

Minutes of the September Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the September session on Thursday, September 8, 2022, in PSU 313. Chair Mike Hudson called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Cynthia MacGregor served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Cameron Wickham for Mike Foster, Professor Rep; Scott Cameron for Jason Hausback, Music; and Andrea Applegate for Nathan Miracle, PAS.

Absences: Paria Akbar Akhgari, Philosophy; Wajeana White, Instructor Rep; Christopher Collins, Communication; Holly Holladay, MJF; Michelle Harvey, Theatre & Dance; Kristen Thornton, Accountancy; Andrew Albritton, Management; Alex Hamwi, Marketing; Jennice McCafferty-Wright, CEFS; and Ximena Uribe-Zarain, CLSE.

Guests: John Jasinski, Office of the Provost; Zora Mulligan, Office of the Provost; Suzanne Walker-Pacheco, Paws to the Polls; Zachery Burt, Kinesiology; Rebecca Woodard, Kinesiology; Katrina Chavez, Registrar; Angela Young, Registrar; and Elizabeth King, Graduate Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13 at 3:30 PM. The location is to be determined.
2. As you see on today's agenda, there is time for the Faculty Senate to speak with Interim Provost Jasinski and Executive Vice President Zora Mulligan. The work they are conducting this year is important to the university; therefore, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee decided to include time at each Senate meeting this year for faculty and other university members to discuss this work with these individuals. As elected representatives, please share this plan with your constituents and encourage their participation in these discussions throughout the academic year.
3. To preserve time for your discussion with the Provost and Executive Vice President, we shall limit the informational presentations given at the beginning of Senate meetings this academic year. Depending on the other Senate work we must complete for the day, we may include one or two presentations on the agenda. If we are unable to fulfill the request to present, we may be able to share the information with Senators electronically. Please contact me or the Faculty Senate Office if you have any questions about these presentations.
4. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee and members of the Office of the Registrar are currently researching new software programs to replace the current curricular action workflow system we use for curricular proposals. We will keep you apprised of this work through the academic year.
5. The Faculty Senate Calendar with meeting dates for curricular committees (e.g., Graduate Council) was updated on September 2. The calendar needed revisions to align better with the academic calendar changes made for this year. If you checked the calendar prior to this date, please make sure you review the updated calendar now online.
6. The university would like to restart the Employee Wellness Committee. This committee addresses employee wellness issues such as program ideas and development, university wellness policies, and wellness surveys. The committee has reached out for a Faculty Senate representative. If you or one of your colleagues has an interest in serving on this committee, please contact me.

PRESENTATION FROM THE SENATE PARLIAMENTARIAN

Cindy MacGregor presented the updated Senate parliamentary rules.

SENATE DISCUSSION WITH PROVOST JASINSKI AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ZORA MULLIGAN

Zora Mulligan, Executive Vice President, greeted the Senate and talked about the steering team meeting focusing on important changes in enrollment and retention. John Jasinski, Interim Provost, thanked the Senate and discussed his work with structure, process and programs, and budget. Both answered questions from the Senate.

PAWS TO THE POLLS PRESENTATION

Suzanne Walker-Pacheco distributed a handout and presented the information.

REPORT FROM THE ACADEMIC PERSONNEL REVIEW COMMISSION

Chair Hudson presented the report.

REPORT ON 2021-22 SENATE ACTION SUMMARY

Chair Hudson reported on the 2021-22 Senate actions and resolutions. All Senate Actions were approved by administration.

ELECTION OF THE MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF FACULTY SENATES DESIGNATED VOTER AND ALTERNATE

Senator Weaver made a motion for the Senate chair and chair-elect to serve as the designated voter and alternate. By unanimous vote the Senate voted to install Chair Hudson and Chair-Elect Walker for the positions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

New Program: Esports Studies Undergraduate Certificate

Moved by Senator Yating Liang, Kinesiology

Discussion.

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NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hudson adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Melinda Novik
Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 5-22/23

Adopted by Senate on September 8, 2022

Faculty Senate Chair Must Be Notified of Intent to Challenge By: September 16, 2022
Right of Challenge Expires October 1, 2022

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