The MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on August 25, 2005 in the President’s Board Room in the Hardin Building. Senators present included Arnoult, Sharon; Bultena, Charles (Treasurer); Coe, Mary Ann; Comello, Robert; Davids, Mark; Davis, Fred; Guthrie, Paul; Johnson, Tina; Johnston, Chuck; Kaciuba, Gail; Kilgore, Lon; Lewandowski, Elizabeth; Marty, Melissa; McClintock, Stuart (Secretary); McNeely, Tom; Redmon, Bob (Vice Chair); Rhoads, Jon; Scales, Jon; Schuppener, James; Stiles, Beverly (Parliamentarian); Tucker, David (Chair).

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

Current Business:

1. Senate Officer Elections: Members of the 2005-2006 Senate elected its officers for the academic year last May. The slate of officers below was ratified at the present meeting.

   Chairman: David Tucker
   Vice-Chairman: Bob Redmon
   Secretary: Stuart McClintock
   Treasurer: Charles Bultena
   Parliamentarian: Beverly Stiles

2. Selection of representatives to councils.

   The Chair of the Senate sits on the Administrative Council and attends the Board of Regents meetings. The Vice-Chair attends the Academic Council meetings. Representatives for the other councils for 2005-2006 are

   Enrollment Management Council-Beverly Stiles
   Intercollegiate Athletics Council-Melissa Marty
   Alumni Association Council-Gail Kaciuba
   Student Affairs-Elizabeth Lewandowski

3. Tenure and Promotion Clarification Committee

   In an effort to address problems and ambiguities that arose from using the new tenure and promotion guidelines for the first time in the 2004-2005 academic year, Ron Fischli will chair an ad hoc committee to study any areas that need clarification of procedures. It should be noted that the committee's mission is not to make changes to the criteria because the guidelines will be studied for revision after their second year of operation.
4. Topics of concern for the Senate to address in the 2005-2006 academic year.

A. Clarification was sought about Constitution Day September 17. Any university with Title IV funding must do something on Constitution Day to increase knowledge about the United States Constitution. As the Senate rep to the Student Affairs Council, Senator Lewandowski enumerated the varied programs that the Student Affairs Office will present on that day. It should be noted that professors are not required to do anything more in their classes than has already been planned by Student Affairs.

B. General discussion arose about issues that the Senate and faculty should be aware of regarding potential and actual changes in requirements and funding.
- New state legislation requires that universities can only require the minimum number of hours recommended by SACS, which currently is 120 hours, unless the university receives approval from the Coordinating Board to require more hours in a given major. The approval for more than the minimum will be done on a case-by-case basis.
- The state will not fund its portion of tuition after a student has taken thirty credit hours beyond his/her major requirements.
- More and more is being added to professors' duties beyond their teaching of subject matter, such as the American Democracy Project.
- The state will not contribute its share of tuition for a course taken for the third time.
- The state will not contribute its share of tuition for a course taken for a second time that was passed the first time.

C. Senator Lewandowski would like the Senate to invite an MSU student to address the Senate about a lobbying group he is forming whose goal is to make the state contribute more towards the university's budget than it does at present.

D. Senator Lewandowski asked if a policy about cell phones in class should be considered.

E. Senator Lewandowski would like to ask the administration to consider raising the percent of the university's ORP contribution for professors hired after 1995 to that of professors hired before that year.

F. Senator Bultena would like the Senate to consider and to ask for suggestions for a new name for the university mascot. His suggestion is The Golden Eagles.

G. Senator Comello asked to revisit the issue from last May’s meeting regarding the problems distance-education students are having taking the Writing Proficiency Exam. He would like to go ahead with the Senate’s recommendation from the May meeting to invite Dr. Bugg to speak to the Senate regarding these concerns.

H. In a related issue, Senator McNeely wanted to study the Writing Proficiency Exam requirement. He would like to know if it's a state or a university requirement. If it's a state requirement, he wondered if another way of meeting the requirement might be found. If it's a university requirement, he wondered why it's required. He will look into these issues with Senator Coe.
I. Chairman Tucker read from Article IX of the Faculty Senate Constitution in the policy manual dealing with the charge of the Senate. He wanted to make the Senate aware of the breadth of issues that it is charged with considering.

