

# MSU Faculty Senate

## November Minutes

The MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on November 10, 2005 in the Cheyenne Meeting Room of CSC. Senators present included Arnoult, Sharon; Bultena, Charles (Treasurer); Coe, Mary Ann; Comello, Robert; Davids, Mark; Davis, Fred; Johnson, Tina; Kaciuba, Gail; Kilgore, Lon; Lewandowski, Elizabeth; Marty, Melissa; McClintock, Stuart (Secretary); McNeely, Tom; Redmon, Bob (Vice Chair); Scales, Jon; Stiles, Beverly (Parliamentarian); Tucker, David (Chair). Gary Lewis represented James Schuppener.

The agenda was unanimously approved. October minutes had previously been approved by e-mail.

### *Current Business:*

1. Changes to Rank and Tenure Handbook. Treasurer Bultena moved to accept the most recent changes to the Rank and Tenure Handbook as they stand, which was seconded. With one no-vote and an abstention, the motion passed.

2. Report on the Faculty Senate Website. Secretary McClintock updated the Senate on the Senate's new webpage that the university webmaster Adam Chavez has created. It is located under the faculty-staff section of the MSU homepage. It includes links to the Senate's by laws, members (with officers), meeting schedule, and the Texas Council of Faculty Senates. It also has archives of the minutes of the Faculty Senate meetings since September 2004. The previous secretary, Michael Vandehay, will send minutes for the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 years to the webmaster for posting.

3. Faculty Course Evaluation Form. Senator Lewandowski moved to accept the new evaluation form that will replace IDEA. Vice-chair Redmon seconded the motion. After discussion of some of the questions on the form, the Faculty Senate rejected the motion unanimously. Chairman Tucker asked Senators to discuss the new evaluation tool with members of the committee who had created it. He also asked for senators to send him suggestions for improvement.

### Committee and Other Reports:

1. Administrative Council (Tucker): (no report)
2. Board of Regents (Tucker): See end of minutes
3. Academic Council (Redmon): The Academic Council approved the new undergraduate and graduate catalogs.
4. Enrollment Management (Stiles): (no report)
5. Intercollegiate Athletics Council : (no report)
6. Alumni Association Council: (no report)
7. Student Affairs (Lewandowski): (no report)

8. Other active committees: none
9. Financial report (Bultena): The Faculty Senate has \$ 1,169.

#### Closing Items:

1. Chairman Tucker wanted the university community to be aware of the speech made by Bob McTeer, the Chancellor of the Texas A and M University System, at the meeting of the Texas Council of Faculty Senates about the situation at Texas A and M-Kingsville. You may access the speech at his address  
<http://tamusystem.tamu.edu/chancellor/mcteer/speeches/2005tamus/kingsville/>.

2. Chairman Tucker said that an election for the faculty award will take place over the next two weeks.

After soliciting further comment, Chairman Tucker entertained a motion to close the meeting.

#### Committee Reports:

Report of Board of Regents Meeting November 3 and 4, 2005.

The Board of Regents met for their annual November meeting on November 3rd and 4th 2005. A summary of topics and actions of interest to the faculty follows:

1. They approved the new Mission Statement for the University
2. They authorized the administration to begin the search for architects for the Wellness Center, the Museum renovation and the redesign of University entrances and signs
3. They approved changing the university mascot from the Indians to the Mustangs
4. They approved raising the distance education fee from \$25 to \$32 effective Fall 2006
5. They approved adding a \$100 per credit hour fee for undergraduate course which are repeated for the third or more time
6. They approved the list of December graduates, subject to the completion of all requirements
7. They approved the Permanent Academic Dismissal Policy
8. They approved the name change of the BCIS program to the MIS program
9. They approved the name change of the International Student Services Office to the Office of International Services
10. They approved a new Assistant to the Director of Admission position to do recruitment of first generation and of Hispanic/Latino students from Region 9
11. They approved a new Assistant Director of the Annual Fund
12. They approved the addition of another Police Officer I
13. They approved the request by Stuart MacDonald for a year's leave of absence to continue his education. He has been accepted into the LL.M. in Law and Economics program at George Mason University.
14. They approved the requested changes in the Policy Manual for the following policies
  - a. Policy 2.337 Vice President for University Advancement and Student Affairs responsibility statement

- b. Policy 2.338 University Boards, Councils and Committees making changes in
  - i. Enrollment Management Council
  - ii. Student Affairs Council
  - iii. Academic Appeals Committee
  - iv. Budget Oversight Committee
  - v. Student Success Committee
- c. Policy 3.225 Longevity Pay
- d. Policy 3.321 Medical Insurance
- e. Policy 3.343 Dual Employment with the State
- f. Policy 4.164 Solicitation of funds
- 15. In addition, they approved two new policies (yet to be given numbers)
  - a. 3.3XX Employment of Foreign Nationals
  - b. 4.1XX Public Access Defibrillation Program
- 16. They approved closing Marchman Hall
- 17. In light of the largest gift in the history of the university, given as an endowment trust for the College of Business Administration, the Board approved changing the name of the college to the Dillard College of Business Administration, and the name of the new COBA building will be the Dillard College of Business Administration building.
- 18. The President announced that the December Commencement speaker will be Senator Steve Ogden, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee
- 19. Associate Provost Robert Clark gave a presentation on the financial aid picture at MSU (Awards total over \$29.8 million)
- 20. Kristal Amador gave a presentation on the Annual Fund, which has exceeded its goals over the past two years. The alumni database has almost 36,000 records, and last year they had 8.1% alumni participation (which surpasses several other state universities) and raised \$201,000 (their goal was 7% participation and \$100,000). Their goal for this year is 8% participation and \$200,000. As of October 27, 2005 they have reached 2.1% participation and \$54,900.
- 21. Janus Buss gave a report on the progress and future direction of the Marketing Campaign

Respectfully submitted,  
David Tucker  
Faculty Senate Chair

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 December 1 in the Apache Boardroom in CSC.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3 PM on Thursday December 8 in Cheyenne Meeting Room in CSC.