

Minutes of the February Session of the Faculty Senate Missouri State University

The Faculty Senate held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2009, in Plaster Student Union, Room 313. Chair Pauline Nugent called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Jan Atwell for Caroline Helton, NUR; Carlo Smith for Chuck Hermans, MK; and Michelle Bowe for Lynn Robbins, BI.

Absences: Roberto Canales, PN; Norm Griffith, Staff Delegate; Shyang Huang, PA; Richard Johnson, CI; Dale Moore, Staff Delegate; Reed Olsen, Acad Rel Chair; Mark Putman, T&D; Jenifer Roberts; FI; Libby Rozell, Grad Council Chair; Greg Skibinski, SW; Shujun Su, CH; Xingping Sun; and Miles Walz, MS.

Guests: Sue George, CEFS; Kathryn Wall, The Standard; Victor Matthews, CHPA; Rhonda Ridinger, CHHS; John Catau, Office of the Provost; Belinda McCarthy, Office of the Provost; Bill Edgar, Library Science; Marilyn McCroskly, LIS; William Corcoran, GGP; Susan Crain; FGB; Kent Ragan; FGB; D. Strickland, MUS; Roger Stoner, COAL; Jack Llewellyn, REL; Wade Thompson, Art & Design; Nicole Rovig, Registrar; Kelly McNeilis, COM; Karen Buzzard; MJF; Carey Adams, COAL; Mark Biggs, T&D; David Mitchell, Economics; Helen Reid, CHHS; Colette Witkowski, BMS; Julie Masterson, CSO/CHHS; Paula Kemp, Math; and President Nietzel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chair Elect Weaver, Chair Nugent, and past Chair Paula Kemp traveled to Jefferson City to meet with legislators and were introduced on the floor of the State Senate.
2. An Ad Hoc committee has been formed to look into the question of time lapse between double degrees/double majors and the requirement for a minor. Members include Matthew Calihman, Dan Kaufman, and Rhonda Ridinger.
3. Faculty are encouraged to update their vita in Digital Measures before the end of February—particularly the area of research and creative work.
4. The report from the Faculty Morale Survey will be presented in March due to a full February agenda.

Voting On Proposed Amendments to Bylaws – Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Amendment 1: Replaces “chairperson” with “chair” in the Bylaws and Constitution:
PASSED (Senate Action 17-08/09)

NOTE: Though the passage of this amendment changes the language in the Bylaws, a vote of the entire faculty is required to change the wording in the Constitution.

Amendment 2: Establishes new guidelines for College Council Rules
PASSED (Senate Action 18-08/09)

Amendment 3: Updates responsibilities of the Budget and Priorities Committee
PASSED (Senate Action 19-08/09)

Amendment 4: Adds the Parliamentarian as an *ex-officio* member of the Rules Committee
PASSED (Senate Action 20-08/09)

Amendment 5: Clarifies criteria for election of officers to the Senate Executive Committee
PASSED (Senate Action 21-08/09)

Amendment 6: Updates responsibilities of PEC Chair and Director of Secondary Education
PASSED (Senate Action 22-08/09)

Amendment 7: Establishes new guidelines for the Nominating Committee
PASSED (Senate Action 23-08/09)

NOTE: Faculty were reminded that approved changes to the Bylaws take effect immediately. In particular, Amendment 7 requires the current Chair-elect to form and chair a Nominations Committee for Senate Executive officers for 2009-10. One nomination for Chair-elect and one nomination for Secretary of the Faculty will come from the Nominating Committee to the Senate at the March session; nominations from the floor of the Senate will make up the rest of the slate of candidates.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

1. Minor in Screenwriting
Moved by Senator Hughes (seconded by Senator Cornelius-White):
APPROVED (Senate Action 24-08/09)
2. Major in Religious Studies
Moved by Senator Barari (seconded by Senator Finch):
APPROVED (Senate Action 25-08/09)

REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS – DR. CINDY WILSON-HAIL

Senator Hughes moved The Senate Action to forward Recommendation 1 of the Committee to the Provost to the floor (seconded by Senator Cornelius-White).

