

2013 May Minutes

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Missouri State University-West Plains Faculty Senate Minutes

May 03, 2013

In Attendance

Phillip Howerton, R. A. Pendergrass, Gary Phillips, Neva Parrott, Craig Albin, Dennis Lancaster, Ed McKinney, John Fohn, Connie Morgan, Joyce Pineda, Ana Estrella, Jay Towell, Tae Wan Park, Sylvia Kuhlmeier, Renee Moore, Cathy Proffitt-Boys, Anthony Priest, Amy Ackerson, Barbara Caton, Pat Walsh, Barbara Nyden, Debra Mayers, Jeff Huff, A. Jerry Trick, Ed Birdyshaw, Melinda Denton, Leigh Adams.

University Reports

1. Call to order at 09:02 by Gary Phillips.
2. Chancellor's Update
 - a. Funding reports from the Missouri legislature are positive.
 - b. Gohn Hall will soon be open for classes.
 - c. Enrollment up by 8% at this snapshot in the enrollment process.
 - d. Rumors about Dr. Bennett's possible departure are unfounded.
 - e. Faculty members are invited to meet individually with Dr. Bennett to discuss any concerns.
 - f. Faculty members were urged to consider setting a goal of 50,000 community service hours.
 - g. Joyce Pineda delivered to Dr. Bennett a study explaining the continued and pressing need to hire a laboratory supervisor as soon as possible.
3. Interim Dean's Report
 - a. M218 will become adjunct faculty offices.
 - b. M216 will be used for adjunct overflow.
 - c. A copier may be provided on second floor of Melton.
 - d. Springfield ITV rooms will move to Gohn Hall.
 - e. The need for West Plains ITV rooms will be explored.
 - f. Two Corps of Opportunity staff members have been approved.
 - g. Willow Spring education site still under negotiation.
 - h. Faculty members should make appointments to meet with Dennis.
 - i. Accreditation self-study still being revised. Faculty should expect to see it at least two more times.
 - j. Search will soon begin for a new director of honors.
 - k. New dean will not attend business meetings of faculty senate.
4. Dean's Update
 - a. FYE meeting today.
 - b. IDS will be moved out of dean's office.
 - c. Dr. Dyer's new office will be in Looney.
 - d. Reminder of commencement and group photos.
 - e. Reminder of the importance of student organizations.
 - f. Volunteer needed to serve as sponsor of the Phi Eta Sigma honor society.
5. Campus Updates
 - a. Gary Phillips reported that *Communications 205* will be offered this fall.
 - b. Connie Morgan suggested that the faculty consider creating a writing across the curriculum program.
 - c. Gary Phillips reported that the Grizzly Den log in had been extended to 30 minutes.
 - d. Debra Mayers has been elected as faculty chair elect.
 - e. Gary Phillips commented that a convenient form might be created to record community service hours.
 - f. Renee Moore pointed out the complications of accessing and completing a student liability release form.

- g. Gary Philips invited all faculty members to join committees.
- 6. Committee Updates
 - a. Assessment Committee-Gary Phillips.
 - i. Assessment report has been posted and changes can still be made.
 - b. Curriculum Committee-Leigh Adams
 - i. A new course, *Military Science 101*, has been approved,
 - ii. Two new certificates, *Certificate of Ozarks Studies* and *Certificate in Public Outreach and Education*, have been approved.
 - c. Developmental Education-Jay Towell
 - i. The search for a Director of Developmental Education has been closed and will soon be re-opened.
 - d. Faculty Evaluation Committee-Ed McKinney
 - i. No Report.
 - e. Handbook Committee-Barbara Nyden
 - i. A complete evaluation of the handbook will be conducted this summer, and drafts will be available to faculty this fall.
 - f. RPT Committee-Joyce Dewitt
 - i. No Report.
 - g. Ad Hoc Committees
 - i. Textbook Committee, no report
- 7. Announcements
 - a. Sylvia Kuhlmeier reminded faculty members to submit requests for library books, and she invited them to attend Tech Talk.
 - b. Craig Albin noted that Anthony Priest's anthology, *Yonder Mountain: An Ozarks Anthology*, had been released by the University of Arkansas Press.
 - c. Jerry Trick reminded faculty that volunteers are needed to evaluate the faculty handbook over the summer.

Business Meeting

- 1. Call to Order: 28 voting members present.
- 2. Addition and approval of agenda
- 3. Approval of minutes from last meeting.
 - a. A few typos noted.
 - b. Motion to approve minutes made by Leigh Adams, seconded by Chris Dyer, motion passed by unanimous acclamation.
- 4. Unfinished Business
 - a. Jerry Trick reported on faculty hall of honor, and a representative from Ozark Awards displayed and discussed various types of plaques. Total cost of project was estimated at \$500-\$800. Various forms of fund raising were mentioned. R. A. Pendergrass made a motion to proceed with the project as a faculty senate project, motion seconded by Jerry Trick. Motion carried by unanimous acclamation.
 - b. Recommendations of the curriculum committee were accepted by consent agenda.
 - c. The "Student Technology Requirements for Courses and Programs" was briefly discussed. Motion made by Amy Ackerson to accept, seconded by Joyce Pineda, passed by unanimous acclamation.
 - d. The Chancellor's challenge to set a goal for community volunteer hours by faculty was discussed. There was a brief discussion of how these hours might be recorded and what forms of volunteer work might be counted, but no action was taken.
 - e. Jerry Trick expressed the faculty's appreciation for Gary Phillips service as faculty senate president and led a round of applause.
 - f. Connie Morgan assumed duties of faculty senate president and reminded members to contact her for committee assignments.
- 5. New Business
 - a. No new business.
- 6. Faculty Concerns
 - a. Jerry Trick suggested that faculty members post their office hours on their door during finals' week.
 - b. Anthony Priest noted that faculty members were investing a significant amount of time performing committee work during the summer while they are not under contract.
 - c. Connie Morgan suggested that notes from committee meeting be posted so that new members can become aware of the activities of the committees they are joining.
- 7. Adjourn
 - a. Motion made to adjourn by Leigh Adams, seconded by Chris Dyer and several others, passed by unanimous

acclamation at 11:45.

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