New Business:

1. Chairman Tucker wanted to address a problem faced by many newly hired state employees. A new state employee is not enrolled in the state's insurance policy for a full three months after his/her contract goes into effect. Some employees must purchase costly temporary insurance. The Chairman thinks that a signing bonus of 1,000-1,500 dollars could be offered to newly hired faculty to cover this expense or to cover other expenses incurred in starting anew at MSU. Senators Arnoult, Stiles, and Johnson volunteered to help Chairman Tucker draft a proposal of this idea to present to the BOR.

2. Chairman Tucker reminded senators that it is time for each college to choose its candidate for the Piper Award and for the Faculty Award.

Committee Reports:

1. Administrative Council (Tucker): See attached addendum
2. Board of Regents (Tucker): See attached addenda
3. Academic Council (Redmon): See attached addendum.
4. Enrollment Management (Stiles): See attached addendum
5. Intercollegiate Athletics Council: Faculty rep Paul Guthrie said there will be a men's golf team starting competition in the 2006-2007 year. This year will be a recruiting year. The Council will also discuss renaming the university's mascot.
6. Alumni Association Council: (no report)
7. Student Affairs( Lewandowski): See attached addendum
8. Other active committees: none
9. Financial report (Bultena): The Faculty Senate has sixty dollars. Treasurer Bultena will ask the President for funds to replenish the treasury when probable expenses for the 05-06 year are determined.

After soliciting further comment, Chairman Tucker entertained a motion to close the meeting. Senator Schuppener moved to adjourn with a second by Senator Arnoult.

Addenda:

1. Academic Council Report
Submitted by Robert Redmon

May 17, 2005: The Academic Council met at 2 p.m.

1. The Provost proposed and the Council approved a change in the Policy Manual that provides a new definition for the term “Faculty.”
2. Ms. Penrose proposed and the Council approved a change in the Catalog that permits IELI
admission to the university through an institutional TOEFL score.

2. Dr. Capps proposed and the Council approved the following changes to the Graduate Catalog.

   **Change of Course Prerequisite(s):**

   **BUAD 5313. Legal Environment of Business**
   Prerequisite(s): Consent of MBA Coordinator

3. Dr. Horner proposed and the Council approved the following Undergraduate Course and Catalog change.

   **New Course Addition:**

   **BIOL 4900. Research Orientation**
   Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor and department chair
   An introduction to research topics and methods. The course may be repeated.

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**June 22, 2005:** The Academic Council met at 2:00 p.m. in the Kiowa Room, Clark Student Center. I did not attend as I was out of town.

**July 2005:** The Academic Council did not meet.

**August 17, 2005:** The Academic Council met at 2 p.m. in the Kiowa Room, Clark Student Center.

1. Darla English presented a draft Academic Calendar for the next several years. The only remarkable feature is the combining of Spring Break and Easter Break, which was met with warm approval by the Council.

2. Dr. Sportsman and Dr. Wyatt proposed a number of course and degree plan changes in Kinesiology, including an Athletic Trainer Degree. They were all approved by the Council. See Attachment 1.

3. An (ad hoc) Tenure and Promotion Feedback Committee will function again this fall to address concerns arising from last year’s initial implementation of the new T&P policy and procedures. Dr. Ron Fischli will again chair the committee and members will be the essentially the same as the first T&P Feedback Committee. Two new members have been added to replace members who have left the university.

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**Attachment 1**
Undergraduate Course and Catalog Changes

College of Health Sciences and Human Services – Dr. Sportsman

1. The Department of Kinesiology has thoroughly reviewed its offerings and recommends the following changes.
Majors offered:

1. Bachelor of Science with a major in Kinesiology with and without teacher certification
2. Bachelor of Arts with a major in Kinesiology with and without teacher certification
3. Bachelor of Science with a major in Exercise Physiology
4. Bachelor of Science with a major in Health Sport and Fitness Management
5. Bachelor of Science with a major in Athletic Training

The BA and BS degrees with a major in Kinesiology without teacher certification will be phased out immediately.

The curriculum in each of the majors has been revised. The changes recommended reflect movement within each field toward accreditation and certification (NCATE for teacher education, ASEP for Exercise Physiology, NASPE for Sports and Fitness Management, and NATA for Athletic Training). They will enhance the quality of the programs and allow for a more viable program within each field. Graduates of the revised majors will be highly competitive in the market.

These are considered non-substantive degree program changes and will be submitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for final approval following consideration by the MSU Board of Regents.

Further, the Department wishes to add a minor option. Currently, the Department of Kinesiology offers a minor in Kinesiology. The department wishes to add a minor in coaching. Such an addition would make it possible for students, independent of their major, to include coaching at the secondary or intramural level in their career plans.