After discussion, Senator Chesman moved to recommit the recommendation to the Committee for further work and to make the Committee's report available to all faculty (seconded by Senator A. Cline). The motion to recommit passed.

Senator Philpot moved to lay on the table the discussion of the rest of the Committee's recommendations in order to allow President Nietzel to address the Senate—Agenda Item F— (seconded by Senator Hurst). The motion passed.

After President Nietzel addressed the Senate, Senator Hughes moved to take the Committee's report from the table (seconded by Senator Calihman). The motion passed.

At the request of Senator Wilson, Recommendations 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 of the Committee's report were withdrawn before being moved to the floor because they depended on the language in Recommendation 1.

Recommendation 5 proposed changes to the General Education curriculum, so the only way for it to move forward was to refer it to CGEIP. However, the motion to Refer does not allow debate on the merits of the recommendation (only the merits of its referral), so the Chair allowed discussion and possible amendment of the recommendation before the motion was made.

After discussion, Senator Barari moved to refer Recommendation 5 as written to CGEIP. (seconded by Senator Wilson-Hail).

Senator Wilson-Hail moved to amend the motion by requiring CGEIP to report back to the Senate no later than the October 2009 Session (seconded by Senator Hughes). The motion to amend passed by unanimous consent.

The motion to refer Recommendation 5 to CGEIP passed as amended.

REPORT ON BUDGET

President Nietzel addressed the Senate regarding the budget situation, and answered questions from the Senate and guests. His remarks are summarized in the Friday Focus of February 13, 2009.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Pauline Nugent at 5:13 pm.

Christopher J. Herr
Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 17-08/09

Adopted by Senate on February 12, 2009

Right of Challenge Expires March 10, 2009

Amendment to Bylaws

Replace all occurrences of "chairperson" by "chair" in the Bylaws.

Senate Action 18-08/09

Adopted by Senate on February 12, 2009

Right of Challenge Expires March 10, 2009

Amendment to Bylaws: Article II.7 and Article II.12

Article II, Section 7 of the Bylaws will be amended to add to the duties of the College Council chair:

C At the first council meeting of the academic year, the chairperson shall provide a copy of the council's current rules to each council member.

D After the council's last meeting of an academic year, but before the end of the spring semester, the chairperson shall provide a copy of the council's current rules (whether amended or not) to the Secretary of the Faculty.

A new Section 12 will be added to Article II as follows:

SEC 12 College Council Rules

Every College Council shall adopt, by a majority vote of the ranked faculty in its college, rules governing its deliberations and actions in connection with the carrying out of its responsibilities related to curricular matters and the curricular process as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty. These rules must be consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty, and must include (1) a provision requiring that new courses be approved prior to, and independently from, new program proposals of which they are a part, and (2) the procedures by which the council's rules may be amended.

Senate Action 19-08/09

Adopted by Senate on February 12, 2009

Right of Challenge Expires March 10, 2009

Amendment to Bylaws: 1.8.B.(4).(a).(aa)

Current wording: "Shall examine all proposals for new academic programs or other major initiatives with possible budgetary implications before the Faculty Senate and report to the chair of the Faculty Senate the examination results prior to the proposals being voted on.

Revised wording: "Shall examine all proposals for intercollegiate programs, general education courses or other major initiatives with possible budgetary implications before the Faculty Senate and report to the chair of the Faculty Senate the examination results prior to the proposals being voted on."

Senate Action 20-08/09

Adopted by Senate on February 12, 2009

Right of Challenge Expires March 10, 2009

Amendment to Bylaws: Article I.8.B.(5).(b)

Current Wording: "The Secretary of the Faculty shall be an ex officio member of the Rules Committee without vote."

Revised wording (changes in bold):

"The Secretary of the Faculty **and the Parliamentarian (if one was appointed)** shall be *ex officio* members of the Rules Committee without vote."

