

Minutes of the September Session of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate held the September session on Thursday, September 12, 2024, in PSU 313. Chair Scott Zimmerman called the session to order at 3:30 p.m. Mike Hudson served as parliamentarian.

Substitutes: Rebekah Austin for Andrew Albritton, Information Technology & Cybersecurity; and Anna Woods for Randi Ulbricht, Biomedical Sciences.

Absences: Melinda Hammerschmidt, Greenwood Lab School; Matthew Calihman, English; Abby Templer Rodrigues, Sociology & Anthropology; Albert Barreda, Hospitality Leadership & Agriculture Leadership; Adam McGee, Plant Science, Natural Resources & Anial Science; Aaron Sauer, Technology & Construction Management; and Bonnie Slavych, Communication Sciences & Disorders.

Guests: Djene Bajalan, History; Katrina Chavez, Office of the Registrar; Alex Johnson, Community Engagement; Melinda Novik, Curriculum Committee Chair/MCHHS; Tamia Schiele, SGA President; Tonia Tinsley, LCR Asst. Dept. Head; and Alan Schick, Graduate Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May minutes were approved as posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If necessary, a carry-over meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, at 3:30 p.m. (location TBD)
- Presidential Installation – Thursday, October 17 @ 4pm, Juanita K Hammonds Hall
- October Senate meeting – Tuesday, October 22 @ 3:30, Karls 101
- We need 25 Senators to sign up for the Strategic Planning session, Wednesday, October 22nd at noon.
- The Office of the Provost is looking for an expert in AI.
- Reminder – Public Affairs Conference – September 24-26
- Melinda Novik is a liaison for Senate this year with the Office of the Registrar working with curriculum and the new Curriculog system and assisting faculty in understanding the curricular process. She's happy to answer questions about the system and curricular proposal process, alleviating some of the new transition duties from Katrina Chavez. Please reach out to Melinda if help is needed. She encouraged faculty to attend the Curriculog training sessions.

BEAR PANTRY

Alex Johnson, Director for the Center for Community Engagement, spoke about helping students utilize the resources of the Bear Pantry, PSU 140. Tours are available.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Tamia Schiele, President of SGA, reported on current student government work and activities, and introduced the 2024-25 Faculty Senate representative, Christabel Ghansah.

REPORT ON SENATE ACTION SUMMARY

Chair Zimmerman reported forty-one Senate Actions were considered in 2023-2024 and all were approved.

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT

Senate Parliamentarian Mike Hudson presented the report.

ACTION ON CURRICULAR PROPOSALS

Senator: Steve McIntyre, History

New Interdisciplinary Program: **History of Religion Graduate Certificate**

Moved by Senator Steve McIntyre, History

APPROVED: SA 1/24-25

AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FACULTY

Senate Parliamentarian Mike Hudson detailed upcoming amendments to the Bylaws and Constitution of the Faculty which will be considered by the Committee on Rules and brought to Senate.

FACULTY SENATE REORGANIZATION

Chair-Elect Mike Foster reviewed the considerations for organizing the representation on Senate. He answered questions from the Senate, and Chair Zimmerman entertained further discussion from Senators.

Senator Flannery made a motion to postpone the conversation until the October session. **The motion passed.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Kim Finch
Secretary of the Faculty

Senate Action 1-24/25

Adopted by Senate on September 12, 2024

Faculty Senate Chair Must Be Notified of Intent to Challenge By: September 20, 2024

Right of Challenge Expires October 7, 2024

New Interdisciplinary Program: History of Religion Graduate Certificate