

MSU Faculty Senate

October 2007 Minutes

The MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on October 11, 2007, in the Kiowa Ex-Students Dining Room in the CSC. Senators present included Black, Alan; Coe, Mary Ann; Donovan, Tim; Dover, Ernest (Parliamentarian); Fields, Peter; Giddings, Greg; Gooch, Roxanne; Hallford, Randal; Harlow, Kirk; Kilgore, Lon; Lockhart, Robin; May, Marsha (Treasurer); McClintock, Stuart (Secretary); Medford, Ann; Owen, James; Redmon, Bob (Chair); Rincon-Zachary, Magaly. Qain Li represented Charles Bultena. Herzon Wade from the Student Government Association attended the meeting.

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

Chairman Redmon welcomed two new members of the Faculty Senate. Associate Professor of English Peter Fields will finish Steve Garrison's term that ends this year. Associate Professor of Mathematics Joel Scmitter has replaced Dana Mills for this year only because the latter has a class at the same time as the Senate meets.

Current Business:

1. Dr Robert Clark, Vice-President for Institutional Effectiveness and Enrollment Management, and Mr. Keith Lamb, Associate Vice-President for Student Affairs, addressed the Senate about two different programs that their offices have developed for potential implementation. Dr. Clark presented a plan that would create a new relation with Vernon College. Mr. Lamb spoke about a project to make selective university services available to Vernon College students. They would like to implement both programs in Fall 2008.

Dr. Clark reported that Austin is encouraging universities to develop agreements between community colleges and senior universities to help first-generation and at-risk students in particular. With this in mind, "Midwestern State University-Vernon College Degree Partnership Program" was developed. Dr. Clark presented the following description of the program to the Senate.

"The MSU-Vernon proposal was developed by personnel in Student Affairs and Academic Services in conjunction with key personnel from Vernon College. **Specifically, the program is designed for students who have applied for and been denied admission to MSU.** Those students would be invited to apply for admission to Vernon College in order to gain entry into the program. Participation in the program would require enrollment in three semester hours on the MSU campus and a commitment to live in a MSU dorm unless special circumstances warrant waiving this requirement. Students would have the same rights and privileges accorded all MSU students. Simultaneously, students would be concurrently enrolled in a minimum of nine hours at Vernon College's Century City campus. This, in turn, would give students all of the rights and privileges accorded Vernon College students. The MSU-VC program is considered a two semester program. At the end of two semesters, students who have completed a minimum of nine

hours of nondevelopmental course work with a minimum 2.0 grade point average would be transitioned from the partnership program into MSU as a full-time student. Failure to achieve a 2.0 grade point average would require continuing in the partnership program.”

Mr. Lamb also presented details of a potential program called Experience MSU that would make selective services on the MSU campus available to Vernon College students. They would pay usage fees for the services that they would like to use. The text of this proposal follows.

“Recognizing the joint benefit of making selected Midwestern State University services available to students of Vernon College, the **Experience MSU** program is designed with the flexibility required by today’s college student. All Vernon College students enrolled at the Century City Campus and not enrolled in the MSU-VC Degree Partnership Program will be eligible to purchase optional services from MSU.

At the time of initial enrollment at VC, and each semester thereafter, students will be provided an Experience MSU enrollment form with optional services and associated fees. Payment will be rendered to the MSU Business Office.”

Questions followed the two presentations. Senator Donovan asked if all applicants who had been denied admission to Midwestern would be invited to participate in this program. Dr. Clark said that only certain applicants would be invited to join this program, but the cut off point had not yet been determined. Senator Donovan also was afraid that this program might provide a way for weaker students to circumvent the higher admissions standards that have been established.

Senator Black asked how Vernon students could live in dorms on campus when there is not enough room at present for MSU students. Mr. Lamb said that building a new dorm was in the works and that housing on or off campus would be found for these students.

After Dr. Clark and Mr. Lamb left, the Senate discussed the two proposals. Many Senators echoed Senator Donovan’s concern that this program would be a way to get around the university’s new higher admissions standards. There was also some confusion whether a student would take nine or eighteen hours at Vernon before transferring. Senators were hesitant to embrace a transfer policy that would require only nine hours to transfer. Senators were also concerned that the type of courses a student would take was not specified.

Senator May made a motion to postpone the issue until next meeting. Senator Donovan seconded the motion, and it passed. Chairman Redmon will speak with Dr. Clark to get clarification about the proposals and to voice the Senate’s concerns so that the Senate can address these programs at its November meeting.

2. Chief of Police Michael Hagy also addressed the Senate to discuss security issues. He stated that a committee was at present working on developing strategies to deal with different kinds of emergencies on campus. An outside consultant will be hired to determine the best way to minimize risk. There is also a plan to test the university’s plan by having a mock emergency on campus on January 9, 2008.

At the moment, campus-wide communication is limited. There is no system to communicate with everyone on campus. The only building on campus with a loud speaker system capable of notifying everyone in the building is the Clark Student Center.

In the event of certain kinds of emergency, the Wichita Falls police can be called in.

Chief Hagy said that some emergencies of the Virginia Tech type could be avoided by educating faculty about troubled students.

