

MSU Faculty Senate

January 2008 Minutes

The MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on January 10, 2008 in the Kiowa Ex-Students Room in CSC. Senators present included Black, Alan; Bultena, Chuck; Coe, Mary Ann; Comello Robert; Donovan, Tim; Dover, Ernest (Parliamentarian); Gooch, Roxanne; Gorham, Jim; Hallford, Randal; Kilgore, Lon; May, Marsha (Treasurer); Medford, Ann; Owen, James; Paddack, Ted; Redmon, Bob (Chair); Rincón-Zachary, Magaly; Stiles, Beverly (Vice-Chair); Watts, Lynette.

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

Current Business:

1. Senator May motioned that the American Democracy Project Committee change from an *ad hoc* committee to a standing committee. Senator Owen seconded it. After a short discussion, the motion passed.
2. Senator Gorham motioned that the Faculty evaluate administrators regularly. Senator Dover seconded it. Senator Bultena pointed out that the Faculty Senate had discussed this issue in years past without any fruitful resolution. Senator Rincón-Zachary indicated that the Faculty members are already stretched to the maximum and do not need to add another chore to their busy schedules. The motion did not pass.

Committee and Other Reports:

1. Administrative Council (Redmon): (no report)
2. Board of Regents (Redmon): (no report)
3. Academic Council (Stiles): (see end of minutes)
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. See attachment.

Closing Items:

1. Old Business
2. New Business
3. Announcements: none
4. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM

Academic Council

January 10, 2008

In Senator Stiles' absence, I represented the Faculty Senate at the Academic Council meeting on December 12, 2007.

The first item of business was the Faculty Workload Policy, which had been tabled at the previous meeting. This item was removed from the table and approved. Following the vote, Dr. Wiedemann told me to share this message with the Faculty Senate, regarding the Senate's revised version of the motion: "We appreciate the tone in which the motion was phrased."

A discussion of the non-thesis, non-file paper Master's degree followed. A number of Deans said that colleges and programs at other institutions did not require a thesis or file paper. Dr. Watson voiced concern at this proposal. Dr. Sportsman said that she wants the department to have the decision. Dr. Halverson claimed that computer science would require an additional class that emphasized writing. Others supported the motion because of the increased flexibility. The motion passed.

The rest of the meeting was dominated by various minor changes to the upcoming catalogues.

Respectfully,
Greg Giddings

Respectfully submitted,

Magaly Rincón-Zachary
for
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 Thursday, February 7, 2008, in the Apache Boardroom in CSC.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3 PM on Thursday, February 14, 2008, in the Kiowa Meeting Room in CSC.