Kinesiology (BA and BS)

- KNES 1011 Fundamentals of Physical Activity and Health (Internet)
- KNES 1053 Foundations of Kinesiology
- ATRN/KNES 1203 Health and Wellness
- KNES 1983 Anatomical Assessment of Human Movement
- KNES 1993 Fundamentals of Human Movement
- KNES 2212 First Aid and Safety
- KNES 2503 Physiology of Sport and Fitness
- KNES 3003 Dance and Gymnastics Methods and Techniques
- KNES 3363 Motor Development
- KNES 3423 Team Sport Methods and Techniques
- KNES 3433 Individual and Dual Sport Methods and Techniques
- KNES 3603 Tests and Measurement
- KNES 3653 Physiology of Exercise
- KNES 4103 Mechanical Kinesiology or KNES 4643 Anatomical Kinesiology
- KNES 4106 Physical Education Planning and Assessment
- KNES 4513 Physical Activity for Exceptional Individuals
- KNES 4523 Organizational Management in Kinesiology
- KNES 4663 Fundamentals of Elementary Physical Education
- KNES 4693 Fundamentals of Secondary Physical Education
- KNES 4703 Exercise Testing, Prescription, and Programming
KNES Elective (3363 Motor Development, 4033 Sport Psychology, 4513 Physical Activity for Exceptional Individuals, 4853 Curriculum Development and Administration of Physical Education Programs)

KNES Majors Activity

Exercise Physiology

KNES 1011 Fundamentals of Physical Activity and Health (Internet)
KNES 1053 Foundations of Kinesiology
ATRN/KNES 1203 Health and Wellness
KNES 1983 Anatomical Assessment of Human Movement
KNES 1993 Fundamentals of Human Movement
KNES 2002 Exercise Leadership I
KNES 2213 First Aid and Safety
KNES 2333 Nutrition
KNES 2503 Physiology of Sport and Fitness
KNES 3103 Exercise Leadership II
KNES 3331 Sport and Exercise Pharmacology
KNES 3603 Tests and Measurement
KNES 3653 Physiology of Exercise
KNES 3913 Therapeutic Exercise [was 4813]
KNES 4033 Sport and Exercise Psychology
KNES 4103 Mechanical Kinesiology
KNES 4643 Anatomical Kinesiology
KNES 4676 Internship in Kinesiology
KNES 4703 Exercise Testing, Prescription, and Programming

Minor Requirement

BIOL 1113 Introduction to Clinical Laboratory Science
BIOL 1144 General Zoology
BIOL 1544 General Botany
BIOL/KNES 2333 Nutrition
BIOL 3234 Comparative Anatomy of the Vertebrates
BIOL 3004 Microbiology
BIOL 4023 Immunology
BIOL 3333 Genetics
BIOL 4443 Histology

Minor in BCIS

Sport and Fitness Management

KNES 1011 Fundamentals of Physical Activity and Health (Internet)
KNES 1053 Foundations of Kinesiology
ATRN 1073 Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries
ATRN/KNES 1203 Health and Wellness
KNES 1983 Anatomical Assessment of Human Movement
KNES 1993 Fundamentals of Human Movement
KNES 2213 First Aid and Safety
KNES 2333 Nutrition
KNES 2503 Physiology of Sport and Fitness
KNES 3103 Exercise Leadership II
KNES 3203 Programming for Fitness and Recreational Activities
KNES 3353 Officiating [was 2353]
KNES 3603 Tests and Measurement
KNES 3653 Physiology of Exercise
KNES 4033 Sport and Exercise Psychology
KNES 4103 Mechanical Kinesiology or KNES 4643 Anatomical Kinesiology
KNES 4333 Outdoor Education
KNES 4513 Physical Activity for Exceptional Individuals
KNES 4523 Organizational Management in Kinesiology
KNES Elective (3323 Coaching Theory and Practice, 3333 Outdoor Education, 3423 Team Sport Methods and Techniques, 3433 Individual and Dual Sport Methods and Techniques, 3913 Therapeutic Exercise, 4703 Exercise Physiology and Clinical Assessment)
KNES 4621 or 4673 Internship in Kinesiology
KNES 4703 Exercise Testing, Prescription, and Programming
KNES 4813 Therapeutic Exercise
KNES 4991 or 4993 Topics in Kinesiology
KNES Majors Activity
KNES Majors Activity
KNES 2213 First Aid and Safety
KNES 3603 Tests and Measurement

