

***Minutes of the November Session
of the Faculty Senate
Missouri State University***

The Faculty Senate held its November session on Thursday, November 12, 2009, in PSU 315. Chair Margaret Weaver called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. Dr. Eric Shade served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Karen Brown for Ben Goss, MG; Gary Ward for Mike Hudson, SM; and Pauline Nugent for Joe Huges, FL.

Absences: Martha Finch, RE; Brenda Goodwin, TT Instruc. Rep.; Tabitha Haynes, Staff Delegate; Richard Johnson, CI; James Lampe, AC; David Lutz, Acad. Rel. Chair; Kevin Pybas, CGEIP Chair; Shujun Su, CH; and Miles Walz, MS.

Guests: Sabrina Glen, Registrar's Office; Gigi Saunders, BI; Arbindra Rimal, AG; Carol Shoptaugh, PY; Thornton Miller, HI; Art Spisak, Office of the Provost; John Catau, Office of the Provost; Dave Goodwin, RFT; Edward DeLong, LIS; Elizabeth Strong, CASL/Study Away; Jodi Flynn, PN; Lynda Plymate, Mathematics; Marilyn McCroskey, LIS; Shawn Strong, TCM; Tom Tomasi, Graduate College; Doug Gouzie, Grad Council Chair; and Jim Moyer, RE.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2009 SESSION

The minutes were amended to correct the spelling of Senator Gallaway's name and were approved as amended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. In the event of a carry-over meeting, the Senate will reconvene next Tuesday, November 17 at 3:30 in LIB 101.
2. Another town hall meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24 at 3:00. More information will be forthcoming from the President's office.
3. The Faculty Concerns Committee, in conjunction with the Provost's office, will be administering the Departmental Conditions Evaluation later this month. Please encourage your departmental colleagues to complete the survey.
4. Four-hundred and thirteen faculty responded to the recent Senate poll regarding the merit compensation process. Of those that responded, 126 indicated that they would like to "Continue the current merit system (Departmental committees and department heads will continue to assign annual numerical rankings, and the rankings for uncompensated years will be averaged when the raise pool exceeds 2%. No college matrices will be generated until the raise pool exceeds 2%)"; and 287 indicated that they would like to "Temporarily suspend the merit system until the raise pool exceeds 2%. (Faculty will continue to submit materials for annual review, but neither the departmental committees nor the department heads will assign numerical rankings.)" These results, as well as the written suggestions received via email by Faculty Senate, were forwarded to the President's University Compensation Committee.

5. CGEIP is requesting course proposals for a basic required course under the heading of “Financial Responsibility—Personal and Public.” Guidelines for such proposals are available on the Faculty Senate website. Date of first consideration by CGEIP is January 11, 2010, but CGEIP will entertain other proposals as they arrive. Please contact Kevin Pybas, Chair of CGEIP, for further information.
6. The president has agreed to accept the deletion of GEP 397 from the curriculum with the stipulation that each degree program must have in place by fall 2010 a public affairs intensive experience for which the student will be awarded academic credit. These requirements should be coordinated through the college councils and approved by the Associate Provost for Student Development and Public Affairs. They do not have to be new or additional credit hour requirements, but they must meet college and university expectations for “public affairs intensive.”
7. An SGA resolution was forwarded to Faculty Senate and CGEIP regarding Basic required courses. The resolution states that SGA supports the changes to the Basic required courses proposed by CGEIP at the October Senate meeting, “with the following stipulations:
 - a. The current Computers for Learning waiver exam be evaluated to ensure that the examination determines if students have the computer skills necessary for success and that it is created by an independent source that is not financially impacted by the results.
 - b. The new waiver exam be proctored through Missouri State University.
 - c. A waiver exam also be offered for Financial Responsibility under the same guidelines.
 - d. The requirement for English II to be taken before 75 hours are completed has the ability to be waived.
 - e. The Information Literacy course be removed and the content be covered in other general education courses like CIS/CSC 101 or GEP 101.”

REPORT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Two proposed Amendments to the Bylaws were recommended by the Rules Committee. Neither was amended by the Senate; both will be voted on by secret ballot and without comment at the December Session of the Senate:

Amendment 1 amends the Bylaws in four places [ART II, SEC 9(C); ART V, SEC 3; ART V, SEC 7(3); ART VI, SEC 3(3)] to keep them consistent with the new graduate course numbering scheme.

