

MSU Faculty Senate

November 2012 Minutes

The 2012-2013 MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 PM on November 8, 2012, in Wichita I & II in CSC. Senators present included Bowles, Betty; Bultena, Charles (Treasurer); Debois, Barbara; Duff, Jeremy; Fidelie, Laura; Gibson, Martha; Griffin, Terry; Jun, Nathan; Lindt, Suzanne; McDonald, Dale; McDonald, Terry; Morrison, Gary (Parliamentarian & Acting Secretary); Morrow, Ruth; Owen, Jim (Chair); Paddack, Ted; Patin, Roy; Roberts, Kathy (Vice-Chair); Scales, Jon; Sernoe, Jim; Stiles, Beverly; Wood, Julie. Lewis, Gary (proxy for Black, Alan)

Numerous faculty members and staff members also sat in on the meeting.

The agenda was unanimously approved.

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

Current Business:

- I. Report: Enrollment Management & Expectations - Dr. Keith Lamb, Vice President of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management

Dr. Lamb presented data indicating the events leading to our current decreased enrollment. He also indicated the measures being taken to reverse this trend and when we can expect to see this change. Dr. Lamb's presentation was followed by a brief question and answer period.

- II. Report: Tenure and Promotion Review Committee – Dr. Ruth Morrow

Dr. Morrow provided an update on the review process and requested input on suggested changes.

- III. Report: Texas Council of Faculty Senates meeting – Dr. Chuck Bultena and Dr. Jim Owen

Dr. Bultena and Dr. Owen shared information from the meeting.

- IV. Report: Faculty Satisfaction Survey – Dr. Beverly Stiles

Dr. Stiles handed out a proposed survey instrument for the Senate's review and input.

- V. Report and Motion: Concern regarding anonymous communication – Dr. Kathy Roberts

Dr. Roberts submitted the following background and motion:

“The Faculty Senate encourages input into all discussions related to faculty life on this campus and invites others to attend our open meetings to express concerns of all faculty members.

The anonymous emails and letters sent to many faculty and Faculty Senate members about the proposed faculty enhancement plan are threatening and hate-filled.

Our silence about these communiqués can be perceived as implied approval.

Therefore, because we have previously condemned such hate speech, bigotry and racism, the following motion is proposed:

The Faculty Senate condemns the use of anonymous emails and letters to intimidate faculty, staff, and administrators of Midwestern State University.”

The motion was seconded followed by discussion. Following the discussion the motion was withdrawn and a new motion was proposed:

“The Faculty Senate condemns the use of anonymous emails and letters to intimidate faculty, staff, and administrators of Midwestern State University.”

The motion was seconded followed by discussion. Following the discussion the motion was withdrawn and a new motion was proposed:

“The Faculty Senate condemns the use of anonymous emails and letters for the purpose of intimidating students, faculty, staff, and administrators of Midwestern State University.”

The motion was seconded followed by a brief discussion. The question was called and the vote taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee and Other Reports:

1. Administrative Council (Owen) (no report)
2. Board of Regents (Owen): (no report)
3. Academic Council (Roberts): The Academic council approved several catalogue changes as well as a new mission and goals for the College of Health Sciences and Human Services
4. Enrollment Management and Student Affairs (Lindt): (no report)
5. Intercollegiate Athletics Council (Paddack): (no report)
6. Financial report (Bultena): The Faculty Senate has \$1,793.

New Business: Discussed the purchase of J-store that contains a library database for Political Sciences. Suggestions to fund this were to consolidate with other schools that have access to these databases, as well as work to include this in QEP funding because students doing research need access to these resources.

Old Business: none

Announcements:

1. MSU Great Day of Service – Saturday, 06 April 2013; 8:00 am to noon
2. MSU Board of Regents meeting – 15-16 November 2012

The meeting adjourned at 4:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Morrison
Acting Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Jim Owen
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

The next Executive Committee meeting will be at 3 PM on **Tuesday, December 04, 2012**, in the Apache Board Room of CSC.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3 PM on **Thursday, December 6 in Dillard 189**.