

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
UM-ST. LOUIS
April 23, 2002
Century Room A
Millennium Student Center

Dr. Lawrence Barton, Chairperson of the 2001-02 Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order at 3:27 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting (held March 19, 2002) were approved as submitted.

Chair Barton called on Dr. E. Terrence Jones, who presented the attached Resolution concerning the attempt by the Missouri House of Representatives to reduce funding to UM because of certain articles authored by UM-Kansas City Professor Harris Mirkin. Dr. Paul Roth suggested that the Senate adopt a more all-encompassing statement that would cover the reduction in funding to UM due to the private political activities of Ms. Elizabeth Van Uum, Assistant to the Chancellor for Public Affairs, but Dr. Jones preferred to isolate the Mirkin issue as a clear-cut example of the breach of academic freedom. Dr. Jeanne Morgan Zarucchi seconded the Resolution, and it passed unanimously.

Report from the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction – Professor David Ganz and Dr. Nancy Gleason

General Education Requirements

Dr. Gleason introduced the proposal, which was appended in its entirety to the meeting's agenda. She explained that the target date is June 1 and that UM-St. Louis is the last institution to post a program. MU voted not to comply with CBHE. A block of 42 hours was identified. If a transferring student does not have the 42 hours, he/she will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Biology 113, 114, and 116 will be added to the list for Goal #6.

Dr. Gleason reported that CBHE recommended four knowledge goals and four skill goals, but we wanted to emphasize the knowledge goals. We lowered the goals from eight to six. A higher order thinking skill was being met by most courses in general education.

Our proposal combines mathematics and physical science. Under the current breadth of study requirements, we have a minimum of nine hours of math/science. The new proposal changes that to 12 hours.

The junior-level writing requirement is a graduation requirement that will remain in effect. Freshman Composition will meet only the communication skill goal.

The new proposal requires the same from our native students as from our transfer students.

Dr. Ratcliff moved that English 10 and English 11 be struck from Goal #2. The motion was seconded and approved.

Following a brief further discussion, the proposed new general education requirements (as amended) were approved by the Senate without dissent.

Ph.D. in Metropolitan and Regional Studies

Dr. Peter Stevens questioned the wisdom in starting a new program at a time when we are strapped for funds. Professor Ganz explained that if approved today, the proposal still must be reviewed by the System and by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The proposal was then approved by the Senate.

M.Ed. in Adult and Higher Education

Dr. Paul Roth inquired if all the courses listed in the proposed new program are existing courses. Dr. Gleason replied in the affirmative. The proposal was then approved by the Senate.

Certificate in Foreign Language and Study Abroad

Dr. Paul Roth asked who oversees the acceptance of courses for Study Abroad. Dr. Jeanne Zarucchi advised that the department will have the responsibility to decide if it will accept the courses. Dr. Roth moved to add to the end of the first paragraph under #2—Foreign Language Study Abroad--the following sentence: "All courses must be approved by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures for this certificate." The amendment was approved, after which the proposal (as amended) was approved with one dissenting vote.

Graduate Certificate in Program Evaluation

Dr. Gail Ratcliff noted that the proposed new certificate program requires 30 hours. It was moved by Dr. Lois Pierce and seconded by Dr. Herman Smith that the proposal be tabled until sign-offs can be secured from Social Work, Political Science, Sociology, Economics, Psychology, and PPA. The motion to table was approved by the Senate.

Graduate Certificate in Institutional Research

Dr. Lois Pierce moved to table the proposal pending the securing of sign-offs by Social Work, Political Science, Sociology, Economics, Psychology, and PPA. The motion was approved by a vote of 16 to 6.

Graduate Certificate in Logistics and Supply Chain Management

The Senate approved this proposal without dissent.

Graduate Certificate in the Teaching of Writing

Submitted by both Education and English, this proposal was approved without dissent.

Graduate Certificate in School Psychology

This proposal was not approved. A sign-off is required from Social Work.

Minors in Social Work and Art History

Both proposals were approved as submitted.

New Emphasis Area: M.B.A. with Logistics and Supply Chain Management Emphasis

This proposal was approved without dissent.

2+3 Programs

The following proposals were approved:

- B.A. and M.A. in Philosophy
- B.A. and M.A. in Sociology (delete fee statement)
- B.S. and M.A. in Economics

Change in Emphasis Area and Title: M.B.A. Emphasis in Operations Management

This proposal was approved as submitted.

Changes in Degree Requirements

All changes in degree requirements listed in the agenda were approved as submitted.

Courses

NOTE: Inadvertently, some courses were omitted from the list of approvals appended to the agenda. A complete list of all course changes, additions, and deletions is appended hereto.

In closing, Professor Ganz thanked the Committee for its consideration of nearly 400 items, and Dean Burkholder thanked Dr. Gleason for her hard work on the General Education proposal.

Report from the Intercampus Faculty Council – Drs. Lois Pierce and Joseph Martinich

(see attached)

Report from the Chairperson – Dr. Lawrence Barton

Dr. Barton thanked Professor Ganz and Dr. Gleason for their work on the Curriculum and Instruction Committee and Dr. Gleason and Dean Burkholder for co-chairing the General Education Committee. Chair Barton thanked Ms. Arban for her efforts and thanked Senate and Assembly committee chairs for their work. He added his thanks to those who have regularly attended Faculty Senate meetings.

The Chair noted that attendance has not been very good these past two years, and participation in campus affairs by the Faculty has not been very good. He suggested that we need more constructively critical voices, such as that of the departing Dr. Gail Ratcliff, who is headed for North Carolina at the end of the year. He credited her with being unafraid to speak out when she thought there was a problem, addressing comments either to the Administration or to the leaders of faculty governance on campus.

Dr. Barton expressed disappointment that other voices have not joined his in addressing the funding equity problem. He said he hoped that we can keep up the pressure via IFC and the local media. Over the past two years, the Chair said, he has maintained the lines of communication with the Administration, in spite of the fact that he has often disagreed with them. He has tried to keep negative items out of the newspaper. Some have told the Chair that he has been too kind to the Administration. To this, he disagrees, but believes he has done what his instincts have told him were best for the institution.

Chair Barton urged people to observe the voting deadline (May 2) for ATP procedures. He stressed that this was a faculty-driven exercise, and the details are the best compromise to which we could agree.

The IFC has been kept up-to-date on the University Copyright policy, and a draft has been circulated. Vice President Lehmkuhle has taken the lead on this and tried very hard to keep it faculty-friendly. He has had a number of disagreements with the University attorneys, but his perspective has been that faculty members retain ownership, and that if it is taken away, then the Administration has to prove that it has invested substantial resources in the project. If there are questions or comments, Senators were directed to one of the IFC members or Dr. Lehmkuhle.

In closing, he reminded everyone that the Spring Faculty Meeting will be held on May 9. He wished his successor, Dr. Van Reidhead, his best and promised to help as much as possible without getting in the way. Dr. Barton suggested that we change the way in which we elect Senate Chairs so that the identity of all candidates is known at least a week in advance of the election.

On behalf of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Teresa Thiel thanked Dr. Barton for his hard work over the past two years.

Completing the business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lois Pierce/jma".

Lois Pierce
Senate Secretary

(minutes written by Ms. Joan M. Arban,
Assistant to the Senate Chair)