

MSU Faculty Senate

March 2010 Minutes

The MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 PM on March 11, 2010, in the Kiowa Ex-Students Dining Room in the CSC. Senators present included Brink, Jan; Bultena, Charles (Treasurer); Capps, Matthew; Carlston, David (Parliamentarian); Fields, Peter; Gorham, Jim; Hiraide, Suguru; Knox, Michelle; Lewis, Gary; Masuoka, Jim; McClintock, Stuart (Secretary); Medford, Ann; Morrison, Gary; Owen, James (Vice-Chair); Patin, Roy; Shao, Jiagao; Schmitter, Joel; Schulz, Ed; Williamson, Anne-Marie; Wyatt, Frank.

The minutes of the December 2009 meeting had previously been approved by e-mail. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Chair Medford welcomed Senator Jim Masuoka from the College of Science and Mathematics, who will replace Senator Brent Elliot for the remainder of the year.

Current Business:

1. Provost Search Committee: The Faculty Senate chose eight faculty members to serve as potential members of a new Provost Search Committee. The Senate chose at least one member from each college and two at-large faculty members. The nominees are Matthew Capps (Education), Ann Medford (Health Sciences and Human Services), Ruth Morrow (Fine Arts), Mark Farris (Science and Math), David Tucker (Science and Math), George Diekoff (Humanities and Social Sciences), David Carlston (Humanities and Social Sciences), and Tim DeGroot (Business). Dr. Rogers will choose four of these nominees.

2. Policy 2.31, composition of the Provost Search Committee. The present policy stipulates that four faculty members, two deans, and a student will compose the Provost Search Committee. Because the provost deals with faculty, deans, and vice-presidents, Dr. Rogers believes that a vice-president should also be part of this committee. He is working on rewriting the policy. In order to get the search committee up and running as quickly as possible, Dr. Rogers has asked the Faculty Senate to provisionally endorse his proposed change.

Vice-Chair Owen presented the following resolution, which Senator Patin subsequently motioned to accept with a second from Senator Capps:

WHEREAS, MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY is selecting a search and screening committee for the purpose of evaluating candidates for the position of provost, and,

WHEREAS, current MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY Policy 2.31 (C) specifies the composition of the provost search and screening, and,

WHEREAS, a Vice-President from MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY Administration is not included in the composition of the provost screening and search committee under MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY Policy 2.31 (C), and,

WHEREAS, a recommendation for revision of MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY Policy 2.31 (C) is currently being developed to include a Vice President from MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY Administration as a member of the search and screening committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY Faculty Senate provisionally endorses the plan, until final wording of the change to policy 2.31 has been established, for the President to appoint a Vice-President as a member of the provost search and screening committee that is currently being selected.

APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF MARCH, 2010 BY THE MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION.

3. Visit with Math Chair Pat Mitchell: At the December Faculty Senate meeting, Senator Schulz had stated that advising students taking introductory math courses was hampered because the professor of record for all of these courses is listed as staff. The Senate invited the Chair of the Math Department, Pat Mitchell, to discuss this issue.

Dr. Mitchell explained that the Mathematics Department received some adverse feedback from students during past semesters when a class was taught by someone other than the professor who had been listed in the class schedule. In addition, several of the lower-division mathematics classes are taught by adjunct professors who have obligations in addition to the class(es) they teach at MSU, and these obligations impact the times during which they are available to teach. Consequently, since the information for the printed schedules must be provided far ahead of the semester's beginning, the department lists the professor for many sections of lower division classes as "STAFF" and teaching assignments are often not clearly determined until the week prior to the beginning of classes.

Dr. Mitchell further noted that as teaching assignments are confirmed, the information would be available from the Mathematics Department. He also noted that for the fall 2010 schedule, only college algebra, math analysis for business, and contemporary mathematics in the lower-division classes have the "STAFF" designation for the professor. Senator Schultz restated the concern of the West College regarding their desire to place advisees in classes for which a professor had been designated and thanked Dr. Mitchell for his explanation of the scheduling issues that arise within the Mathematics Department.

4. Emeritus status for retiring professors.

Emeritus status for Professor and Department Chair of History Michael Collins: Dr. Collins is well known throughout the university and within the Faculty Senate. Following several comments regarding his contributions to MSU, the Faculty Senate unanimously recommended that he be awarded emeritus status upon his retirement.

Emeritus status for Professor of Music Ronald Hough: Senator Lewis reviewed Professor Hough's contributions to the university and to the Fain College of Fine Arts with a

recommendation that he be awarded emeritus status. The Faculty Senate unanimously supported this recommendation that he be awarded emeritus status upon his retirement.

Emeritus status for Dean and Professor of Education Grant Simpson: Senator Capps reviewed his contributions to MSU, particularly his involvement with State initiatives regarding public education, and to the West College of Education with a recommendation that he be awarded emeritus status. The Faculty Senate unanimously supported this recommendation that he be awarded emeritus status upon his retirement.

