

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
University of Missouri-St. Louis  
Faculty Senate  
November 12, 2019  
402 JCPenney**

Following the University Assembly meeting, the Faculty Senate meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Senate Chair Alice Hall. Dr. Hall asked for approval of the Senate minutes from the meeting on October 15, 2019. The minutes were approved as written.

**Report of the Chairperson (Dr. Alice Hall):**

Dr. Hall reported that there will be no report from the Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) today because the IFC has not met since the last Senate meeting. The next IFC meeting will occur on November 15. An IFC report will be included on the agenda for the December Senate meeting.

**Update on Journals/Elsevier (Dr. Alice Hall, Dean Chris Dames, Dr. Jim Chickos):**

Dr. Hall provided the following background regarding journals and Elsevier:

- There is ongoing debate about how best to ensure access to research findings and the role that academic publishers should play in this.
- Concerns include rising costs of journal subscriptions, which limits the distribution of research findings.
- One response is open access publishing, where findings are available online for no cost to the user (but, under some models, to the author or their institution).
- There is also a movement to boycott Elsevier, one of the major academic publishers, which includes Germany, Sweden, Hungary and the University of California system.

Within the UM System, Dr. Hall reported that President Choi instituted a Task Force to look at issues relating to open access. The Task Force has submitted their report, but it is still being reviewed and has not yet been distributed. In the meantime, prices for journal subscriptions have been rising steadily, while the funds to pay for them have remained, at best, flat. The same budget buys less every year and subscriptions are complex. Each university has some of its own subscriptions. Contracts for some types of access are interlinked across the four campuses. This year, UM-Columbia has indicated they can no longer afford to subscribe to some Elsevier journals. Due to the way the contracts are structured, this means that all four campuses would lose online access to a collection of articles called the “Freedom Collection” unless funding is found from other sources or a new contract is negotiated.

Dr. Hall explained that the Faculty Senate has collected the faculty feedback on how the loss of access to these journals would impact their work. The Senate received varied responses. Although some faculty indicated they would be unaffected or that this would be a minor inconvenience, other faculty indicated that it would have a major effect on their work. Fields that expressed greater impacts tended to be in the Natural Sciences, Health Sciences, and some areas of Business.

Dr. Hall stated that faculty feedback has been distributed to Research Policy/Library Committee co-chairs, the IFC, and the Dean of Libraries, to better inform system-level discussions about how to go forward in a way that best supports the Universities’ research mission. Dr. Hall reported that the Senate can re-visit this topic once the Task Force’s report is released.

Dr. Hall explained that UMSL faculty have a resource to freely distribute their own published research (when publishing contracts allow), through the Library's Institutional Repository. Ms. Helena Marvin in the library can assist faculty with this process.

**Curriculum & Instruction Committee Report (Mr. Michael Allison):**

Mr. Allison reported on the following proposals:

- Academic Calendar for 2021-2022. **The Faculty Senate approved the proposed calendar.**

**The Faculty Senate voted to approve the following list of uncomplicated program proposals:**

- M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice (Change)
- M.A. in Economics (Change)
- Undergraduate Certificate in Ethnicity, Migration and Human Diversity (Drop)
- Undergraduate Certificate in Evolutionary Studies (Drop)
- Undergraduate Certificate in Gender and the Military (Drop)
- Undergraduate Certificate in Greek Studies (Drop)
- B.S. in Mechanical Engineering (Change)
- Graduation Requirements of the UMSL/Washington University Joint Engineering Requirements (Change)
- Undergraduate Certificate in Women's Leadership (Drop)

Mr. Allison presented the following proposals to the Faculty Senate:

- M.S. in Computer Science (Change)
- B.S.Ed. in Elementary Education, Middle School Emphasis Area (Change)
- Ph.D. in Mathematical and Computational Sciences (Change). The Faculty Senate discussed this proposal in detail. **After discussion, the Senate voted to approve this proposal.**
- B.S. in Nursing, Accelerated Program Admissions Requirements (Change)
- B.S. in Nursing, Accelerated Program (Change)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice, MSN to DNP (Change)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice, Advanced Practice Nursing Emphasis Area (Change)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice, BSN to DNP (Change)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice, BSN to DNP, Leadership and Healthcare Systems Emphasis Area (Change)
- M.A. in Psychology, Behavioral Neuroscience Emphasis Area (Change)

**All of the above proposals were approved by the Faculty Senate.**

- Masters of Social Work (Change) – at the request of the School of Social Work, this proposal was withdrawn from the proposal list to be presented at a future date.

Dr. Hall asked if there was any other business. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate/Assembly Secretary

(Minutes written by Loyola Harvey, Faculty Senate/University Assembly Office)