

MSU Faculty Senate

March 2008 Minutes

The MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on March 13, 2008, in the Kiowa Ex-Students Dining Room in the CSC. Senators present included Black, Alan; Coe, Mary Ann; Comello, Robert; Paddack, Ted; Donovan, Tim; Giddings, Greg; Gooch, Roxanne; Harlow, Kirk; May, Marsha (Treasurer); McClintock, Stuart (Secretary); Medford, Ann; Mills, Dana; Owen, James; Redmon, Bob (Chair); Rincon-Zachary, Magaly; Watts, Lynette.

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

Current Business:

1. Allen Goldapp, Associate Vice-President for Facilities Services, addressed the Senate about campus energy conservation and environmental initiatives. He made the following points:

- A. State legislation requires all state buildings to meet an energy code called the “Texas Standard” that applies to lighting, heating, and cooling.
- B. Midwestern is doing what it can within its budget to bring new buildings in line with state minimum requirements.
- C. Chillers have been retrofitted to be more efficient. Control systems allow individual control in newer buildings.
- D. Mr. Goldapp is looking at using solar powered street lamps.
- E. All fluorescent lighting has been changed to T8, which has resulted in tremendous savings.
- F. There is a new, more efficient boiler.
- G. The university is using recycled compost and mulch from the city in its planting.
- H. Custodial staff uses low-impact cleaning materials.
- I. Mr. Goldapp would like to see Midwestern be pro-active in conserving by having all new buildings meet LEED (leadership energy environment design) certification. Buildings might have natural lighting and waterless urinals.
- J. Mr. Goldapp stated that the university has not done much yet in terms of recycling. It is difficult because the infrastructure of Wichita Falls does not support recycling efforts that require collecting, storing, and moving recyclables.
- K. He mentioned that some universities have an environmental fee.
- L. He did see some areas where recycling could occur relatively easily. The university could ban plastic in vending machines when the new vending contract comes up. He also thought paper and aluminum can recycling was also possible.
- M. Senators talked to Mr. Goldapp about some of these issues. Chairman Redmon stated that the Faculty Senate has formally stated that it supports and promotes the university’s efforts to be environmentally sensitive. Senators suggested other means of conserving energy or of making the campus more environmentally responsible. Senator Harlow suggested reducing car traffic on campus. Having a widespread shuttle service or encouraging more bicycle use would reduce vehicular traffic on campus. There could be incentives like tuition credit for those who do not

drive to and on campus. Public-use bikes might be offered for use, and more bicycles racks could be built.

Senator Coe asked about mold in Ferguson. Mr. Goldapp thought that this problem had been eradicated but will look into it further.

2. Great Day of Service. Professor Candice Fulton asked to address the Faculty Senate about a project called a Great Day of Service. On April 19, 2008, faculty, staff, and students will participate in various community service projects around this area. Community service is part of the university's liberal arts mission, and it will also show the university's commitment to giving back to this area. Professor Fulton hopes that student organizations as well as students who do not already do community service will participate in this event. She would like faculty to promote this day of service in their classrooms. She would also like suggestions about organizations that could benefit from volunteers' aid. Professor Fulton will send out a registration form for students, student organizations, and faculty on which they put their three choices for the organizations they would like to help. Registration will be on campus from 9-10:30, and groups will work for two hours after they have registered.

3. Chief of Police Hagy and MSU Alert. The Chief of Police would like to urge the campus to sign up for MSU Alert. He stated that 10% of the campus has already signed up. There will be a drawing for two five-hundred dollar gift certificates for those who have signed up by March 28. The purpose of MSU Alert is to tell the campus what to do in an emergency situation. Chief Hagy also said that a one-hour video called "Shots Fired" will soon be presented four times per day to all the colleges. The film's purpose is to show how to protect oneself in an emergency.

Chief Hagy also said that the tornado policy is in place and that he is currently working with Physical Plant to identify those building that would be tornado safe. When this identification has been made, the list of tornado-safe buildings it will be disseminated.

4. Mission statement change. The Senate endorsed (via email vote) a minor change in the university mission statement and the legislative language intended to result in MSU's being honored as the liberal arts university of Texas.

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).
8. Other active committees: none
9. Financial report (May): The Faculty Senate has \$1140.88.

Closing Items:

Announcements: The current state matching benefit for ORP for those receiving 6% was raised to 6.58% on September 1, 2007.

Minutes of the University Advancement and Student Affairs Council Meeting

The University Advancement and Student Affairs Council met Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in Wichita I and II in the Clark Student Center. Present were Peggy Boomer, Janus Buss, Dominique Calhoun, Michael Clifton, Mary Ann Coe, Keri Goins (for Kristal Amador), Dr. Joey Greenwood, Mike Hagy, Sherry Kingcade, Keith Lamb, Cindy Loveless, Dr. Pam Midgett, Dail Neely, Anne Opperman, Matt Park, Leslee Ponder, Danny Reddick, Robert Steflik, Dirk Welch, and Kyle Williams. Dr. Larry Williams was a special guest and Dr. Howard Farrell presided.

International Program Review

Dr. Williams gave a brief overview of the international programs that are now in Spain, France, Mexico, and London, England. He noted that some programs are for five weeks and others are longer. Some of the benefits include small group seminars, solid academic classes, intense faculty participation, expanding the student's world, and ultimately an asset to the university.

Vice President's Report

Dr. Farrell shared with the members that the budget for next year is going to be very tight and everyone should be very frugal. He reminded the directors to check their websites and make sure the sites are vibrant, timely and accurate.

Directors' Reports

Each director was given an opportunity to briefly discuss the issues and events occurring in their areas. Highlights are as follows:

Ms. Boomer distributed her report through December 2007 (see Attachment 1).

Chief Hagy discussed the changes in parking lot use due to the Fowler construction.

Some outcomes of the Crisis Management Committee were mentioned by Chief Hagy including a computer notification system that will allow notices to be sent by email, cell phone, text messages, etc. to individuals who register for the service. Loud speaker systems are being reviewed as well as several other options as the committee continues to meet on a regular basis.

The initiation of an alumni travel program was mentioned by Ms. Ponder (see Attachment 2). She also discussed upcoming alumni events at the Wichita Falls Winery and the Dallas Zoo.

It was noted by Ms. Goins that the Phonathon in the Annual Fund office is getting organized and they are looking for students to hire.

Ms. Opperman stated that the Fantasy of Lights displays were on the lawn longer than usual. Many of the displays are having the electrical wiring updated.

Members were told that Mr. Steflik is able to assist with podcasting and videos as well as updating their websites.

Dr. Midgett noted that they have dramatically increased the number of students seen in the Counseling Center which she attributes to a program of presentations being made in the classrooms.

The council was told that the student referendum concerning the athletic fee will be held the next week. Mr. Lamb discussed the numerous areas it would affect if approved.

The Student Leadership Banquet has been set for April 11. More information will be distributed.

Mr. Neely informed the council that to reserve facilities at the museum Ms. Ronette Hoffart should be contacted for assistance and details.

The Career Management Center has a very successful program on the web (mustangshire.com). Mr. Welch also noted that job fairs are set for April and his office is currently ahead on reservations for those events.

Mr. Park stated that he is looking for Peer Counselors for Spirit Days (see Attachment 3) and any potential students should contact his office in Clark Student Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Dr. Howard Farrell, Chairman

Joyce Capron, Secretary

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 April 3, 2008 in the Apache Boardroom in CSC

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