

MSU Faculty Senate

January Minutes

The MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, 2005, in the Cheyenne Meeting Room of the Clark Student Center. Senators present included: Arnoult, Sharon (acting as secretary for Stuart McClintock); Coe, Mary Ann; Comello, Robert; Cuevas, Jacqueline; Curran, Barbara; Davids, Mark; Johnston, Chuck; Lewandowski, Elizabeth; Montoya, Claudia; Schuppener, James; Shao, Chris; Slavens, Dawn (Parliamentarian); Stiles, Beverly; Tucker, David (Chair). Charles Olson attended for Liberal Arts in place of Stuart McClintock.

The following topics were discussed:

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

The December minutes had been previously approved by e-mail vote.

Current Business

1. Senator Coe moved approval of the Academic Dishonesty Policy, Senator Arnoult seconded. The policy passed unanimously.

2. Chair Tucker reported back to the Faculty Senate on his discussions with the Provost regarding the IDEA Student Evaluations. These will continue to be used at least through the spring of 2005, but there will be a two-week window for their administration, instead of one week. A committee will be created this spring to study the IDEA Student Evaluations and various options regarding it. Faculty Senators are to suggest 4 names of faculty from their colleges to their respective deans; each dean will then select 2 persons to represent the college on this committee. Senators are urged to get the suggested names to their deans within the next couple of weeks.

3. Chair Tucker reported on his discussions with the Provost on the Faculty Senate's suggestion that there be more flexibility in faculty office hours. The policy of ten hours per week remains in place as of now.

4. There was discussion of what may be upcoming topics in the near future: the evaluation of programs as required by the strategic plan; possible mission statement revisions that would stress the liberal arts foundation to education at MSU; possible revision of the post-tenure review policy; increased duties of departmental chairs; and issues that may arise from actions taken by the Texas state legislature in its current session.

There were no committee reports.

Next Executive Committee meeting is Tuesday, February 3, 2005, at 3 pm in the Apache Board Room, CSC.

Next Faculty Senate meeting is Thursday, February 10, at 3 pm in the Cheyenne Meeting Room,

CSC.

Sharon Arnoult
Acting Secretary