

**Volume XVII, Number 1**  
**Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**September 21, 2023**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. KC Dolan at 2:00 pm. Roll was called by Interim Secretary Dave Westenberg. Those whose names are grayed out below were absent.

Lana Alagha, Venkat Allada, Stuart Baur, Matthew Burmeister, Devin Burns, Jeff Cawfield, Alexey Yamilov (for Alex Chernatynskiy), Amitava Choudhury, Steve Corns, Kathryn C. Dolan, William Fahrenholtz, Darin Finke, Mark Fitch, Mary Gillis, Ricardo Morales (for Michael Gosnell), Kelly Homan, Paul Runnion (For Wenqing Hu), Ali Hurson, Kurt Kosbar, Umit Koylu, K. Krishnamurthy, Alanna Krolikowski, Bih-Ru Lea, Kelly Liu, Ashok Midha, Eun Soo Park, Jorge Porcel, Melissa Ringhausen, Paul Runnion, Chaman Sabharwal, Rachel Schneider, William Schonberg, Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani, Jeff Smith, Lia Sotiriou-Leventis, Shoaib Usman, Dan Waddill, Jee Ching Wang, David Westenberg, Derek Williamson, Maciej Zawodniok

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the June 1, 2023 meeting were distributed prior to this meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

*Motion passes.*

**III. President's Report**

Dr. KC Dolan opened the meeting with a resolution to recognize Dr. Kate Sheppard for her service to Faculty Senate. (The wording of the resolution can be found in the meeting slides). Dr. Sheppard was presented a framed copy of the resolution and a plaque recognizing her service.

- Dr. Dolan reported on the Intercampus Faculty Cabinet (IFC) meeting on August 14 – 15, 2023. Topics discussed included.
- Ben Canlas reported on IT topics and strategies to balance ease of use with security. Keeping an eye on the data breach from MOVEit
- Missouri Online reported on strategies to address AI concerns in the education realm. Encouraging faculty to include AI statements in syllabi. Trying out AI tracking software but available software is less than ideal.
- Revisiting DEI actions at the system level in response to ongoing legislation.
- Dismissed a rumor that new faculty are expected to win NSF Career awards. Faculty are encouraged to apply but not required to do so.

Campus items presented include,

- Shared information presented to the New Faculty Forum emphasizing the importance of collaboration and participation of all campus constituencies in shared governance.
- Clarified her definition of shared governance.
- Presented her goals for the coming year, including clarification of FS officer roles.
- Made senators aware of the next General Faculty on December 5
- Significant discussion ensued regarding concerns that faculty were told if their DFW rates were greater than 15% their jobs may be in jeopardy. Administrators had denied that there was a specific mandate regarding DFW rates.

#### **IV. Campus Reports**

##### **A. Staff Council**

- Jackie Sansone raised awareness that Staff Appreciation Day for the Fall semester will be October 31 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Puck.

##### **B. Student Council**

- Sammi Young presented on the activities of Student Council. The executive team and committee membership have been filled. Offered help in filling other committees.
- Looking at student use of campus facilities and impact of construction on students.
- Looking into student fees and how they are being used.
- Looking into tutoring services and LEAD to ensure they have necessary resources.
- Student council is planning to be involved in numerous events on campus and the community.

##### **C. Council of Graduate Students**

- No report

##### **V. Special Topic-Assessment**

- Dr. Steve Raper presented on the HLC Assessment Academy and campus activities related to assessment. They are looking for faculty interested in serving on the team.

#### **VI. Reports of Standing Committees**

##### **A. Campus Curricula**

- Dr. Petra DeWitt presented for the Curriculum Committee (CC). The CC met on August 8 and reviewed 11 course change forms (CC forms), 3 Program Change forms (PC forms),

and 4 Experimental Course requests (EC form).

- The CC moves that Faculty Senate approve the 11 CC and 3 PC form actions.
- *Motion passes.*

#### **B. Committee for Effective Teaching**

- Dr. Devin Burns presented progress in developing a peer evaluation process. A team of experienced faculty and testing out the instrument.
- Reporting on upcoming activities including guidelines for self-reflection and training for online teaching certification.

#### **C. Information Technology & Computing**

- Interim CIO Perry Koob presented on behalf of ITCC at the request of committee chair Dr. Dan Stutts.
- Informed the Senate that ITCC has a new website <https://itcc.mst.edu>
- Described ITCC subcommittees such as the subcommittee on Cyber Security and NIST 800-171 with the goal of preventing security issues that have struck other universities. Supported Environments, Storage-Backup, and Research Equipment
- Provided an update on Windows 11 Armageddon and replacement of Windows 10 machines that broke during the failed Windows update several months ago.
- Explained the decommissioning of W: drives.
- Described the Computer Lifecycle Replacement process.
- Recognized concerns about some UMSYSTEM accounts being locked out and corrective measures. Directed folks to <https://status.mst.edu> for more information.
- Explained the decommissioning of alumni accounts.

#### **D. Budgetary Affairs**

- Dr. Mark Fitch informed the Senate there were no new referrals but would present a report on raises and continuing referrals:
  - Report on the “big picture balance sheet”
  - Current and next FY budget
- Explained the total operating budget for the past two FY
- Discount rate slightly higher than usual
- CARES funding has ended but was used for Covid related items so not major impact on budget
- Presented operating funds for the current fiscal year compared to last two years.
- State funding is up slightly
- Enrollments up slightly
- Explained the shift to market and merit increases vs. standard raises
- Reported in increases in administration salaries
- Explained the distribution of raises across campus broken down by departments.
- Provided comparisons and possible trends over recent years.

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

- Elections were held to fill various FS elected committees
- Election results were as follows:
  - Secretary – Paul Runnion
  - Budgetary Affairs - Jorge Porcel
  - Conflict of Interest – Amitava Choudhury and Jianmin Wang (2 year terms) and Haiming Wen (1 year term)
  - Grievance oversight – Ali Hurson (3 year term) and Grace Yan (2 year term)
  - Parking – Michel Gueldry, Risheng Wang, Pourya Shamsi, and Meggie Wen (2-year terms) and Petra DeWitt, Weibing Gong, and John Myers (1 year terms)
  - Scholastic appeals – Jeff Winiarz, Kurt Kosbar, and CJ Lungstrum (2 year terms)
  - Grievance hearing – Voted to have 2 panels
  - Grievance hearing – Joe Stanley and Julia Alexander (3 year terms), Lana Alagha and Genda Chen (1 year terms), Joe Stanley and Lana Alagha will be panel 1 and Julia Alexander and Genda Chen will be panel 2.

## **VIII. New Business**

- None

## **IX. Adjourn**

- The meeting adjourned at 4:08 P.M. Respectfully submitted,
- Dave Westenberg, Interim Secretary