melinda Hammerschmidt, Greenwood Lab School; Jenifer Roberts, Merchandising & Fashion Design; and Adam McGee, Plant Science, Natural Resources & Animal Science.

Guests: William Harwood, AAUP; Chris Herr, T&D/Ombuds; Mary Bohlen, HLC/Ombuds; Mark Woolsey, Assessment Accreditation; Kelly Wood, Student Success; Jamie Atkinson, Chair, Rules Committee; Ryan Smith, History; Clarendia Phillips, Provost; Andrew Weber, Dean of Students; Nathan Hoff, Office of the Registrar; Michelle Morgan, History; Julia Troche, History; Kristin Kessinger, History; and Alan Schick, Graduate Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 2025 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, at 3:30 p.m. (location TBD)
- Bear Pantry-Senators were encouraged to support. <https://www.missouristate.edu/CCE/aboutbearpantry.htm> or Bear Pantry Donation: <https://www.missouristate.edu/CCE/donate.htm>
- Public Affairs Workshop via Zoom on 10/21 from 10-11 a.m. by Mary Ann Wood
- Med-Pay Rebranding to Point C on January 1, 2026
- Amendment to the Summary of 2024/25 Senate Actions and Resolutions
- Distinguished Professor webpage is updated
- Sabbatical applications moving to Faculty Success- Deans have information; due end of October
- APRC-No activity last year
- Provost's Personnel Committee Chair Report-No activity last year
- ADVANCE team will report on initiatives to support faculty retention in the November session

INTRODUCTION OF OMBUDS PERSONNEL

Chris Herr, Theatre & Dance Department Head, and Mary Bohlen, Institutional Effectiveness Consultant, introduced the Ombuds process and goals.

REPORT ON SGA INITIATIVES

Ruby Knight, SGA Director of Academic Affairs, presented a report on their initiatives.

REPORT ON *AD HOC* COMMITTEE FOR GENERAL EDUCATION REVIEW

Mike Foster, *ad hoc* Committee Chair, reported the plan to dissolve the committee. A group from the Strategic Plan is addressing General Education requirements. https://www.missouristate.edu/StrategicPlan/_Files/SP_Plan_25-30_full_version.pdf

FCTL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nancy Gordon, Director, presented the report.

REPORT FROM HLC OVERSIGHT TEAM

Clarendia Phillips, Provost, and Kelly Wood, Associate Provost for Student Success, presented the report and announced the dates of the visiting committee – March 30 and 31, 2026.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

Senator Michelle Harvey/Theatre & Dance

New Program Undergraduate: Advanced Scenic Design for the Theatre

APPROVED: SA 2/25-26

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS

Concerns were presented regarding there is no longer proctoring of exams in the Testing Center.

Provost Phillips and Library Dean David Richards spoke to the concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Kim Finch

Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 2-25/26

Adopted by Senate on October 16, 2025

Faculty Senate Chair Must Be Notified of Intent to Challenge By: October 31, 2025
Right of Challenge Expires November 15, 2025

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