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Minutes of the Special Faculty Senate Meeting

6 October 2026

I. Call to Order (2:04 PM) F. Han

II. Roll Call (2:04 PM) R. Schneider

- a. Present (in person) were: M. Bruening, Jeff Chalfant, Michael Davis, David Duvernell, Katherine Grote, Frank Han, Wenqing Hu, Warner Meeks, Paul Runnion, Raj Saxena, Risheng Wang, Alexey Yamilov
- b. Present (Proxy) were: J. Burken (proxy John Meyers), J. Coonrod (proxy Rachel Schneider), S. Corns (proxy John Davis), G. Grubbs (proxy Jeff Winiarz)
- c. Absent were: S. Baur, A. Belfi, W. Fahrenholtz, D. Feys, D. Finke, D. Fischer, D. Forciniti, S. Frimpong, K. Homan, B. Lea, P. Lindner, J. Mauer, J. Porcel, S. Puri, J. Rittenhouse, J. Schlegel, S. Sedigh Sarvestani, P. Shamsi, C. Smith, T. Sorenson, K. Swenson, J. Wang, H. Wen, D. Westenberg, V. Yu, M. Zawodniok

III. New Business (2:06 PM) F. Han

- a. Frank Han presented the following resolution to move into executive session for the purposes of discussing an honorary degree recipient. A motion was made to move into the executive session. Motion passed with voice.

WHEREAS, applicable Missouri S&T and University of Missouri System policies and procedures require honorary degree nominations to be reviewed by the Honorary Degrees Committee, which makes recommendations to the Faculty Senate; and

WHEREAS, the Honorary Degrees Committee has recommended an individual to the Missouri S&T Faculty Senate for consideration as a recipient of an honorary degree; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Missouri S&T Faculty Senate enter into executive session, closed to the public, for the purpose of reviewing and voting on the Honorary Degrees Committee's recommendation; and be it further

RESOLVED that attendance during the executive session shall be limited to members of the Faculty Senate (or their authorized proxies) and members of the Honorary Degrees Committee, and that the consideration of the honorary degree recommendation shall be the sole item of business conducted during the executive session.

Executive Session (2:08 PM)

F. Han

Faculty Senate

Joshua Schlegel, President
Frank Han, President-Elect
Paul Runnion, Past-President
Jeffrey Schramm, Secretary
Rachel Schneider, Parliamentarian

- a. John Myers, chair of the Honorary Degrees committee, presented the candidate for honorary degree. Committee vote was unanimous (5-0). A motion to endorse the recommendation was made. Motion passed, with one abstention.

Executive session ended at 2:15 PM.

- V. Announcements F. Han
 - a. General Faculty Town Hall: Tuesday October 6 at 3:30 PM in the Innovation Lab
 - b. October Faculty Senate meeting: Thursday October 22 at 2PM in the Welcome Center

- VI. Adjourn (2:15 PM)

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Schneider, Parliamentarian