Senate Action 21-08/09

Adopted by Senate on February 12, 2009

Right of Challenge Expires March 10, 2009

Amendment to Bylaws: Article I.3.A

Revised wording (additions in bold):

"Faculty are eligible for the position of chairperson-elect or Secretary of the Faculty if (1) by the time they assume office they will have completed at least one year of service (may or may not be continuous) in the Faculty Senate **as a voting member** during the previous six academic years, **and (2) they are tenured before the September session of their term.**"

Right of Challenge Expires March 10, 2009

Amendment to Bylaws: Article III.7.A

Revisions to Article III.7.A (new wording in bold):

"The chairperson of the PEC shall preside at all meetings of the PEC; shall supervise the functioning of the PEC and its established committees; shall prepare an agenda for each meeting of the PEC; shall appoint members of the standing or *ad hoc* committees with the advice of the Executive Committee; shall serve as a delegate to Faculty Senate; shall serve as an *ex officio* member of the Graduate Council Curriculum Screening Committee and **attend the Academic Leadership Council (ALC) meetings without voting privileges (These meetings are for informational sharing, oversight and when needed policy making of professional education items across colleges)**; shall consider and in some manner address any suggestions, or other matters directed to the PEC by any member or group of the faculty or students, and consult with the Head of the PEU to ensure all accreditation matters are dealt with in an appropriate manner."

Add Block E to Article III.7:

"The director of Secondary Education, or a designee, shall attend all meetings of the PEC and PEC Executive Committee. The director of Secondary Education facilitates the effective operation of the Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED) and the Master of Science in Secondary Education (MSED) Oversight Committees or other governance committee structures focusing on K-12 and secondary programs by planning and facilitating meetings and overseeing the appointment of new members and chairs of both the BSED and MSED committees as prescribed by the Bylaws of the Professional Education Committee (PEC). The director is a resource person for the PEC and PEC Executive Committee and shall serve as a non-voting ex officio member."

Right of Challenge Expires March 10, 2009

Amendments to Bylaws:

Article I.8.B.(a).(ee)

Article I.4.B. (8)

Article I.3.B

Article I.3.C

Revisions:

1. Remove I.8.B.(1).(a).(ee), which states that the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate “Shall serve as a Nominating Committee for the positions of chairperson-elect and Secretary of the Faculty as described in SEC 3”
2. Add a new item I.4.B.(8) to state that the Chairperson-elect of the Faculty Senate “(8) Shall chair the Nominating Committee and appoint its members.”
3. Replace I.3.B:

Current wording: “No later than February the Nominating Committee shall convene to develop a slate of eligible candidates for the positions of chairperson-elect and Secretary of the Faculty. The slate of candidates will be presented to the Senate no later than the March session of the Senate and shall include a minimum of two candidates.”

Proposed wording: “No later than February the Chair-Elect shall appoint and chair the Nominating Committee, which must contain a total of at least three members, all of whom are ranked, tenured faculty eligible to be senators (ignoring term limits). The current Senate chair and parliamentarian may not be appointed, nor may the current Secretary of the Faculty if he or she intends to run for either office. The committee shall nominate one eligible candidate for Chair-Elect and one eligible candidate for Secretary of the Faculty, both of whom accept their nomination and agree to serve if elected. The committee may not nominate the same person for both offices. No later than the March session, the Chair-Elect shall make a report to the Senate identifying the members of the committee and presenting its nominees.”

4. Amend I.3.C (additions in bold):

Senators shall be free to nominate eligible candidates at the March session or by submitting nominations, with an appropriate second, to the Secretary of the Faculty no later than April 1. **Since the Senate benefits from having a strong and diverse slate of candidates, it is desirable that at least one nomination for each office come from the floor so that the candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee do not run unopposed.**

Senate Action 24-08/09

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Right of Challenge Expires March 10, 2009

Minor in Screenwriting

A complete copy of the above curricular proposal can be viewed in the Faculty Senate office.

Senate Action 25-08/09

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