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I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The special Faculty Senate meeting was called to order at 13:33 by President Michael Davis and roll was taken.

Those whose names are grayed out below were absent.


The following substitutions were noted: Dee Montgomery for Amber Henslee, Michael Bruening for Michael Meagher, KM Isaac for Dan Stutts, and Kris Swenson for David Wright.

II. Domestic Partner Benefits (DPB) – Michael Davis

The voting rules were explained by President Michael Davis.

A motion was made that any vote today would be by secret ballot. A voice vote was taken and called by the chair in favor of the secret ballot. A show of hands was requested and showed the following: Ayes:10 Nays: 14 Motion failed.

The original motion made by RP&A at the April 19, 2012 meeting was shown as stated below:

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the Missouri University of Science and Technology recommends that domestic partners, both same-sex and opposite-sex, of University of Missouri employees be allowed access in a fiscally responsible manner to all of the same rights, privileges, and benefits to which opposite-sex spouses currently are entitled.

An amendment that had been proposed to the original resolution at the April 19, 2012 meeting was taken up, as stated below:

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the Missouri University of Science and Technology recommends that same-sex domestic partners, both same-sex and
opposite-sex, of University of Missouri employees be allowed access in a fiscally responsible manner to all of the same rights, privileges, and benefits to which opposite-sex spouses currently are entitled.

After discussion, a voice vote was taken on the amendment to the resolution, and called by the chair in favor of the amendment. A call for the division was requested and showed the following: Ayes: 19, Nays: 8. The amendment was adopted.

The amended resolution, restated as follows, was taken up for discussion.

*Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the Missouri University of Science and Technology recommends that same-sex domestic partners of University of Missouri employees be allowed access to all of the same rights, privileges, and benefits to which opposite-sex spouses currently are entitled.*

After discussion on the amended resolution, a motion was made to call the question, which passed unanimously.

A vote was taken on the amended resolution, and called by the chair in favor of the resolution. A call for the division was requested and showed the following: Ayes: 21 Nays: 4 Abstained: 1 The motion on the amended resolution passed.

Slides that were displayed during the meeting can be found at the following link: http://facultysenate.mst.edu/media/campussupport/facultysenate/documents/fs-mtg-ppt/2012/FS.SpecMeet.Slides.%2004.26.12.pptx

A motion to adjourn passed at 14:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Nisbett, Secretary