

**MINUTES FROM MEETING OF  
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS  
FACULTY SENATE  
December 5, 2006  
3 p.m. 222 J. C. Penney**

The meeting was called to order promptly at 3 p.m. by Faculty Senate Chairman Timothy Farmer.

There were no minutes to approve because the previous meeting was a joint meeting of the Faculty Senate and University Assembly. Minutes from that meeting will be considered for approval at the next joint meeting of the two bodies, in February.

The Chair made note of the great tragedy of the student who was killed in a fire at an off-campus fraternity house.

**Report from the Chancellor** – Chancellor Thomas George

The Chancellor reported briefly on activities scheduled for the December 14-15 Board of Curators meeting in Columbia. He mentioned that Board members are very interested in the higher education rankings by U.S. News and World Report.

At the close of his report, Chancellor George recognized Provost Glen Cope, who reported that within five minutes, the Bulletin would be live on the Web.

**Report from the Intercampus Faculty Council** – Dr. Teresa Thiel

(see attachment to agenda)

**Report from the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction** – Dr. Edward Bennett for Dr. Mark Pope, committee chairperson, who desired to enter into the discussion...

On behalf of the Committee Dr. Bennett presented a draft academic calendar for 2007-08. Following a brief discussion Dr. Joseph Martinich inquired as to the amount of flexibility we have in setting spring break. His concern was that we accommodate as much as possible breaks by local school districts. Provost Cope was encouraged to find out when Mizzou's break is scheduled. If it is not in accordance with the new policy, this information could be used as leverage to persuade the System to look favorably on our position. The Senate voted to approve the calendar as presented for the time being.

Dr. Bennett then offered the Committee's recommendation that the Senate approve a change to the Honors College Certificate and to the degree requirements for the M.A. in History. Both were approved by the Senate without discussion or dissent.

When Dr. Bennett presented a proposal for a new degree program, the Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, considerable debate ensued. Faculty Senate Chairman Timothy Farmer asked if there were any objections to including non-senators in the discussion. Chairperson Emeritus Paul Speck indicated his agreement with this plan, provided that all senators who wished to were afforded the opportunity to speak. Dr. Susan Kashubeck-West was invited by Dr. Pope to begin.

Dr. Kashubeck-West reported that the APA affirms that we are talking about two distinct disciplines.

Both full-time and part-time students will graduate, she said. The plan will add little cost but will boost us up in the ranking, in terms of peer impressions. Traditionally, she explained, Education's students will work in college counseling programs.

Dr. Robert Calsyn, chair of the Psychology Department, commented that this proposed new offering is duplication because the licensing board in Missouri has one license to practice. He apologized to senators that the problem wasn't solved at an earlier point, but he noted that our new C&I forms treat a sign-off only as an indication of receipt.

Dr. Ann Steffen, director of the Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program, expressed concern that approving the program would cause our clinical students to have to compete with Education's students for sparse internship slots. She questioned the part-time feature of the proposal, pointing out that Psychology's students, who attend school full-time, take six years to complete the degree.

Dr. R. Rocco Cottone favored the proposal as a way to deliver mental health services to more people in the future. Many students are waiting, he said, for their dissertation studies because they want this resolved.

Director of the School of Social Work Lois Pierce added her misgivings about the apparent duplication, commenting that Missouri doesn't support mental health very well as things stand now. Jobs are just not available.

Dr. Charles Schmitz, dean of the College of Education, reported that a visit to the APA's website indicates that Counseling programs coexist with regular Psychology doctoral programs at many institutions in markets smaller than

St. Louis. If, he questioned, they can coexist at UMKC and UMC, why can't they coexist at UMSL? Dean Schmitz reported that his college has been working on these plans for five years and already has hired faculty in anticipation of the program's approval.

Dr. Calsyn remarked that he was not invited to C&I to discuss the proposal there. Dr. Brian Vandenberg, a member of the Psychology department, added his voice to the opposition.

Dr. Mark Pope conceded that there is some overlap but said the clinical people approach mental health from a medical model. In contrast, students in the Education program will go into community centers, colleges, and universities.

Referring to the Psychology representatives, Dr. Pope cautioned that other programs could be at risk if "they" are allowed to stop this one.

Addressing the process, Dr. Pope asserted that the C&I Committee does not regularly seek out people to come speak to the Committee about programs. He noted that the proposal was approved by the Graduate Council before it came to C&I.

Dr. Shirley Porterfield, of Social Work, questioned if Education will be adequately staffed to make this go. Dr. Cottone reported that one additional faculty member will be added to those already hired.

Dr. E. Terrence Jones zeroed in on procedural issues. Quoting from the Bylaws, he reported that it is C&I's job to examine proposals for overlap and duplication and, in the absence of same, to report them to the Senate. He suggested that it was perhaps too soon to bring this to the Senate until this duplication issue has been resolved. Dr. Jones moved to return the proposal to Committee for review of overlap and/or duplication. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Jeanne Morgan Zarucchi opposed the motion, saying this is not duplication: it is simply a matter of two existing routes to the same job. Dr. Matthew Keefer, chairman of the Committee on Bylaws

and Rules, agreed with Dr. Zarucchi.

Dr. Mark Burkholder, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was appealed to for his position. Dean Burkholder commented that this scenario reminded him of the old “Role and Scope” exercise, where some existing departments in Columbia tried to retain a monopoly of degree offerings. He spoke in favor of the proposal.

Dr. Jones noted that by voting immediately on the proposal, the result will be close. He asked the body to try one more time to see if some accommodation could be made by voting at the January meeting instead. Dr. Pope was adamant that the proposal be put to the vote without delay. Meetings have been held at many levels, he reported, and the proposal has been in the works for five years.

Dr. Donna Taliaferro called the question. Calling the question was approved. The Jones motion to return the proposal to Committee was then defeated, and discussion on the proposed new degree resumed.

Dr. Speck commented that Psychology and Counseling Education will be going after a different market, and the cost for the new program would not appear to be prohibitive.

Faculty Senate Chairman Timothy Farmer indicated that the vote would be taken by secret ballot.

Dr. Jones sought clarification about the meaning of the sign-off in the C&I process. Provost Cope offered a broad interpretation of the Bylaws, but she agreed that they would be better fine-tuned. Dr. Keefer offered to handle this through the Committee on Bylaws and Rules.

At the close of the discussion, the Faculty Senate decided by secret ballot – by a vote of 18 in favor and 13 against – to endorse the Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology.

Completing the business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Faculty Senate Secretary

(minutes written by  
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