Amendment 2 amends the Bylaws [ART IV, SEC 5] by adding The Director of the Center for Assessment and Instructional Support as an *ex-officio* member, without vote, to CGEIP.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

New Program: History for Teachers Graduate Certificate

Moved by Senator Baggett (seconded by Senator Hurst): APPROVED

SENATE ACTION 3-2009/10

New Program: BS Facility Management:

Moved by Senator Jones (seconded by Senator Chesman): APPROVED

SENATE ACTION 4-2009/10

Appeal: MAT Program

After discussion of the appeal, Senator Gallaway moved to call the question (seconded by Senator Cornelius-White). The motion to uphold the appeal was approved. The curricular proposal will be returned to the originating department.

SENATE ACTION ON SERVICE LEARNING

Dr. Carol Shoptaugh, CASL Oversight Committee Chair and Mrs. Elizabeth Strong, Associate Director of CASL, proposed a Senate Action to replace the University's current policy (previously approved by Senate Action 10-95/96) about the minimum course level and number of courses for which students may earn service learning credit with the following:

“Service learning is an effective pedagogical tool to facilitate student learning on both the K-12 and higher education levels across the nation. Many students come to Missouri State with extensive commitment to civic experience. It is important to continue fostering social responsibility and a life-long commitment to civic engagement in students. Therefore, service-learning components may be added to any level of service learning in designated courses, including 100 level introductory courses. Departments may limit the number of service-learning component hours a student may receive credit for within their major or minor.”

The Action was moved by Senator Cline (seconded by Senator Wilson-Hail). It was approved and will go forward as **SENATE ACTION 5-2009/10**

REPORT ON PEC RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COORDINATION AND ACCREDITATION LOAD

Dr. Carol Maples, PEC Chair, presented for information a resolution passed by PEC asking for consistent assignment and recognition of work involved for work on Program Coordination, Program Accreditation, and Program Review. The resolution has been forwarded to the Faculty Senate, the Provost, and the Academic Leadership Council.

SENATE ACTION ON COMPENSATION FOR GEP 101

Dr. Judith Martin, Faculty Concerns Committee Chair, proposed a Senate Action to ask the Provost to create a committee of both faculty and administrators to determine a “fair payment policy” for the new GEP 101 course. Dr. Pauline Nugent, substituting for Senator Hughes, moved the Action (seconded by Senator Cornelius-White).

Senator Knight moved to refer the issue to Faculty Concerns Committee (seconded by Dr. Nugent, substituting for Senator Hughes) and moved that the Senate Chair charge Faculty Concerns to make to Senate specific recommendations regarding compensation for GEP 101.

After discussion, Senator Wilson-Hail moved to call the question on referral (seconded by Senator Chesman).

The motion to refer passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Senate Action 3-09/10

Adopted by Senate on November 12, 2009

Right of Challenge Expires December 11, 2009

New Program – History for Teachers Graduate Certificate

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

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Service Learning Minimum Course Level

Action 10-95/96 for reference

Currently reads: Because effective service learning requires some maturity and some expertise in a discipline, only courses numbered 200 or higher may be designated as service learning eligible. Because the CASL program is experimental and because availability of service learning course sections may be limited, no more than two hours of service learning component course credit (in all disciplines combined) may be counted toward graduation.

Faculty Senate Action:

Service learning is an effective pedagogical tool to facilitate student learning on both the K-12 and higher education levels across the nation. Many students come to Missouri State with extensive commitment to civic experience. It is important to continue fostering social responsibility and a life-long commitment to civic engagement in students. Therefore, service-learning components may be added to any level of service learning designate courses, including 100 level introductory courses. Departments may limit the number of service-learning component hours a student may receive credit for within their major or minor.

Rationale:

- CASL is no longer experimental
- Faculty request to add a service learning component course at the 100 level
- Consistent with wording for Integrated Service Learning (ISL) courses (see Senate Action 5-01/02)
- Positive research outcomes of service learning include higher levels of retention, higher reported GPA, increased self-efficacy, increased leadership and increased civic engagement.