

MSU Faculty Senate

April Minutes

The MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2005 in the Cheyenne Meeting Room of the Clark Student Center. Senators present included: Arnoult, Sharon; Bultena, Charles (Treasurer); Coe, Mary Ann; Comello, Robert; Curran, Barbara; Davids, Mark; Hansen, Chris; Johnston, Chuck; Lewandowski, Elizabeth; McClintock, Stuart (Secretary); Montoya, Claudia; Redmon, Bob (Vice Chair); Roberts, Roe; Scales, Jon; Schuppener, James; Shao, Chris; Stiles, Beverly; Tucker, David (Chair).

Agenda was unanimously approved. March minutes had previously been approved by e-mail.

Current Business:

1. Academic Dishonesty Policy: Vice-Chair Redmon explained to the Senate the revisions the committee on which he has been serving had made to the Academic Dishonesty Policy. The revision puts MSU's policy in line with those of similar universities in Texas. It is now in an outline form rather than a narrative form. It is the instructor's responsibility to determine what constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty. The revision makes no distinctions as to the degree of the incident in question; all incidents should be reported according to the guidelines established in the revision. The revision also includes a list of possible sanctions.

A move was made to discuss the revisions, which was approved.

A point was made that since an incident will become part of a student's file, the student has more incentive to dispute instructors' claims against him/her. Another point was made that without sure proof, the instructor will be reluctant to accuse. Finally, it was mentioned that, in terms of legal liability, the instructor is the liable one.

A call to question was made for the revisions. With one abstention, the motion to approve the revisions was passed.

2. Student Success Committee: Vice-Chair Redmon reported that a proposal has been made to change the Student Retention Committee to the Student Success Committee. The proposal came out of the committee changing admissions standards to indicate the university's dedication to improving retention rates. The committee felt the university ought to do more to support students. The Associate Provost, who was not a member of the Student Retention Committee, will chair the new committee. There will also be greater faculty representation. A move has been made to change the purpose of the committee from "To design and recommend collaborative programs" to "To recommend collaborative programs".

Senator Arnoult moved to approve the proposal with Senator Schuppener's second. The proposal was called to question for approval, and it was approved.

3. Report from the IDEA Committee: Senator Montoya was a member of the IDEA committee, and she reported on the on-line survey taken of the evaluation tool. A very high percentage of responders favored dropping this system, and a decision has been made to stop using IDEA. It

will be used for one more semester in fall 2005 and will be replaced by a new tool. The most frequent complaints about IDEA were the problems of its implementation in the classroom and the difficulty in interpreting results. Most responders favored a shorter form. The committee is already looking at evaluation forms from other universities.

Faculty expressed their appreciation for the extensive polling done regarding the form.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Council: (Tucker) (no report)

Board of Regents: Chairman Tucker said that the BOR had voted to go forward with the Wellness Center.

Academic Council: (Redmon) See attached addendum.

Enrollment Management: (Stiles) (no report)

Intercollegiate: Senator Hansen reported that this committee has been frustrated this year because it is to be an oversight committee and has not received anything to oversee. The committee will soon begin its student-athlete evaluations. AD Ray said that a women's cross country team will be added making five men's sports and five women's sports at MSU. He also said that many fewer incidents of trouble with athletes have occurred this year due, in part, to the efforts of the coaches.

Alumni: (Shao) (no report)

Student Affairs: (Lewandowski) See attached addendum.

Treasurer: Senator Bultena said the account currently has sixty dollars.

Old/New Business:

Policy 3.111 Chairman Tucker presented the Senate with a revision of Policy 3.111 which defines "faculty" and lists the type of contracts issued to faculty. After some discussion, the senate voted to submit these changes to the Academic Council for their consideration

Rank and Promotion Policy: Chairman Tucker brought up the topic for discussion that Dr. Rogers would like to have more flexibility after a faculty member receives two no votes at any stage of the five review steps. The Senate discussed the topic and took no action. The Senate does have concerns about such flexibility and may take up this subject again at a later date.

Committee Reports:

Academic Council Report: Friday, April 1, 2005

Submitted by Robert Redmon

April 1, 2005: The Academic Council met at 1:30 p.m. in the Caddo Room CSC.

1. Dr. Wiedemann reported that President Rogers has decided to postpone the re-introduction of the graduate hooding ceremony until Fall Commencement due to pre-existing time constraints.
2. Dr. Clark introduced the new Admission Standards (attachment 1). These new standards

were approved by the Council.

3. Dr. Wiedemann announced the pending formation of a Student Success Committee (attachment 2).
4. Changes to the Graduate Catalog proposed by Dr. Capps were approved (attachment 3).
5. Changes to the Undergraduate Catalog proposed by Drs. Sportsman and Horner were approved (attachment 4).

New Business
Proposed New Admissions Standards

Attachment 1

Proposal:

The following criteria are suggested for beginning freshman unconditional admission beginning with the fall 2006 class:

Top 10%	Automatic Admission by HB1588, no minimum
Next 15%	ACT 18 / SAT 870
Second quartile	ACT 20 / SAT 950
Third quartile	ACT 22 / SAT 1030
Fourth quartile	ACT 24 / SAT 1110

Applicants who fail to meet the requirements for unconditional admission may be admitted by conditional admission (advised admission). Students must have a minimum composite ACT score of 18 or a combined SAT score of 870 to be considered for conditional admission. Applicants who fail to meet the minimum ACT score of 18 or SAT of 870 requirement will have their applications denied by MSU admissions. When these applicants are notified, they will be given the opportunity to provide additional information to justify their admission to the university.

Transfer Student Admission Policy – no changes were recommended to this policy.

