

Minutes of the October Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the October session on Thursday, October 8, 2015, in PSU 313. Chair Sharmistha Self called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Cynthia MacGregor served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: William Piston for Jamaine Abidogun, HI; Diane Leamy for Nancy Allen, Instruc Rep; Suzanne Walker-Pacheco for William Meadows, SO; and Bill Edgar for Tracy Stout.

Absences: Scott Fiedler, Staff Sen Rep; James Hackney, PT; Richard Johnson, CI; Ahren Johnston, MK; Kurt Killion, EPPC Chair; Joshua Lambert, FCC Chair; James Lampe, AC; Glenn Pace, MG; and Bob Pavlowsky, B&P Chair.

Guests: Linda Johnson, Office of the Registrar; Steve McIntyre, Past Chair; Jason Jolley, MCL Dept. Head; John Catau, Office of the Provost; Chris Craig, Office of the Provost; Mike Reed, PAMS; Frank Einhellig, Provost; Catherine Jolivet, Art & Design; Julie Masterson, Graduate College; F. Scot Worman, Anthropology; Peter Plancham, Physics; Jack Llewellyn, Rel/CGEIP; Robert S. Patterson, PAMS; Doug Gouzie, GGP

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 2015 minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, in Karls 102
2. Chair Self reminded the body to sign in for Senate sessions (senators, substitutes and guests).
3. Chair Self asked the body to recognize senators with accomplishments in teaching, service and research this month.
4. The 2016-2021 Long Range Plan: the foundation of the plan is the visioning report, the steering committee will share and ask for feedback – mission, vision and values are on the website: www.missouristate.edu/developingplan. Chair Self asked that the body share the link with colleagues. The deadline for feedback is November 1st.

REPORT ON CREDIT BY ASSESSMENT

Jason Jolley presented the report, shared a handout and responded to questions.

REPORT FROM CGEIP ON THE BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Jack Llewellyn presented the report on the status, numbers and the process of the BGS program and its students.

Question about reasons for rejections of applications to the program.

SENATE ACTION ON RECIPROCITY OF OLD GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES IN NEW GENERAL EDUCATION

Senator Josh Smith presented the Senate Action. Senator Smith made a motion to adopt the Action.

Senator Ridinger made a motion for a friendly amendment: add the word seven in the paragraph as well as the specific course numbers (KIN 310, CHM 160, CHM 161, IDS 397, MTH 285, MTH 340 and THE 201) to the sixth paragraph. Motion accepted.

Senate Action APPROVED as amended.

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ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSAL

Notice of Appeal of CGEIP Action New Course **AST 112 Life in the Universe**

Moved by Senator Smith.

Chair Self explained procedure of consideration of the appeal.

Parliamentarian MacGregor explained there will be a challenge period if the appeal is upheld.

Senator Smith addressed the Senate on behalf of the appeal.

Discussion.

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

APPEAL APPROVED

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Larson made a motion to adopt a Resolution Affirming the Importance of Liberal Arts Education at Missouri State University.

Chair-elect Foster spoke to the Resolution.

Discussion.

Senator Cornelius-White proposed an amendment to the Resolution and referred to Senator Philpot: Strike the second “whereas”. The motion passed.

The Resolution **PASSED** as amended.

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Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Family Leave and Benefits – Report by Dr. Catherine Jolivette (A&D)

Senators are asked to share the report with their colleagues and send feedback to Dr. Jolivette

(CatherineJolivette@MissouriState.edu) and/or Dr. Char Berquist (CharleneBerquist@MissouriState.edu).

Dr. Jolivette will e-mail the file she distributed to the Senate representatives.

Questions and discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Self adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Ruth Barnes

Secretary of the Faculty

Right of Challenge Expires: October 31, 2015

Senate Action on Reciprocity of Old General Education Courses in New General Education

Whereas the new general education program became effective Fall 2014; and

Whereas 17 courses in the old general education program are no longer in the new general education program; and

Whereas seven of the deleted courses (KIN 310, CHM 160, CHM 161, IDS 397, MTH 285, MTH 340, and THE 210) are allowed for reciprocity into specific areas of the new general education program if completed prior to Fall 2014; and

Whereas there are numerous partner institutions, dual credit programs, and transfer equivalency institutions that did not receive clear communication of the courses that are no longer in the general education program; and

Whereas this lack of clear communication has led to a situation where students who entered Missouri State University in Fall 2015 had unknowingly taken courses now deleted from our new general education,

Be it resolved that the will of Faculty Senate is that the Office of the Provost and the Coordinator for Transfer Credit shall extend the reciprocity of the seven old general education courses (KIN 310, CHM 160, CHM 161, IDS 397, MTH 285, MTH 340, and THE 210) into the new general education program provided that students are enrolled in reciprocal courses no later than the 2015 Fall semester.

Be it further resolved that the will of Faculty Senate is that the Office of the Provost and the Coordinator for Transfer Credit shall coordinate to disseminate the appropriate information to partner institutions, dual credit programs, and institutions with high transfer equivalencies from the aforementioned courses so that incoming students are made aware of our recent revisions to the general education program and their transfer equivalencies.

Senate Action 3-15/16

Adopted by Senate on October 8, 2015

Right of Challenge Expires: October 31, 2015

Appeal of CGEIP Action New Course **AST 112 Life in the Universe**

**Resolution Affirming the Importance of Liberal Arts Education
at Missouri State University**

Whereas there is a growing trend at institutions of higher education across the country to eliminate faculty and cut programs in traditional liberal arts departments;

Whereas traditional liberal arts education at Missouri State University is the backbone of the General Education curriculum; and

Whereas the teaching, research, and service of faculty in traditional liberal arts departments is critical to Missouri State University's stated purpose "to develop educated persons"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Faculty of Missouri State University:

1. publically affirms the importance and inherent value of the faculty, departments, and programs in the traditional liberal arts;
2. encourages the Office of the President and the Board of Governors of Missouri State University to publically affirm the same;
3. recommends that the current Long Range Plan Steering Committee specifically enumerates the liberal arts as integral to the mission of this comprehensive university which endeavors to develop educated persons and successful citizen scholars.