

# MSU Faculty Senate

## December 2010 Minutes

The MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 PM on December 2, 2010, in Dillard 189. Senators present included Bernard, Guy; Bultena, Charles (Treasurer); Callahan, Tom; Carlston, David (Vice-Chair); Gorham, Jim; Hammer, Margaret; Henschel, Don; Jun, Nathan; LaBeff, Emily; Lewis, Gary; McClintock, Stuart (Secretary); McDonald, Terry; Medford, Ann (Parliamentarian); Mills, Dana; Owen, James (Chair); Patin, Roy; Powell, Francis; Schultz, Ed; Shao, Jianguo; Veale, Beth; Williamson, Anne-Marie.

The agenda was unanimously approved.

The minutes of the November meeting had been approved by e-mail vote.

### *Unfinished Business:*

November's Faculty Senate meeting was adjourned with a motion on the floor. The Faculty Senate started its December meeting by taking up that motion, originally made by Senator Jun and seconded by Vice-Chair Carlston. Senator Jun had moved that the Faculty Senate have a vote of confidence in the Rogers' administration.

Chair Owen took the Faculty Senate into executive session for discussion of the motion.

When the senate came out of executive session, Senator Jun withdrew his motion with consent from Vice-Chair Carlston.

### *Current Business:*

Vice-Chair Carlston made the following resolution, with a second from Senator Gorham:

The Faculty Senate requests transparency and Faculty Senate involvement in university finances. Consistent with MSU Policy 2.392 (Faculty Senate Constitution), the Faculty Senate specifically requests formation of a new committee recognized by the University, with members selected by the Faculty Senate, to actively participate in the preparation of the budget, the development of master plans, and allocation of university financial resources.

The resolution passed unanimously.

### *Committee and Other Reports:*

1. Administrative Council (Owen) (no report)
2. Board of Regents (Owen): (no report)
3. Academic Council (Carlston): The university is developing a more comprehensive freshman transition program. The University of North Carolina at Asheville has a highly developed program freshman transition program that MSU could use as a model.
4. Enrollment Management (Green):
5. Intercollegiate Athletics Council (Gorham): (see end of minutes)
6. Student Affairs (Williamson):

7. Financial report (Bultena): The Faculty Senate has \$714.  
The meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart McClintock  
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Jim Owen  
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

The next Executive Committee meeting will be at 3 PM on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, in the Apache Board Room of CSC.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3 PM on Thursday, January 20, 2011, , in Kiowa Ex-Students Dining Room in CSC.

### **Intercollegiate Athletics Council**

October 25, 2010

3:30 p.m.

Apache Board Room – Clark Student Center

**Members Present:** Dr. Keith Lamb, Chair; Dr. Paul Guthrie; Amanda Nimetz; Dail Neely; Dr. Joey Greenwood; Greg Giddings; Chris Stolarzyk; Alan Black; Sam Pak for Robbie Walker

**Members Absent:** Denny Bishop; Jim Gorham **Guests Present:** Dr. Jesse Rogers; Charlie Carr; Kurt Portmann

Dr. Lamb called the meeting to order. He asked the members and guests to introduce themselves. He then turned the meeting over to MSU President, Dr. Jesse Rogers, who addressed the council about their role.

Dr. Rogers stated that the council's role is to assist and advise the athletic director. He mentioned that MSU has received a great report from Division II on the academic success of student athletes. He reported that Life Skills is going strong. He noted that our athletics program has no severe problems at this time, but he wants the council to be available if needed. Dr. Rogers praised our faculty athletic representative, Dr. Paul Guthrie, for being very active. He takes his job seriously and goes to many meetings representing MSU. He asked the council to be representatives for the Intercollegiate Athletics Council. Dr. Rogers conveyed his belief that athletics is important for student recruiting to the university.

Dr. Lamb addressed the council. Familiarity was the main focus for the meeting today. He advised the council that they might want to read the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics on institutional control and athletics as a function of a university. Dr. Lamb turned the meeting over to Charlie Carr, Director of Athletics.

Mr. Carr first highlighted the 2009-2010 seasons and detailed the teams' successes. The student athletes gave over 2,000 hours of volunteer service to the community with Habitat for Humanity, Faith Mission, the Great Day of Service and many more organizations and events. The student athletes did a good job in the classroom. Mr. Carr praised Amanda Nimitz and other advisors from the Academic Advising Center for the great job they do. Student athletes are brought here

to graduate and that is what our university wants them to do. With the budget cuts facing the university, athletics does not want to cut into the core of athletic competition and Mr. Carr mentioned cuts they are making administratively to that end.

Mr. Carr also reported on changes in the Lone Star Conference. The LSC is losing five Oklahoma schools which will hamper scheduling efforts. The remaining schools have agreed to remain in the LSC at least five more years before considering any changes. There have been changes in the number of games that teams can play and no practice or games can be held from December 20 to December 26. The schedule for basketball includes a game on December 20 for which MSU was granted an exception. Coaches are now required to be CPR and first aid certified.

Fall 2010 program progress was addressed briefly by Mr. Carr. An initiative from the NCAA resulted in fall sports starting ten days later this fall than in previous years. This saved athletics money for feeding and housing student athletes.

Mr. Carr handed to the council an Assessment Review prepared by Ms. Venera Flores-Stafford.

Mr. Carr and Mr. Portmann gave an update on compliance. We had no major violations during the past year. There were a small number of self-reported secondary violations. Mr. Portmann refers to a database to see what sanctions were imposed for similar violations as a guide when we have a secondary violation. It is reported to the LSC and from there to the NCAA. It is normally four to five months before the NCAA issues a letter and all of our self imposed sanctions have been accepted. It was reported that coaches take a compliance test proctored by Dr. Guthrie.

Amanda Nimitz reported to the council on the study halls offered to student athletes. The athletes are offered five nights per week and are required three nights per week, depending on grade point average. They provide tutors at the study halls, which are 1 ½ hours in length. Athletes who have a 2.5 grade point average or above are not required to participate in study hall. Ms. Nimitz reported that communication has been good with faculty and they have a 60% response rate on grade checks from faculty this year. All grade check information is forwarded to the respective coaches and to the athletic director.

Dr. Guthrie presented the council a brief report on missed classes. He presented information on individual sports and the amount of missed classes per sport. There have been discussions with other schools, faculty athletic representatives and the conferences on this topic. Dr. Guthrie feels that coaches are concerned about missed class times.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.