

# **MSU Faculty Senate**

## **August 2017 Minutes**

The 2017-2018 MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 PM on **September 14, 2017**, in **Dillard 189**.

**Senators present:**

Kym Acuña  
Jennifer Anderson  
Salim Azzouz  
Chuck Bultena  
David Carlston  
Sarah Cobb  
Laura Fidelie  
Rodney Fisher  
Yvonne Franke  
Catherine Gaharan  
Nathan Jun  
Debra Kelley  
Attapol Kuanliang  
Adam Lei  
Matthew Luttrell  
Stacia Miller  
Linda Veazey  
Bradley Wilson

**Staff Senate Representative:** Courtney Snyder

Call to order: 3:04 PM

***Housekeeping:***

Approval of Minutes

The August 2017 Minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously.

***Current Business:***

**1. Piper Award**

Chair Carlston introduced the Piper Award to explain the award and process. He noted that the process is being conducted earlier than usual in order to give the ultimate MSU nominee sufficient time to receive letters of recommendation.

Since the CV and teaching philosophy from nominees were still outstanding, Dr. Carlston explained that he would email this material to all senators the following week, with a SurveyMonkey vote expected to follow.

A senator from each college discussed that college's nominee. Senator Gaharan spoke on behalf of nominee, **Senator Chuck Bultena** (Senator Bultena recused himself from this portion of the meeting, due to his nomination and returned after Senator Gahanan was finished). Senator Anderson spoke on behalf of **Dr. Betty Bowles**, the nominee from the Gunn College of Health and Human Services. Senator Miller spoke on behalf of **Dr. Suzanne Lindt**, nominee from the West College of Education. Senator Cobb spoke on behalf of **Dr. Tina Johnson**, the nominee from the College of Science and Math. Senator Wilson and Senator Luttrell spoke on behalf of **Dr. Lewandowski**, the nominee from the Fain College of Fine Arts. Chair Carlston spoke on behalf of **Dr. Beverly Stiles**, the nominee from the Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

**2. Faculty Satisfaction Survey**

Chair Carlston explained that this survey was first discussed in Faculty Senate 8 or 9 years ago in order to give faculty a voice. We have done 2 of these surveys to date. When we gather data through this survey, it gives us the ability to go to the administration with concerns. The survey has received high participation rates, 77% the first time it was administered. Administering this survey again will allow Faculty Senate to compare

responses on this survey to responses to those issues in previous surveys. We hope to see where there has been progress on issues and identify current concerns.

Senators discussed what should be included or excluded from the new version of the survey. Suggestions from senators:

- Allow faculty to identify their college affiliation in the survey in order to see what progress or ongoing concerns may exist in different colleges on campus.
- Ensure there is a way for faculty to address concerns with technology and related policies, as many faculty have mentioned this as an issue.
- Segment out different aspects of administration or staff support in order to be able to identify areas such as technology that may be of issue.
- Include a question regarding support for pedagogy as the university seeks to grow.
- Pedagogy questions also include addressing the need for developmental courses.
- Address course-load and course caps, especially in courses serving incoming students.
- A measure of faculty burnout.

General Concerns Raised:

- The number of required office hours.
- Time for research.
- Lack of increased budgets for departments with increased enrollment.
- Address pressure for students to present at professional conferences without clear funding for this endeavor.
- The decrease in faculty development funding.
- The lack of sabbatical.

### **3. Time Clock Implementation**

Chair Carlston reported that there was a meeting on the morning of September 14 with faculty and staff regarding time clock implementation. Chair Carlston also explained that the Executive Committee had raised the time clock implementation with President Shipley and had communicated to her that the implementation had been very top-down.

Chair Carlston explained that the Executive Committee has communicated to the president that much of this, from Faculty Senate perspective, is a communication issue; he explained that Faculty Senate has encouraged concerned staff to go through the Staff Senate. Faculty Senate would like to hear from the Staff Senate about what they feel would be helpful.

#### ***Committee and Other Reports:***

##### **1. Administrative Council (Dr. Carlston):**

No meeting report; the committee had yet to convene for the academic year.

##### **2. Board of Regents (Dr. Carlston):**

No meeting report; no Board of Regents meeting has taken place since the last Faculty Senate meeting.

**3. Academic Council (Dr. Fidelie)**

No meeting report; Academic Council had yet to convene for the academic year.

**4. Other active committees:**

No meetings to report.

**5. Financial Report (Dr. Bultena):**

Treasurer Bultena reports that the financial report is the same as the August 2017 report, \$1,227.

***Old Business:***

1. IT Policy:

Chair Carlston reported on the IT policy and handbook. The policy has been approved. The Handbook has been developed by Jim Hall and is in draft form. Dr. Shipley has moved consideration of the finished handbook to the February Board meeting. Faculty Senate will put together a working group to look at the handbook. Then, David Sanchez and Jim Hall will come speak to the full Faculty Senate.

Senator Wilson asks why the Board of Regents is interested in the handbook after approving the overall policy.

Chair Carlston explained that the Board is concerned with security and compliance, so they wanted to have the opportunity to see the specific IT policies, including the handbook.

2. Disclosure Forms:

Senator Carlston that, due to confusion over what should and should not be reported, that he had spoken with the president and the university attorney about what exactly has to be disclosed. This will be revisited in the spring.

***New Business:***

Senator Franke announces that the Department of Foreign Languages has formally changed its name. It will now be known as the Department of World Languages and Cultures.

Vice Chair Fidelie made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Senator Fisher. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Submitted,

Linda Veazey,  
Faculty Senate Secretary

David Carlson,  
Faculty Senate Chairperson

***Next Meetings:***

The next **Executive Committee meeting** will be at **3:00 PM on Thursday, October 5** in the **PY Staff Lounge**.

The next **Faculty Senate meeting** will be at **3:00 PM on Thursday, October 12** in **Wichita 1 and 2**.