

**MSU Faculty Senate
October 2022 Minutes**

The 2022-2023 MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 PM on **October 13, 2022** in Fain College, Room D202.

Senators present:

Jennifer Anderson	Sanchari Choudhury	Emily Smith
Salim Azzouz	Mary Draper	Beverly Stiles
Charles Bultena	Grace Edgar	Bradley Wilson
David Carlston	Karen Moriarty	Jill Young
Randy Case	Jonathan Price	Tiffany Ziegler
Sarah Cobb	John Schulze	
Bob Comello	Dawn Slavens	

Staff Senate Representative:

Anna Daugherty, Director of Budget and Strategic Financial Planning

Call to order: 3:06 PM

Housekeeping:

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Agenda – **Dr. Case** made a motion to approve the minutes. **Dr. Wilson** seconded. Passed unanimously.

Current Business/Information Sharing:

1. **Textbook adoptions** – *Ms. Jenny Denning*

Ms. Denning was not present at Faculty Senate. Dr. Moriarty did not share any information about textbook adoptions.

2. **BetterMynd** – *Dr. Moriarty*

Thanks to a grant written by Dr. Keith Lamb and Dr. Matt Park, students now have access to free online counseling services. They can have up to three sessions, with the possibility of obtaining additional sessions. During her conversation with Drs. Lamb and Park, Dr. Moriarty asked if faculty would also be able to access those services. Dr. Lamb said not at this time.

There are posters about BetterMynd posted around campus. For faculty teaching online, there is a digital poster available for circulation.

New Business:

1. **Investiture for Dr. Mazachek, November 3, 2022, 11:00 AM, Akin Auditorium** – *Dr. Moriarty*

It is customary for Senates (SGA, Staff, and Faculty) to present a gift during Presidential Investitures. The Executive Committee decided on a compass engraved with “Leading MSU into its next century.”

2. Piper Professor Nominees – Dr. Moriarty

Dr. Moriarty distributed the materials from all the Piper Professor nominees via e-mail. She also e-mailed a poll in SurveyMonkey to conduct the voting. Voting ends on Friday, October 14. This deadline will give MSU’s nominee ample time to prepare their materials for the state-wide award.

3. Provost’s Policy Workgroup – Dr. Moriarty

Dr. Moriarty met with Dr. Johnston, who asked for three members from Faculty Senate to join the Policy workgroup. These three faculty members will work alongside three deans. Whenever Dr. Johnston receives a policy for review, he will send the policy to this workgroup for feedback. The faculty members who join this workgroup will need to decide which policies should be presented to Faculty Senate for further review. Please let Dr. Moriarty know if you would like to serve.

4. Campus Climate Survey – Dr. Moriarty

Dr. Moriarty shared that Cammie Dean has asked for a representative from Faculty Senate to review the Campus Climate survey that her office will be distributing. This year, it will be sent to faculty and staff. Next year, it will be distributed to students. It will then continue to rotate between these groups every year. Ms. Dean would like a member of the Faculty Senate to assess whether the questions are applicable to this campus. Please let Dr. Moriarty know if you would be interested.

Unfinished Business:

1. Faculty Contracts – Dr. Moriarty

Dr. Moriarty spoke with the Provost’s Office and Human Resources about faculty contracts. In previous years, faculty contracts began on September 1. This year, they began on August 15. In her conversations, Dr. Moriarty learned that this was a mistake. There are two templates for faculty contracts—one for new faculty with a start date of August 15 and another for returning faculty with a start date of September 1. The contract intended for new faculty was distributed to all faculty. Dr. Moriarty wished that faculty members had been informed about the error as soon as possible. She also noted that if any faculty member would like a new contract with the September 1 date, please contact Renee McAfee in the Provost’s Office. Several Senators expressed disappointment in the lack of communication and transparency. Moreover, there was a consensus among Senators that contracts should run from mid-August to mid-May.

Dr. Moriarty also contacted Human Resources to discuss if faculty members are covered when they are on campus during the summer and/or outside of their contract dates. Dawn Fisher said yes, and encouraged anyone with further questions to speak with her.

2. End-of-Course Evaluations – Dr. Slavens, Ad Hoc Committee Members

The ad-hoc committee on End-of-Course Evaluations has not met yet. No update.

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

Dr. Moriarty spoke with Dr. Johnston about training department chairs to shepherd faculty through tenure and promotion. There are plans to bring Steve Sosland from TTU to do leadership development with department chairs. Dr. Bultena noted that there have been similar trainings in the past that were very productive.

Dr. Moriarty also noted that there is interest among faculty for a digital tenure and promotion portfolio. Senators discussed the possibility of using Google Docs or D2L for that process. Dr. Carlston supported the creation of a D2L shell for faculty going up for tenure and promotion that can be accessed by those reviewing the portfolio. Dr. Moriarty also met with Paul Chappell, who recommended SharePoint. Dr. Wilson preferred other platforms over SharePoint.

Committee and Other Reports:

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

No report.

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

Most of the discussion has been about tweaking the process for updating and approving policies. Dr. Moriarty noted that there are still policies in PowerDMS that mention MSU's Board of Regents. As these revised policies are distributed to the campus community, they will be accompanied by a tracking sheet to note who has seen the policy under review. She also noted that there will be a revised policy about elevator malfunction (OP 34.12) distributed to the campus soon. Dr. Moriarty noted that Dr. Kristen Garrison shared an update on QEP. Many students have signed up for FYE classes, where they are taught time management, study skills, etc.

3. **Athletics Council** – *Dr. Catherine Gaharan (absent)*

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

The dates for the Spring Celebration of Scholarship are April 19 and 20.

8. **Other Committee Reports**

No report.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52. Dr. **Draper** made a motion to adjourn and Dr. **Stiles** seconded.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Submitted,
Mary Draper

Karen Moriarty

Faculty Senate Secretary

Faculty Senate Chair

Next Meetings:

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

The next **Faculty Senate meeting** will be at 3:00 PM on **Thursday, November 10** in TBD.