

MSU Faculty Senate

November 2008 Minutes

The MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 p.m. on, November 13, 2008, in the Kiowa Ex-Students Room in CSC. Senators present included Black, Alan; Brink, Jan; Capps, Matthew; Carlston, David; Debois, Barbara; Dover, Ernie (Parliamentarian); Hallford, Randal; Harlow, Kirk; Hiraide, Suguru; Lewis, Gary; Mills, Dana; Morgan, Pam; Owen, James (Vice-Chair); Redmon, Bob; Schmitter, Joel; Wright, Donna (for Gary Morrison); Wyatt, Frank; Zhang, Grace. Pam Morgan from the Staff Senate attended.

The agenda was unanimously approved. The minutes of the October meeting had previously been approved by e-mail.

Current Business:

1. Jenny Denning from the MSU Bookstore presented. Jenny presented three primary pieces of information. First, she indicated that as a faculty, we were still behind in submitting our adoptions. She indicated the importance of early adoption submission and described both the process and the barriers to obtaining used books and lower cost alternatives for students. Second, she provided a brief overview, accompanied by an information packet, of the Faculty Center Network provided on the bookstore webpage. Through this link faculty are able to adopt texts, order desk copies, search for adopted titles at other universities, and recall previous semester adoptions. Third, Jenny indicated that Lori Dotty would be returning to the MSU Bookstore to fill an administrative vacancy. In conclusion, Jenny indicated that she would be willing to visit any college meeting and present information directly to the faculty.
2. Dana Mills presented information from the ad hoc committee organized to address the “greening” of the campus. Minutes from their meeting are appended.
3. The Jazz and Percussion concert was announced by Senator Black.

Committee and Other Reports:

1. Administrative Council (Medford): (no report)
2. Board of Regents (Medford): (no report)
3. Academic Council (Owen): (“nothing substantive”)
4. Enrollment Management (Mills): (no report – meeting cancelled)
5. Intercollegiate Athletics Council (Black): (no report – meeting cancelled)
6. Student Affairs (Medford): (no report)
7. Other active committees: none
8. Financial report (Bultena): The Faculty Senate has \$ 1,050.88

Closing Items:

1. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:50.

Minutes ad hoc Greening Committee-Dana Mills

Recycling on campus: per Allen Goldapp, Associate Vice-President for Facilities Services.

Library paper recycling in cooperation with the state hospital.

Recycling bins have been located in the library and a recycling location has been created on the north side. Recyclables from the library and Hardin are being collected at that location by the custodial staff. The bookstore also recycles some of their cardboard. Bookstore is recycling at the library. A cardboard enclosure for food services has been designed but is on hold until we gain more confidence in our ability to dispose of the material collected. The State Hospital missed pickups for two weeks early this semester. Another outlet is being sought.

Recycling cans present particular problems because containers have to be emptied and cleaned regularly. A student organization in engineering has begun discussion about aluminum. Not in process yet.

Madeleine Zaehringer is now working for the Physical Plant as a coordinator of recycling.

She will be documenting current efforts and developing strategies for expanding the program. The most difficult problem is material pickup, and that continues to be an obstacle.

The State Hospital missed pickups for two weeks early this semester and would not return our calls.

Madeleine will be looking for other alternatives. As soon as Madeleine has documented everything on campus I will get more complete information.

Paper recycling is only part of our efforts which I prefer to call a "sustainability program." Some of the efforts are aimed at keeping construction material out of the landfill. The bleachers at Ligon were recycled. The steel and concrete from Mercantile were recycled and by reusing the exterior of Fowler all of the brick, tile, steel, and concrete were kept out of the landfill.

Also, the Physical Plant already recycles the following:

- All metals from maintenance operations
- Oil and automotive fluids
- Tires and batteries.
- Ground crews use recycled chips, provided by the city, as mulch.
- Freon and all other refrigerants are recycled.

Plans for getting a vending contract that excludes plastic bottles is in progress...the problems with can recycling (above) remain to be sorted out.

Currently, the ad hoc committee is in a holding pattern pending the complete assessment by Allen and Madeleine.

Until we have an appropriate outlet for these materials, it makes no sense to set up an infrastructure or to train staff.

These are tentative plans with many details unaddressed at this point.

The map describing possible street closures is attached.

The closures eliminate through traffic from the heart of the campus but keeps access to all major parking areas.

The streets for possible closure are in yellow; service areas that must have access are in red.

I walked the area and counted parking places:

East of CSC (Council)	6 by CSC	(Parallel parking)		
North of CSC (Comanche)	17 by CSC	(Parallel parking)	7 by Fain	(Angle parking)
West of CSC (Teepee)	18 by CSC	(Angle parking)	20 by KH	(Angle parking)
Total	68			

A recent survey that rearranges current parking lots will provide 185 new parking spaces (A net gain of 117 parking spaces).

The traffic flow for cars that continue to park on Teepee becomes rather complex...cars must back out and then turn around to exit on Nocona.

Maybe a turnabout somewhere around the blue marker would help cars to egress from the area.

This provides a pedestrian greenbelt from PY to Dillard and from KH to Taft.



Respectfully submitted,

David Carlston
Acting Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Ann Medford
Chair of the Faculty Senate

The next Executive Committee meeting will be at 3 PM on December 2, 2008, in the Apache Boardroom in CSC.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3 PM on Thursday, December 4, 2008, in Kiowa Ex-Students Dining Room in CSC.

