

Faculty Senate Meeting
January 22, 2015

Gwyneth Williams, Faculty Senate President, Presiding

Members Present: John Aleshunas, Ginny Altrogge, Jef Awada, Larry Baden, Glen Bauer, Don Conway-Long, Ted Green, Anne Geraghty-Rathert, Ryan Groeneman, J.P. Palmer-Schuyler, Chris Sagovac, Joe Schuster, Eileen Solomon, Keith Welsh, Phyllis Wilkinson

I. Minutes:

Approval of the September 9th Faculty Assembly minutes and the September 11th Senate minutes is postponed until next week's Senate meeting.

II. Approval of Senate Seat Replacement

A motion was made and seconded to have Eileen Solomon fill Tori Meyer's SOC seat for spring 2015 on the Faculty Senate. Approved by unanimous consent.

III. Announcements:

Gwyneth shared an announcement that was distributed through the Deans regarding per diem travel. 1) Concur needs to be used for air travel. 2) There is an allowance of \$58 for meals per day or \$70 if staying in an expensive city. 3) There is a \$150 allowance for hotels. In order to get a handle on international travel, all international travel must be approved by the Dean and forwarded to Greg Gunderson for final approval. Many questions and concerns were voiced by senators. Gwyneth will be contacting the administration to express these concerns and get answers to the questions.

IV. School of Education Proposals

Brenda Fyfe attended the Senate meeting to explain the School of Education Proposals. She is proposing on behalf of the School of Education that the MAT degrees in Elementary Education, Middle School Education, Secondary Education, and Special Education move to the Department of Teacher Education. The Chairs of each department as well as the faculty members are in agreement with the move.

The corresponding proposal is for the MAT coordinators (Basiyr Rodney, Stephanie Mahfood, and Paula Witkowski) of the aforementioned programs, to move to the Department of Teacher Education. Basiyr and Stephanie have moved from Multidisciplinary Studies Department to Department of Teacher Education. Paula has agreed to hold dual membership in the Communication Arts, Reading and Early Childhood Department as well as Department of Teacher Education.

The rationale for these proposals is as follows:

- 1) Common curriculum requirement from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for initial teacher certification.
- 2) Efficiency in determining how to modify curriculum with P-12 school Partners.
- 3) Coordination of assessment systems to comply with mandatory state changes.
- 4) Elimination of duplicate report writing for DESE and accreditation.
- 5) Supports much needed lowering of ratios for advising for DTE faculty
- 6) Eliminates the need for a School of Education Committee to serve as curriculum committee for three MAT initial certification programs.
- 7) Discontinues the search for a replacement faculty member.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the MAT degrees in Elementary Education, Middle School Education, Secondary Education, and Special Education move to the Department of Teacher Education as presented to the Senate. Approved by unanimous consent.

The Handbook does not require that the Senate approve the movement of individual faculty members from one department to another.

V. Committee Replacement:

Graduate Council – Molly Stehn to replace Stacy Henning for remainder of spring 2015

A motion was made and seconded to approve this replacement and approved by unanimous consent.

Institutional Review Board –

Brenda Boyce to replace Joe Roberts for remainder of spring 2015.

A motion was made and seconded to approve this replacement and approved by unanimous consent.

Martina Steed to replace Eric Goedereis for spring II.

A motion was made and seconded to approve this replacement and approved by unanimous consent.

VI. Extraordinary Merit Language:

There was a lengthy discussion and edits made to the draft of the Extraordinary Merit Pay Summary Language document. Next steps were also discussed. It needs to be determined how the EM will be implemented as we might be using the old system of merit pay this year and satisfactory performance is not yet completely in place.

Edits will be made and the draft will be brought back to next week's Senate meeting for further discussion.

VII. Spring Institute:

A topic needs to be decided upon. Discussion will continue at next week's Senate meeting.

VIII. IRB Composition:

The composition of the IRB Committee was discussed. This is a Senate appointed committee and it has been difficult to fill the School of Communications seat. Gwyneth is meeting with the IRB Committee tomorrow and will discuss possibilities.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.