He pointed out that there are yellow and blue emergency call boxes on campus.

Any 911 call made on a campus phone (not a cell phone) automatically goes to both the Wichita Falls police and to the campus police. He suggested that professors take their cell phones to class to use in case of an emergency.

Chief Hagy also said that a compromised caller in communication with police can say that he or she needs **Form 1033** which is code for an emergency.

3. In response to and support of President Rogers' statement at the September Faculty Senate meeting that he would like to make environmental issues on campus a higher priority, Secretary McClintock made the following motion that was seconded by Senator Medford. "The Faculty Senate encourages and supports efforts to make Midwestern State University environmentally conscientious." The motion passed unanimously.

Committee and Other Reports:

1. Administrative Council (Redmon): (see below)
2. Board of Regents (Redmon): (no report)
3. Academic Council (Stiles): (no report)
4. Enrollment Management (May): (see below)
5. Intercollegiate Athletics Council (Comello): (see below)
6. Alumni Association Council (Watts): (no report)
7. Student Affairs (Coe): (see below).
8. Other active committees: none
9. Financial report (May): The Faculty Senate has \$ 1,715.

Closing Items:

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Chairman Redmon said that he had been a member of the ad hoc committee addressing work load issues and that that committee would soon be sending out the report of its results.
2. The Chair also stated that the Senate must select the nominee for the Piper Award from the professors that were put forth by their colleges. The Chair will e-mail each candidate's CV and a one-page statement that contains a summary of his or her service to the university and to students. An e-mail vote will take place so that the Chair can give the name of the nominee to President Rogers before the November Faculty Senate meeting.

The Senate adjourned at 5:00

Committee Reports:

Administrative Council Report – Robert Redmon

The Administrative Council met at 2:00 p. m., October 1, 2007, in the President's Board Room. The following changes and additions to the *MSU Policies and Procedures Manual* were adopted.

- a. Policy 2.338, D. Standing Committees, 4. 504/ADA Grievance Committee (Increases staff membership to 3 and specifies that one staff member must be from Facilities.)
- b. Policy 2.338, D. Standing Committees, 42. University Data Standards/Security Committee – (Now includes a faculty representative.)
- c. Policy 2.338, D. Standing Committees, 44. University Assessment Committee – Now includes the university librarian and a representative from University Advancement.
- d. The Teaching and Learning Resource Center Committee was established to advise the Associate Provost on issues relating to the Teaching and Learning Resource Center. Members include Associate Provost (chair) and one faculty member from each college. The committee reports to the Provost.
- e. Policy 3.338 Service Pin Awards – Removed the requirement for full-time service to allow part-time benefit-eligible employees to be awarded service pins.

The following proposal was discussed at length, but decision was deferred pending consideration by the Faculty Senate and Academic Council.

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Key Requests were granted for 3 new staff.

Enrollment Management Council Summary for Faculty Senate – Marsha May

The Enrollment Management Council met on October 9, 2007. After the September minutes were approved, Dr. Clark and Keith Lamb discussed the Vernon College Partnership Program. There was a consensus of support for the program from members of the council. Dr. Clark will discuss the program with the Faculty Senate on October 11, 2007.

Brandon Carpenter discussed the changing of the passing score on the Spanish CLEP from 66 to 63. This recommendation came from College Board and was approved by the MSU Spanish department.

Barbara Merkle gave a Mustangs Rally update and Linda Knox discussed early registration which begins on November 26 and ends on December 7.

Intercollegiate Athletic Council Report to the Faculty Senate - Robert Comello

October 3, 2007

The Intercollegiate Athletic Council has been actively involved in the search for Midwestern State University's new athletic director. Interviews took place on September 26 and 27, and October 1 and 2. Each interview was one hour in length. There are four finalists for the position. The candidates are as follows:

Charles L. Carr, Senior Associate Athletics Director, Florida State University.

David Williams, Athletic Director, University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

Rosie Stallman, President, Project Fundraise, East, LLC.

Andrew V. Carter, Director of Athletics, Newberry College.

Although Ms. Stallman is currently the president of a fundraising company, she does have many years experience as an athletic director. Her most recent position as AD was at Eastern New Mexico State University. All candidates posted impressive resumes and appeared relaxed and comfortable answering the IAC's questions. The candidates appeared to be very student oriented and had expressed many ideas that will benefit both the student and the campus.

All feedback will be compiled and a final candidate will be chosen. At this point, I do not know what that time line will be and who will be involved in the final selection process. If the IAC becomes a voice in the final process, I will pass the information on to the senate as it becomes available.

Student Affairs Meeting for Faculty Senate - Ann Meford for Mary Ann Coe

The Student Affairs Council met on September 18, 2007. After the August minutes were approved, members were given a presentation on the Banner system. An update on information systems was given by Michael Dye with emphasis on the MSU policy regarding email use on campus and retention of appointment records utilizing archives.

Members were asked to report on recent student projects and numbers participating. They were also encouraged to update individual websites and praised for success of recent student endeavors. MSU Military Day football pregame and halftime plans were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.

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 November 1, 2007, in the Apache Boardroom in CSC.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3 PM on November 8, 2007, in Dillard Building room 189.