Policy Governing High School Concurrent Students – no changes were recommended to this policy.

**New Business
Student Success Committee**

Attachment 2

Student Success Committee			
Purpose:	To design and recommend collaborative programs, services, and experiences to help new students become successful and well-oriented members of the campus community.		
Personnel:	The Associate Provost, one faculty member from each college appointed by the respective dean, the Student Government Association President, the Director of the Honors Program, a representative from the Office of Admissions, a representative from the Office of the Registrar, a representative from the Student Affairs Council, a representative from the Enrollment Management Council, a representative from Upward Bound, two representatives from the Academic Support Center, the Dean of Students, a representative from the Housing Office, and the Director of Student Activities. The Associate Provost will serve as chair.		
Reports to:	Associate Provost		
Members:			
Associate Provost	(chair)		
Faculty – BA			
Faculty – ED			
Faculty – FA			
Faculty – HSHS			
Faculty – LA			
Faculty – SM			
Student Government Association President			
Honors Program Director			
Admissions Office Representative			
Registrar’s Office Representative			
Student Affairs Council Representative			
Enrollment Management Council Representative			

Upward Bound Representative			
Academic Support Center Representative			
Academic Support Center Representative			
Dean of Students			
Housing Office Representative			
Director, Student Activities			

New Course Addition:

HSAD 5293. Managerial Epidemiology

Prerequisites: none

Description: The course will focus on the principles and practices of monitoring disease status and control as they relate to healthcare management. It will emphasize the use of epidemiological methods and procedures, as well as data sources as a basis for sound decision making. Core aspects of management will be emphasized in relationship to the critical evaluation of a communities' and/or populations' health. It will review the historical disease patterns, medical science, healthcare issues, biomedical statistics, and computer application usage.

Lecture/Lab Hours: 3

Type of Course: lecture

Texas CIP code: 26.1309.00 02

College of Health Sciences and Human Services – Dr. Sportsman

Item 1: In compliance with our accreditation, additions to the undergraduate catalog are requested.

Athletic Training Educational Program

Clinical and Field Experience: Due to the strong practical component of the ATEP, clinical supervision by approved clinical instructors provides for unique educational experiences. The Commission on the Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs (CAAHEP) Standards and Guidelines require that students receive a minimum of 2 academic years of clinical experience as part of the course work in the ATEP. This clinical instruction and supervision will occur in a variety of athletic training settings including collegiate, secondary, clinical, hospital, and rehabilitative. These experiences are provided in conjunction with ATRN 2801, 2901, 3801, 3811, 3901, and 4801.

Financial Information: Fees associated with the program include, but are not limited to, coverage of annual liability insurance premiums, uniforms, and personal equipment necessary for clinical experience, immunizations and screenings, transportation, and meals associated with off-campus clinical experience, and professional memberships.

Graduation: The completion of a Bachelor's of Science degree in Athletic Training requires 132 credit hours. This degree is exempt from the University's minor requirement. Students may pursue additional major or minor areas of study to complement the program, realizing that additional coursework and time will be necessary. A teaching certificate is recommended for those students wishing to seek employment in secondary school settings upon graduation.

Careers in Athletic Training: Following graduation, attainment of NATABOC certification and proper state licensure, the certified athletic trainer may practice in a variety of settings including secondary schools, colleges and universities, professional athletics, sport medicine clinics, fitness/wellness centers, and corporate/industrial settings.

Item 2. Course Deletion:

KNES 1212. Conditioning Activities-Step Aerobics

**Item 3. New Course Additions:
KNES 1212. Pilates**

NURS 4103. Nursing Care in the United States

Prerequisites: Student must be an international Registered Nurse who is participating in an organized nursing Program for international students.

Description: The focus of the course is to prepare international registered nurse students for success in advanced nursing courses in the United States. Emphasis will be placed on concepts related to the U.S. health care delivery system and nursing practice in the U.S., in comparison to the home countries of the students.

College of Science and Mathematics – Dr. Horner

Change of Lecture/Lab Hours (effective Fall 2005):

BIOL 3331. Genetics Laboratory. ~~4(0-2)~~ 1(03)

Minutes of April Student Affairs Committee

- 1) Dr. John Alexander has been named Director of University Sponsored Research. Protocols for grantsmanship through that office are being developed. A national search is underway for a new VPFA.
- 2) The Council recommended the request for a chapter of Kappa Delta Chi be forwarded.
- 3) The creation of a student parallel to the MSUpdate was discussed.
- 4) Spirit Days 2005 have taken a step forward from previous Spirit Days. This year's participants will stay overnight and experience more fully the university experience. The Council recommended the proposed fee structure.
- 5) The Bookstore reported that 80% of Fall book requests have been filed and thanked the faculty.
- 6) Dean of Students, Dail Neely reported that there has been a big increase in the number of campus disciplinary issues. He thanked the faculty for the increased use of student alerts. Dail reported that parental notifications are now being issued on the first violation and that these had mostly been received in a positive manner. The increase in disciplinary issues is a national trend.
- 7) Homecoming 2005 will be a "Harley Homecoming".
- 8) The faculty is encouraged to attend the Arbor Day Picnic on April 29, 4-6 pm, at the SLC.
- 9) The Alumni Association Annual Fund, the Office of Student Development and the Career Management Center have purchased reference guides for graduating seniors. "life after school. explained." will be made available beginning with the Spring 2005 graduating class.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart McClintock
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

David Tucker
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

The next Executive Committee meeting will be at 3 PM on Thursday April 28 in the Apache Boardroom in CSC.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3 PM on Thursday May 5 in Cheyenne Meeting Room in CSC.