Athletic Training

ATRN 1063 Introduction to Athletic Training
ATRN 1073 Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries
ATRN/ KNES 1203 Contemporary Health Topics Health and Wellness
ATRN 2701 Application of General Medical Assessment
ATRN 2703 General Medical Assessment
ATRN 2801 Practicum in Basic Athletic Training
ATRN 2901 Application of Therapeutic Modalities
ATRN 2903 Therapeutic Modalities
ATRN 3313 Pharmacology and Athletic Training
ATRN 3331 Sport and Exercise Pharmacology
ATRN 3801 Practicum in Orthopedic Assessment and Management I
ATRN 3803 Evaluation of Athletic Injuries I
ATRN 3811 Practicum in Orthopedic Assessment and Management II
ATRN 3813 Evaluation of Athletic Injuries II
ATRN 3901 Application of Therapeutic Exercise
ATRN 3913 Therapeutic Exercise
ATRN 4423 Research and Athletic Training
ATRN 4801 Application of Athletic Training Techniques
ATRN 4903 Administration of Athletic Training
KNES 1053 Foundations of Kinesiology
KNES 1983 Anatomical Assessment of Human Movement
KNES 1993 Fundamentals of Human Movement
KNES 2213 First Aid and Safety
BIOL/KNES 2333 Nutrition

**KNES 2503 Physiology of Sport and Fitness**

KNES 2363 Motor Development
KNES 3603 Tests and Measurement
KNES 3653 Physiology of Exercise
KNES 4033 Sport and Exercise Psychology

**KNES 4103 Mechanical Kinesiology**

KNES 4643 Anatomical Kinesiology
KNES 4703 Testing, Prescription, and Programming Exercise Physiology and Clinical Assessment

BIOL 3004 Microbiology
NURS 3203 Pathophysiologic Process

**Minor in Coaching**

ATRN 1073 Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries
KNES 1983 Anatomical Assessment of Human Movement
KNES 1993 Fundamentals of Human Movement
KNES 2503 Physiology of Sport and Fitness
KNES 3303 Coaching theory and Practice
KNES 4033 Sport and Exercise Psychology
KNES 3502 Sport Specific Coaching

2. ATRN Course and Catalog Changes (effective Fall 2005)

**New Course Additions:**

**ATRN 1073. Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries**
Prerequisites: none
Description: Introduction to basic athletic training techniques used for prevention and care of injuries common to the physically active individual. Students will receive first-aid and CPR certification in addition to basic athletic taping, bracing, and padding techniques.
Lecture. 3 (3-0)

**ATRN 2701. Application of General Medical Assessment**
Prerequisites: ATRN 1073 and acceptance into the Athletic Training Education Program.
Co-requisite: ATRN 2703
Description: Clinical application of the principles for prevention, assessment, and management of injuries and illnesses common to the physically active individual.
Practicum. 1 (0-3)

**ATRN 2703. Athletic Training: General Medical Assessment**
Prerequisites: ATRN 1073 and acceptance into the Athletic Training Education Program.
Co-requisite: ATRN 2701
Description: Principles for prevention, assessment, and management of injuries and illnesses common to the physically active individual. Learning experiences emphasize concepts related to pre-participation physical examinations; injuries and illnesses of the abdominal, thoracic, cranial, and facial areas; and the athletic trainer’s role as part of the healthcare team.
Lecture. 3 (3-0)
ATRN 3331. Sport and Exercise Pharmacology (dual listed with KNES)  
Prerequisites: BIOL 3004 and NURS 3203  
Description: A survey of important pharmacological concepts and agents relevant to health, sport, and fitness professionals.  
Lecture. 1 (1-0)

ATRN 3363. Motor Development  
Prerequisites: one semester of anatomy and physiology  
Description: Motor and physical development from birth to adulthood, with an emphasis upon childhood. The course includes a study of the neurological, physiological, intellectual, social, and emotional factors that influence gross and fine movement abilities.  
Lecture. 3 (3-0)

Deletion of Courses:
  ATRN 1063. Introduction to Athletic Training  
  ATRN 2801. Practicum in Basic Athletic Training  
  ATRN 2803. Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries  
  ATRN 3313. Pharmacology and Athletic Training

Change of Course Prerequisite:  
  ATRN 4903. Administration of Athletic Training  
  Prerequisites: ATRN 3901, 3913

3. ATRN Course and Catalog Changes (effective Fall 2006)

Deletion of Course:  
  ATRN 4901. Practicum in Administration of Athletic Training

