

MSU Faculty Senate

April 2008 Minutes

The MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on April 10, 2008 in the Kiowa Ex-Students Room in CSC. Senators present included Black, Alan; Coe, Mary Ann; Comello, Robert; Donovan, Tim; Dover, Ernie; Fields, Peter; Gooch, Roxanne; Gorham, Jim; Harlow, Kirk; May, Marsha (Treasurer); McClintock, Stuart (Secretary); Mills, Dana; Owen, James; Paddack, Ted; Redmon, Bob (Chair); Rincon-Zachary, Magaly; Stiles, Beverly (Vice-Chair).

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

Current Business:

1. Recycling on campus: Allen Goldapp, Associate Vice-President for Facilities Services, revisited the Faculty Senate to discuss developments regarding recycling that have developed since his visit at the previous Faculty Senate meeting. He has a pilot program in progress with Clara Latham at the library to recycle paper in cooperation with the state hospital. The hospital will take “regular mixed paper”, which excludes only shiny paper. The state hospital is a certified, bonded shredding agency.

He hopes to start desk-side paper recycling across campus by having custodial staff collecting garbage and paper on alternate days. Custodians will be provided with new dual-bag carts.

Mr. Goldapp is working with the hospital about recycling some of the campus’ cardboard. This would most likely be from places on campus where a lot of cardboard is used such as the library and food services. MSU will probably collect and deliver this cardboard to the hospital.

The city provides one container for newspaper recycling. The container is inside the wood enclosure on the north side of the library.

Mr. Goldapp stated that it would be possible to modify the vendor contract coming up soon so that plastic bottles will not be sold in vending machines. If demand warrants it, Mr. Goldapp will put more water coolers in buildings on campus to compensate for elimination of plastic bottle vending.

He also said that he is beginning another pilot program in the library to recycle aluminum cans. Recycling cans presents particular problems because containers have to be emptied and cleaned regularly. He is willing to put more containers around campus for recycling cans as long as the state hospital can pick them up. Senator Coe and Chairman Redmon suggested that student and outside organizations might like to get involved in a can-recycling program. Mr. Goldapp supported this idea but emphasized that organizations must be ready to be involved for the long haul.

After Mr. Goldapp left, Senator Donovan made a resolution that states, “The Faculty Senate encourages the university to modify its contract with food and beverage vendors to eliminate plastic bottles on campus”. Senator Rincon-Zachary seconded the resolution, and it carried unanimously.

This resolution was followed by another that states, “The Faculty Senate enthusiastically endorses the Associate Vice-President for Facilities Services’ initiatives to recycle paper and aluminum cans on campus.” The resolution carried unanimously.

2. Changes to Faculty Development leave policy. Senator May made the following motion: “The Faculty Senate endorses the changes to the Faculty Developmental Leave policy”. Senator Dover seconded the motion.

Discussion followed the motion that led to modification of Senator May’s original motion so that it reads “The Faculty Senate endorses the intent of the changes to the Faculty Development Leave policy but recommends that certain changes be made to the text before it is made policy.”

Clarification needs to be made to the following sections:

-A.1. The Senate suggests that the wording of the second and third sentences of the paragraph be combined to read “Although these activities may contribute to the attainment of an advanced degree, a faculty development leave will not be granted for that purpose only.”

-B.4. Clarification is requested regarding the benefits to which a faculty member is entitled when he/she takes a leave for either a semester or a full year.

Changes in wording should be made in the following cases:

-“The next business day” should replace “Monday” when deadlines fall on a weekend.

- “Development” should replace all uses of “developmental”.

3. Staff Senate: Senator Coe stated that the formation of a Staff Senate was part of the Strategic Plan.

Senator Owen moved that the Faculty Senate support the formation of a Staff Senate. Senator May seconded the motion. With the exception of an abstention, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Emeritus status for retiring faculty. Senator Donovan recommended that Emerson Capps and Michael Flavin be granted emeritus status, effective upon their retirement. Senator Coe seconded the recommendation, and it passed unanimously. By e-mail vote after the meeting, the Faculty Senate also recommended that Fred Stewart be granted emeritus status.

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): (no report)

8. Other active committees: none

9. Financial report (May): The Faculty Senate has \$ 1,140.88

Closing Items:

1. Old Business

2. New Business: Senator Gooch made the following motion: “The Faculty Senate requests that private information be protected during Banner training”. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Announcements: Senators need to remind their deans that colleges must elect new Senators so that the new Senators can attend May meeting. Colleges must also choose a faculty member for next year’s Piper Award and for the Faculty Award.
4. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:40.

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 Tuesday, April 29, 2008, in the Apache Boardroom in CSC.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3 PM on Thursday, May 1, 2008, in Kiowa Meeting Room in CSC.