

MSU Faculty Senate

August 2007 Minutes

The MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on August 23, 2007, in the Kiowa Ex-Students Dining Room in the CSC. Senators present included Black, Alan; Coe, Mary Ann; Comello, Robert; Donovan, Tim; Dover, Ernest (Parliamentarian); Garrison, Steve; Giddings, Greg; Goldberg, Gary; Gooch, Roxanne; Gorham, Jim; Hallford, Randal; Harlow, Kirk; Kilgore, Lon; Lockhart, Robin; May, Marsha (Treasurer); McClintock, Stuart (Secretary); Medford, Ann; Mills, Dana; Owen, James; Paddack, Ted; Redmon, Bob (Chair); Rincon-Zachary, Magaly; Stiles, Beverly (Vice-Chair); Watts, Lynette.

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

Current Business:

1. Ratification of officers: Senator Coe moved to ratify the slate of officers elected at the May meeting. Senator Donovan seconded the motion, and it passed.

The officers for the 2007-2008 Faculty Senate are

Chair: Bob Redmon

Vice-Chair: Beverly Stiles

Secretary: Stuart McClintock

Treasurer: Marsha May

Parliamentarian: Ernie Dover

2. Tobacco Policy: The Student Affairs Council has put forth a proposal for a new tobacco policy that would ban all tobacco products on campus and at any university-sponsored event. The Senate is to consider this policy and pass on a recommendation to Dr. Rogers about it.

Although signs will be posted on campus about the ban, many senators expressed concern that the policy has no provisions for enforcement.

After further discussion, Senator Rincon-Zachary moved to table this issue until next meeting so that senators could poll their constituents about this policy before making any recommendation.

Senator Goldberg seconded the motion, and it passed.

3. Balloting for Faculty Award: Senators Gooch and Owen of the Dillard College of Business Administration will collect and tabulate ballots of the upcoming election for Faculty Member of the Year to be named at the December graduation ceremony.

Committee and Other Reports:

1. Administrative Council (Redmon): (no report)

2. Board of Regents (Redmon): (no report)

3. Academic Council (Stiles): (no report)

4. Enrollment Management (May): (no report)

5. Intercollegiate Athletics Council (Comello): (no report)
6. Alumni Association Council (Watts): (no report)
7. Student Affairs (Coe): (see end of minutes). In response to Senator Coe's report from the Student Affairs Committee about recycling, Senator Hallford stated that the American Chemical Society Student Affiliates is already recycling white paper on campus. It collects paper in designated blue barrels in some offices and in the computer labs.
8. Other active committees: none
9. Financial report (May): The Faculty Senate has \$ 1,748.

Closing Items:

Old Business:

1. Senator Donovan addressed some issues regarding traffic and safety that the Senate had discussed in the last academic year. He wanted to point out that campus law that gives right-of-way to pedestrians at all times is not in accord with Texas state law that grants pedestrians the right-of-way only in certain circumstances, most notably at crosswalks but not outside of designated crossing areas.

Chair Redmon mentioned that the Board of Regents had congratulated the Senate on its interest in traffic and pedestrian safety on campus. The university has taken some action to improve safety by eliminating some parking spots that obstructed vision when occupied.

Senator Coe moved to invite Chief of Police Hagy to a Senate meeting to discuss safety and other traffic-related issues. Senator Garrison seconded the motion, and it passed.

New Business:

1. New Class size minimums and cancelled classes: Many Senators were taken by surprise by the recent policy change that requires an undergraduate class to have at least fifteen students and a graduate class to have at least seven. Senators stated that this policy will make it difficult for departments with fewer majors to have advanced classes, or it could eliminate some majors and minors. Others wondered how this policy fits in with the university's commitment to the mission of COPLAC. Others questioned the early cancellation of courses that may have met the enrollment requirement.

Dr. Rogers will speak to the Senate at its September meeting to discuss the background checks for new faculty. The Senate would also like the President to address issues regarding this new enrollment policy.

2. Announcements: University Librarian Clara Latham will come to the October meeting to discuss, among other things, access to the media library.

After soliciting further comment, Chairman Redmon entertained a motion to close the meeting. With a second from Senator Gorham, Senator Harlow motioned to close the meeting. The Senate adjourned at 4:30

Committee Reports:

**Minutes of Student Affairs Council
August 21, 2007**

Chair

- Budget cuts
- Support athletics

Career Management

- September 15 – Part-time/volunteer Fair

President of Student Body

- Buses to home football games from campus and two apartment complexes
- Looking into recycling

Housing

- 60 students at Arbor Creek apartments
- Board approval to study new housing that would be owned by MSU

Board Meeting report

- New housing
 - Market study for need
 - Greek housing

Student Affairs

- Infusion/Leap – 55 freshman
- Greek recruitment – Debbie Neely (short turn project)
- Artist Lecture Series
 - Diane Rehms
 - Bob Dole
- Food service
 - Quisino's
 - Pizzeria on end of row

Dean of Students

- Revamp of student center
 - Chairs in lab, carpeting in certain areas, pool tables recovered
- Alcohol education
 - September 10
 - Violation are down since beginning this program last year

- Parent Association
 - Board being developed
 - Electronic newsletter
 - Family day

Campus One

- Maroon money gaining in enrollment
- Adding more participants

Police

- Decal for faculty and staff will be hung on front mirror
- Registered to person – not vehicle
- Available August 30

Athletics

- Working on business contacts for money for athletics
- gomustangs.com

Student Activities

- Working on getting out of state students together
 - “mustangs across the map”
 - 790 students attended spirit days
 - Welcome week –first week – various activities
 - Sept. 22 - New student convocation
 - juggler/speaker for entertainment

Webmaster

- banners on the right side of the home page can be used for advertising upcoming events and various other ideas
 - You can get a response count to the number of people visiting the banner
- Online chat is available for departments wanting this – advising and webmaster are up and running
- Webcams are coming!

University Advancement

- Goal - \$4,000,000

Student Development

- Sept. 25 – Happy Hour sponsored by West College of Education at the Museum
- October 27 – Wichita Hotel 4-6

Medical

- Flu may be very prevalent this year

Bookstore

- New t-shirts –organic cotton, made in Africa

Disability

- Many students from Winston School are enrolled – more in the pipeline
- Those with disabilities need to contact department to receive the open door device

Counseling Center

- Sept. 12-13 – Study habits and test anxiety
- Sept. 19
 - TACT Meeting/TLRC
 - Identifying mental health issues in students

Public Relations

- Additional billboard
- Using #1 best value slogan
- Contact if you want a tag that can go on stationery

Wellness

- Fit-a-thon
 - 300-400 students
- 30 student workers

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Coe, D.Ed.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart McClintock
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Bob Redmon
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

The next Executive Committee meeting will be at 3 PM on September 6, 2007, in the Apache Boardroom in CSC.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3 PM on September 13, 2007, in Kiowa Ex-Students Dining Room in CSC.

