

**MSU Faculty Senate
December 2022 Minutes**

The 2022-2023 MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 PM on **December 8, 2022** via **Zoom**.

Senators present:

Jennifer Anderson	Sanchari Choudhury	John Schulze
Salim Azzouz	Mary Draper	Dawn Slavens
Charles Bultena	Grace Edgar	Emily Smith
David Carlston	Catherine Gaharan	Beverly Stiles
Randy Case	Dittika Gupta	Jill Young
Sarah Cobb	Lauren Jansen	Tiffany Ziegler
Eduardo Colmenares-Diaz	Karen Moriarty	
Bob Comello	Jonathan Price	

Staff Senate Representative: No representative from Staff Senate was present.

Guests: No guests were present.

Call to order: 3:00 PM

Housekeeping:

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Jansen motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Gupta seconded. *All approved*

Approval of Agenda

Current Business/Information Sharing:

1. **Changes in leadership** – *Dr. Moriarty*

Provost James Johnston will become the President of Eastern New Mexico University. Dr. Brown Marsden will serve as Interim Provost and Dr. Sarah Cobb will be Interim Dean of McCoy. Additionally, Dr. Kathy Zuckweiler will be leaving her position as Dean of the Graduate School to take a new position at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. There has not been an announcement about an Interim Dean for the Graduate School.

2. **National Search for Provost** – *Dr. Moriarty*

Midwestern will use a firm to conduct a national search for the new Provost. The firm has not been finalized yet. The firm will screen applicants for an MSU-based search committee. It is anticipated that the committee will bring candidates to campus in March or April. This will be an open search.

3. **Hardin renovation** – *Dr. Moriarty*

Offices in Hardin South will be moved to other places on campus in advance of renovations. Some offices will be moving to Clark Student Center.

4. **Plans to memorialize MSU Centennial** – *Dr. Moriarty*

Dr. Moriarty briefly shared plans that are currently in development to commemorate MSU's Centennial, including the construction of a Centennial Plaza and the planting of 100 trees. More information will be forthcoming once plans are finalized.

New Business:

1. **No new business**

Unfinished Business:

1. **End-of-Course Evaluations** – *Dr. Dawn Slavens, Ad Hoc Committee Members*

Last meeting, the Faculty Senate discussed the possibility of transitioning to all online course evaluations for the Spring Semester. Dr. Carlston urged that we wait to go online until there is a viable plan for increasing response rates. He suggested piloting online course evaluations with full professors. This will be an ongoing discussion as the Ad Hoc Committee continues to meet.

2. **Faculty Resources for Tenure and Promotion** – *Dr. Moriarty*

Dr. Moriarty updated the Faculty Senate on the possibility of digital portfolios for tenure and promotion. She shared a D2L shell that is in development. The shell is divided into the same sections as the physical portfolio (i.e., Section 1 contains letters of evaluation, Section 2 contains the vita, etc.). Dr. Diaz-Colmenares asked who owns the documents after they are uploaded. Dr. Moriarty said Midwestern. Dr. Carlston proposed that the shell be finished and shared with an ad hoc committee tasked with providing feedback. Dr. Choudhury asked when the online portfolio would be available for faculty members to use. Dr. Moriarty did not think it would be finalized by next year. Dr. Moriarty will continue to work on the shell and update Faculty Senate.

Committee and Other Reports:

1. **Academic Council** – *Dr. Slavens*

Dr. Slavens updated the Faculty Senate on the October and November meetings. There is a new entrepreneurship concentration in the management degree as well as new minors in special education (for the graduate education program) and engineering. Additionally, the course name for American Government was changed to American and Texas Government I and II. Finally, the Registrar's Office will be adding a statement to student transcripts that says that the student was dropped by a faculty member for disruptive behavior. The undergraduate catalog will be updated to include information about appealing instructor drops.

2. **Administrative Council** – *Dr. Moriarty*

Dr. Moriarty shared that a subcommittee of the Administrative Council met to discuss the function of the Administrative Council. The Administrative Council exists to advise the President, but everyone who would advise the President on policies has already seen said policies. As a result, the Council seems redundant.

Dr. Carlston expressed concern that if the Council were dissolved that there would not be a faculty backstop to ensure that faculty have seen and reviewed relevant policies.

3. **Athletics Council** – *Dr. Catherine Gaharan*

No report

4. **Budget Oversight Committee** – *Dr. Bev Stiles, Dr. Catherine Gaharan*

No report

5. **Enrollment Management Council** – *Dr. Draper*

No report

6. **Leadership Advisory Council** – *Dr. Moriarty*

Dr. Moriarty shared that the Leadership Advisory Council, which includes former board members as well as the chair of Faculty Senate, heard updates on DEI Initiatives from Cammie Dean. Her office has accomplished a lot in the past year, including the opening of the Charlye O’Farris Social Justice Center. Moreover, all policies are now reviewed for DEI goals, and both the APR and T&P process acknowledge faculty commitment to DEI Initiatives. Finally, the Core Curriculum committee has added intercultural competence to the Social Responsibility objective. The Council also discussed the upcoming legislative session as well as the desire to make MSU a more pedestrian friendly campus. Finally, enrollment was up slightly in Fall 2022, and projections for Spring are promising. Of note, there are changes in international student recruitment numbers. The number of students from the Caribbean have decreased, yet the number of students from India have increased.

7. **Student Affairs** – *Prof. Jill Young*

No report

8. **University Celebration of Scholarship** – *Dr. Randy Case*

Spring EURECA proposals were due December 1. The Celebration of Scholarship will be April 19 & 20

9. **Other Committee Reports:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:06pm. Dr. Gupta made a motion to adjourn and Dr. Draper seconded.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Submitted,
Mary Draper
Faculty Senate Secretary

Karen Moriarty
Faculty Senate Chair

Next Meetings:

The next **Executive Committee meeting** will be at 3:00 PM on **Thursday, January 5** via **Zoom**.

The next **Faculty Senate meeting** will be at 3:00 PM on **Thursday, January 12** via **Zoom**.