

MSU Faculty Senate

May 2010 Special Session Minutes

The MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 PM on May 6, 2010, in Dillard 189. Senators present included Brink, Jan; Bultena, Charles (Treasurer); Capps, Matthew; Carlston, David (Parliamentarian); Fidelie, Laura; Fields, Peter; Gorham, Jim; Knox, Michelle; LaBeff, Emily; Lewis, Gary; McClintock, Stuart (Secretary); Medford, Ann (Chair); Morrison, Gary; Owen, James (Vice-Chair); Patin, Roy; Shao, Jianguo; Schmitter, Joel; Schulz, Ed; Williamson, Anne-Marie.

The minutes of the April meeting had previously been approved by e-mail.

Current Business:

1. New Mission Statement: Senator LaBeff made a motion to endorse the university's new mission statement and values. Vice-Chair Owen seconded it.

Senator Capps expressed concern that no member of the West College of Education was represented on the committee that formulated the statement. In polling other senators, the Faculty Senate discovered that the College of Health Sciences and Human Services was also not represented.

Many Senators agreed with the ideas expressed by the mission statement but felt strongly that the wording of the mission statement needed improvement.

The motion passed with twelve votes in favor. There were seven votes against with one abstention.

2. Student Evaluation Form: At last week's Executive Committee meeting, Dr. Rogers asked the Faculty Senate if it would choose the evaluation form that it thinks the faculty will be satisfied with.

At the Faculty Senate meeting, senators agreed that the logical choices were to adopt the most recent form or the one used prior to electronic evaluations. Some senators took issue with different questions on the current form. Senators Bultena and Carlston emphasized that a university committee had spent a very long time formulating the form used prior to electronic evaluations.

The next evaluation form adopted will have a section in which each department can add four of its own questions.

Senator Bultena motioned to adopt the form that had been used before electronic evaluations.

Senator Fields seconded the motioned, and it passed.

Chair Medford said that a committee would create separate evaluation form to be used for on-line courses. Senators Morrison and Williamson volunteered to serve on this committee.

Committee and Other Reports:

1. Administrative Council (Medford): (no report)

2. Board of Regents (Medford): (no report)

3. Academic Council (Owen): (no report)

4. Enrollment Management (Green): (no report)
5. Intercollegiate Athletics Council (Gorham): (no report)
6. Student Affairs (Medford): (no report)
7. Sustainability (McClintock):
8. Financial report (Bultena): The Faculty Senate has \$250.

Announcements: Senators thanked outgoing Chair Ann Medford for her leadership of the Faculty Senate over the past two years and presented her with a plaque and a card.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart McClintock
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Ann Medford
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

The next Executive Committee meeting will be at 3 PM on Tuesday, August 17, 2010, in the Apache Board Room of CSC.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3 PM on Thursday, August 19, 2010, in Kiowa Ex-Students Dining Room in CSC.