Change in Lecture/Lab hours:  
  ATRN 4903. Administration of Athletic Training  
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### Athletic Training Baccalaureate Degree Plan

**Midwestern State University**  
College of Health Sciences & Human Services  
Department of Kinesiology

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Student ___________________________  Date _____________

Department Chair _________________________  Date _____________

**NOTE:** I have read and understand that this is not an official record of work taken. It does not supersede catalog requirements for which I am fully responsible.
2. Board of Regents Meeting May 13th, 2005

The Board of Regents met for their annual summer meeting on August 4th and 5th 2005. A summary of topics and actions of interest to the faculty follows:

- Approved a new program, ACCESS MSU, to provide a waiver of local board authorized tuition for up to two courses during each fall and spring semester for the first 150 high school students who are accepted unconditionally to MSU and are within a commuting distance of MSU. The program will also be offered for the summer session beginning summer 2005, and will provide a local tuition waiver for one course each summer term for the first 50 high school students who are accepted unconditionally to MSU. This tuition waiver will only be available for courses taken on the MSU campus and will not be allowed for any distance or internet classes.

- Approved the purchase of new basketball scoreboards, a sound system, game/shot clocks and related equipment for the D. L. Ligon Coliseum, as well as a sports sound system for the soccer field.

- Approved a holiday schedule for staff employees for 2005-2006 as follows:
  
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- Approved renaming the Department of Geology to Department of Geosciences.

- Approved the following criteria for beginning freshmen unconditional admission beginning with the fall 2006 class:

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- Approved emeritus status for five retiring employees:
  
  Dr. Jacqueline Cuevas, professor of psychology
  Dr. Martha Harvey, professor of business administration
  Dr. William Hinds, professor of mathematics
  Dr. John Kocurko, professor of geology
Mr. Joseph Warndof, associate professor of mathematics

- Approved the following faculty promotions:

  **From the rank of assistant professor to associate professor**
  - Bambi Bailey, Ph.D.  education & reading
  - Stuart MacDonald, Ph.D.  economics
  - James Sernoe, Ph.D.  mass communication

  **From the rank of associate professor to professor**
  - William Cook, Ph.D.  biology
  - Mildred Gore Lancaster, Ed.D.  counseling/special education
  - Gail Kaciuba, Ph.D.  accounting
  - Patrick Mitchell, Ph.D.  mathematics

- Approved tenure to the following faculty:

  - Bambi Bailey, Ph.D.  education & reading
  - Stuart MacDonald, Ph.D.  economics
  - Robert Redmon, Ed.D.  education & reading
  - Catherine Stringfellow, Ph.D.  computer science

Respectfully submitted,

David Tucker
Faculty Senate Chair

3. Board of Regents Meeting August 4 and 5, 2005
11/11/04

The Board of Regents met for their annual summer meeting on August 4th and 5th 2005. A summary of topics and actions of interest to the faculty follows:

- Authorized the purchases of the houses and properties located at 2504 Hampstead Lane and 2512 Hampstead Lane. Source of the funds is the Land Proceeds Fund.

- Approved Emeritus Status for Joanne Flanders, assistant professor of nursing, who is retiring after 16 years of service.

- Approved adding men’s golf to the team sport offerings at MSU. The 2005-06 academic year will be a recruiting year only with 2006-07 being the first year of competition for the team.

- Approved the 2005-06 operating budget of $57.6 million.

- Approved modification of the university organizational chart as outlined:
• Add the position of Director of Museum to report directly to the President.
• Change the title of Director of Sponsored Programs to Director of Grant Development and Administration.
• Removed the Intensive English Language Institute from the Provost’s area
• Changed the department of Business Services to Purchasing.

• Approved changing the name of the current Bachelor of Science with a major in Health Fitness Management degree to the Bachelor of Science with a major in Sport and Fitness Management degree. Also approved phasing out the BA and BS degrees with a major in kinesiology without teacher certification.

Respectfully submitted,

David Tucker
Faculty Senate Chair

4. Enrollment Management Meeting (August, 9th 2005)
Submitted by Beverly Stiles

I. Darla Inglish:

Provided a proposed calendar through August 2008.

She suggested that phone registration should not be published during spring 2006. The phone system is on its “last leg” and can’t be supported.

If there are front-section catalogue changes needed, bring those to Enrollment Management meeting for Sept.

