

**Midwestern State University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
August 2021**

The 2021-2022 MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 PM on August 19, 2021 via Zoom.

Presiding: Karen Moriarty

Senators present:

Bultena, Charles	Hinchman, Timothy	Olson, Michael
Bennett, Andrea	Johnson, Tina	Onstott, Kim
Carlston, David	Judie, Erica	Page, Morgan
Cobb, Sarah	Kurszewski, Tammy	Price, Jonathon
Colmenares Diaz, Eduardo	Lopez, Marcos	Schulze, John
Draper, Mary	McIntyre, Janice	Stiles, Beverly
Gaharan, Catherine	Medellin, Kelly	Ziegler, Tiffany
Gose, Leah		

Guests:

No guests at this meeting.

Call to order: 3:00 PM

Housekeeping:

This is a brief meeting to ratify current officers and welcome new senators.

Current Business:

1. Announcements—Karen Moriarty

Announcements made regarding Dr. Johnston and Dr. Camacho's interim roles as President and Provost. Karen asked each senator to introduce themselves.

2. Review and Revision of Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws—Karen Moriarty

There is no separate document for bylaws that is distinct from the constitution. Karen suggests we carve out bylaws separate from the constitution. The bylaws are the purview of the faculty senate. Angelo State and Texas Tech have two separate documents for constitution and bylaws; the constitution serves as the policy and the bylaws are the procedure for how the constitution is carried out. Karen would like additional senators to join an ad hoc committee with the executive senators that will review the bylaws. Tammy Kuszewski, Andrea Bennett, and Kimberly Onstott volunteered to serve on that committee. Karen said she would set up a meeting for that discussion in the future.

3. Scheduling of Meetings – Karen Moriarty

Karen asked if faculty senate would be alright with continuing Zoom meetings because there isn't a meeting location on campus that would necessarily provide for proper social distancing. Meetings will continue via Zoom the second Thursday of each month.

4. Dr. Shipley's last day is the 31st of August and there will be a small ceremony. Karen Moriarty presented a customary resolution of appreciation for Dr. Shipley.
5. We cannot mandate that our students wear masks, but we can and should strongly recommend it. There was a brief discussion of covid procedures and confusion surrounding those procedures. Karen mentioned that Dr. Johnston and Dr. Camacho will likely be at our September meeting and make announcements regarding covid procedures.

Committee and Other Reports:

Committees have not met yet for this semester.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Submitted, Morgan Page,
Faculty Senate Secretary

Karen Moriarty, Faculty Senate Chair

Next Meetings:

The next **Executive Committee meeting** will be at 3:00 PM on Thursday, September 2 via Zoom.

The next **Faculty Senate meeting** will be at 3:00 PM on Thursday September 9 via Zoom.