Emeritus status for Assistant Professor of Accounting Kathy Bauer: Senator Patin reviewed her contributions to the university and to the Dillard College of Business Administration with a recommendation that she be awarded emeritus status. The Faculty Senate unanimously supported this recommendation that she be awarded emeritus status upon her retirement.

5. University closure for inclement weather. Chair Medford read a statement regarding the timing of university closing due to inclement weather. This statement had been prepared for the Senate meeting scheduled for February 11, 2010, which was canceled due to inclement weather.

On Friday, February 5, 2010, evaluation of street and sidewalk conditions began at approximately 4:30 am, and the decision that was made prior to the 6:00 am deadline in MSU policy was to conduct university operations following a normal schedule. However, weather events occurring subsequent to 6:00 am, including but not limited to street, curb, and sidewalk icing, required that university officials re-evaluate the conditions in the context of personal safety issues. This evaluation led to the decision, at approximately 7:30 am, to close the university rather than to risk the possibility of personal injuries to individuals and the potential liability they posed for MSU.

These types of decisions must be considered in the context of events and issues as they develop in order to protect the safety of students and university personnel. The university administration will continue to make these types of decisions as early as possible but must reserve the option to adjust prior decisions as conditions emerge and/or subsequently develop.

Committee and Other Reports:

Administrative Council – none

Board of Regents – none; a summary of the February meeting has been posted for the campus.

Academic Council – none

Enrollment Management Council – none

Intercollegiate Athletics Council (Gorham) See end of minutes

Student Affairs Committee – none

Sustainability – none

Other active committees – none

Financial report – All known bills have been paid, and the Senate has \$318 in its account.

Old Business – none

New Business – Senator Knox, on behalf of the College of Science and Mathematics, expressed concern about building space for classes during the fall 2010 term, particularly regarding the MW and TR class schedules that have been developed for the Dillard College of Business Administration. This scheduling scheme makes Dillard classrooms available only in limited numbers for classes that meet MWF and creates scheduling conflicts for students who need to take classes taught by the Dillard Faculty along with classes that meet MWF. Other Senators also expressed difficulties identifying classroom space for some of their sections. This led to a brief discussion regarding the possible shortage of classroom space throughout the university.

Announcements – Vice Chair Owen announced that the annual Streich Lecture will be held at 11:00 AM on 06 APR 10 in Dillard College. The speaker will be Dr. James Bexley, Professor of Finance at Sam Houston State University and member of the board of directors for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Adjournment – On a motion made by Senator Capps, seconded by Senator Patin, and duly approved, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:05 pm.

Next Meetings:

Executive Committee: Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 3 pm in the Caddo, CSC

Faculty Senate: Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 3 pm in Kiowa Ex-Students Room in CSC

Respectfully Submitted,

Stuart McClintock
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Ann Medford
Chair of the Faculty Senate

Intercollegiate Athletics Council Meeting

November 10, 2009

Jim Gorham

Members Present: Keith Lamb, Chair; Jim Gorham; Dr. Paul Guthrie; Amanda Nimetz; Kevaughan Graham; Dail Neely **Members Absent:** Denny Bishop; Kenny Catney; Dr. Joey Greenwood; **Guests Present:** Charlie Carr; Kurt Portmann; Christina Feldman

Mr. Lamb opened the meeting and introduced the council and guests. He gave a brief explanation of the role of the council. Dr. Rogers was unable to address the council and will be on the agenda at a later date. Mr. Lamb turned the meeting over to Charlie Carr for an eligibility update. Kurt Portmann gave the update and explained the reviews that athletics has been through for compliance. The Lone Star Conference will be at MSU on November 15th for a second round of reviews. The university passed their 2005 review, and in 2007 the NCAA completed a

compliance blueprint for the university which was requested by MSU. In 2008 a self study was completed by the university. The registrar, academic support and athletics were all involved in the review process. A manual for the compliance process has been the focus of athletics. Mr. Lamb requested the council be provided a copy of the reports.

Dr. Guthrie reported to the council that he provides an annual report of yearly information, and the Associate Vice President's office will scan his reports and they will be made available to the council on the shared drive.

Dr. Guthrie reported to the council that in his brief review of schedules there were some sports that missed up to 14 days of classes and due to the nature of the sports their schedules were not flexible. There was discussion of the official university policy on excused and unexcused absences.

Mr. Carr gave a brief update on Title IX. Athletics received a grant to pay $\frac{3}{4}$ of the salary for an Assistant Athletic Director for Business (Christina Feldman). They have added an assistant coach for women's soccer and have been able to make the cross-country coach a full-time position. They have added an administrative assistant to help in the academic support area, and Jeff Ray is now doing men's and women's golf as well as being the Life Skills director. He has been able to access many programs on campus for the life skills area such as career planning, money management, nutrition and time management. Ligon renovation is moving forward and the football locker room is scheduled to be finished December 1. The former wellness center is a now a strength and conditioning area for athletics.

Mr. Lamb asked the council to help with evaluations as the fall sports are winding down. The council discussed having the evaluations available where students could take them electronically.