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Minutes of the Special Faculty Senate Meeting
April 26, 2012

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.

Mohamed Abdelsalam, Levent Acar, S.N. Balakrishnan, Jerry Bayless, Martin Bohner, Brenden Burke, Steve Corns, Michael Davis, Joel Dittmer, Bob Dubois, Cassie Elrod, Fikret Ercal, Bill Fahrenholtz, Mark Fitch, Daniel Forciniti, Ron Frank, Steve Grant, Barbara Hale, Lance Haynes, Amber Henslee, Wayne Huebner, Kurt Kosbar, Bih-Ru Lea, Nicholas Leventis, Michael Meagher, Ashok Midha, Glenn Morrison, Mark Mullin, Ken Ragsdell, Robert Roe, Tom Schuman, Dan Stutts, Shoaib Usman, Thomas Weigert, Doug Welter, Paul Worsey, David Wright and Chengshan Xiao.

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