II. House Bills submitted to Darla Inglish by Debbie Barrow:

A. House Bill 1630 (McReynolds/West) - Excused Absence for Military Personnel Called to Active Duty. Allows students attending institutions of higher education who are called to military duty to have their absences excused from attending classes or engaging in other required activities, including examinations, when they are on active military service. It also authorizes the Coordinating Board to adopt rules regarding the procedures for excusing the absences. This Act takes effect immediately (earliest effective date June 17, 2005).

***As long as they don’t miss over 25% of the classes

B. Senate Bill 34 (Zaffirini/Morrison) – Tuition Rebate Program. Adds a requirement that a student graduate on time, as defined by the B-On-Time loan forgiveness provisions, to receive tuition rebate. Therefore, a student would have to both graduate within four years for a four-year degree, five years for a five-year degree (i.e. engineering or architecture), and within three hours of the number of hours required for the degree to qualify for a
rebate. The Act would allow students who cannot meet the program year requirements due to hardship to be eligible to receive a rebate. The hardship provisions do not apply to students who fail to complete their degrees within three hours of their programs’ requirements. This Act takes effect immediately (earliest effective June 17, 2005).

III. Kathy Pennartz:

Constitution Day: All institutions with federal funds are required to put together a Constitution Day. Sept. 17th is the designated Day.

Additional issues brought up by Friederike:

IV. SACS will be led by Sam Watson

--We should have students take three-peat courses on an off year since this is connected to our funding.

--COPLAC: Submitting application by end of November. Site team will be on campus this spring. We may become members next June.
--We will start program evaluations and coteaching courses.

--American Democracy Project:

--Infusing First-Year Project with American Democracy Project---Evaluate our campus on 9 dimensions (of first year experience).

--We need to phrase our mission to express our values. First line will necessarily begin with The Liberal Arts Institution of Texas.

5. Student Affairs Council Report

August 23, 2005

The Student Affairs Council met several times over the summer. All the department directors/heads offered their services to the Faculty Senate to attend Senate meetings and speak on relevant topics when requested. Information pertinent to the faculty is included below.

Annual Fund Phonathon: Students are need to work the Phonathon. The students should be personable, speak clearly and be comfortable making cold calls. Successful applicants will be paid $6.15 an hour. Faculty are encouraged to recommend students for the positions.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED): AED devices have been purchased and will be installed in the Outdoor Recreation Center, Ligon Hall, Fain Fine Arts, the Clark Student Center, Hardin, Moffett Library and 2 AEDs will be carried by the Campus Police in their cars. These devices, intended to be used in conjunction with other CPR activities, will be available for use by trained volunteer, but can be operated by anyone if needed. The Good Samaritan Law should protect anyone using the device to save a life from prosecution regarding negative outcomes resulting from the use of the AED. A policy for
the installation, maintenance and use of the devices was passed by the Student Affairs Council.

Bookstore: The bookstore has a number of new employees this fall and faculty are reminded to bring their ID cards to ensure that appropriate discounts are given when shopping in the bookstore. A new website is being developed to allow students to order their books etc from the bookstore before arriving on campus. As part of the contract with MSU, the bookstore returned $255,000 to MSU during the last academic year.

Computer Labs: MSU cards are now required to access the computer labs in the Moffett Library and the Clark Student Center.

Constitution Day: As mandated by the federal government, all organizations that receive Title IV funding must celebrate Constitution Day (the signing of the U.S. Constitution took place on September 17, 1787) to offer the opportunity for students and employees to more thoroughly understand the U.S. Constitution. In accordance with the law, MSU will celebrate Constitution Day on Friday, September 16, to take advantage of several nationally available programs. The free programs will be advertised campus wide.

New office of Grants: Dr. John Alexander has now moved into his new office and has developed draft protocols for grantsmanship. As these are developed further, the campus will receive copies of the protocols.

NCAA: A committee will shortly be appointed to consider the ramifications of changing the MSU mascot and athletic team name(s). In accordance with recent NCAA rulings, MSU has until February 1, 2006, to make any changes. Football is exempt from this ruling as there is not NCAA football tournament.

Points of Pride: Janus Buss has requested that faculty direct articles regarding recognition of work done by faculty, staff and students be sent to her for inclusion in Points of Pride.

Readmissions Committee: All student who applied for conditional readmission to the university this fall were approved. The committee reported that 70% of the students conditionally readmitted for the Spring 2005 semester successfully completed the semester, a remarkably high rate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Faculty Senate

David Tucker
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

The next Executive Committee meeting will be at 3 PM on Thursday September 8 in the Apache Boardroom in CSC.
The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3 PM on Thursday September 15 in Cheyenne Meeting Room in CSC.