

MSU Faculty Senate

February 2015 Minutes

The 2014-2015 MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 PM on **February 12**, in **CSC Kiowa**. Senators present included Charles Bultena, Stuart McClintock, Sally Henschel, Jane Leach, Barbara DeBois, Lauren Jansen, Jennifer Gresham, Vicki Sanders, Tommy Hutson, Suzanne Lindt, Jonathan Price, Greg Giddings, Angie Reay (Staff Representative), Bradley Wilson, Laura Fidelie, Ruth Morrow, and Jeremy Duff.

Current Business:

1. The Faculty Senate voted to recommend the granting of Emeritus status to several retiring faculty members. The individuals are listed below. All were recommended.

Alan Black (MUSC)
Tim Donovan (CMPS)
Laura Jefferson (THEA)
Charles Johnston (MIS)
Jesse Rogers (CHEM/President)
James Schuppener (MUSC)
David Tucker (MATH)
Larry Williams (SOCL)

2. The Faculty Senate voted to approve a resolution honoring Dr. Jesse Rogers on his retirement as President of the University. The resolution will be presented to Dr. Rogers at a banquet in his honor on February 17, 2015. The resolution was approved with a small wording change. Below is the text of the resolution as amended.

WHEREAS, the Midwestern State University Faculty Senate serves as a standing committee representative of all faculty members, advisory to the President of Midwestern State University, and is charged with improving the academic welfare within the university; and,

WHEREAS, this body is proud to honor retiring President, Dr. Jesse Rogers for his countless valuable contributions to the academic mission of the university at an evening dedicated to recognizing him and his service to the university to be celebrated on February 19th, 2015, on the campus of Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Jesse Rogers started his academic career in 1967 as Assistant Professor of Chemistry, mentoring students (many of whom currently serve the university as faculty and staff) and serving diligently in his role to inspire a love for learning, a passion for the sciences, and a respect for research; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Jesse Rogers, five years after joining the academy, received the highest honor bestowed upon a faculty member by the university each year, being named the tenth Hardin Professor in 1972 for his contributions in the classroom, his research accomplishments, and his character; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Jesse Rogers served twenty years as Vice President for Academic Affairs, during which time he cultivated the growth of the academic units, expanded the professional and graduate schools, and increased the overall academic health of the university and the quality of its faculty; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Jesse Rogers has served fourteen years as President of Midwestern State University, during which time he has established a strong liberal arts foundation as the core of the academic mission, has raised admission standards, has responded to faculty member concerns, both collective and individual, has expanded and beautified the campus, and has lauded the quality of the faculty and the university to local, state, and federal constituents; and,

WHEREAS, the Midwestern State University Faculty Senate has enjoyed a strong working relationship with Dr. Jesse Rogers in which he has demonstrated character responding to faculty concerns, taking accountability for difficult and controversial decisions, and drawing from the strengths of the faculty; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this body expresses heartfelt appreciation to one of its finest members, Dr. Jesse Rogers, for his contributions to the broader university and especially the faculty, for maintaining his identity as a member of the faculty, and for his tireless dedication, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to retiring President, Dr. Jesse Rogers.

3. The Faculty Senate voted on a resolution regarding the University's policy on the use of tobacco products. The text of the resolution is below. The resolution passed with one vote opposed.

WHEREAS Campus policy 4.163: USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS was originally proposed in 2009 and has been amended most recently as 2013 as a policy to prohibit the use of tobacco products, including smoke and smokeless tobacco, and the advertising, sale, free distribution, and discarding of tobacco products;

AND WHEREAS The policy is largely unenforceable as written and has resulted in no disciplinary action since its passing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate requests that campus administrators amend the Enforcement section (4.163(C)) to be

enforceable using established means for other campus citations or other methods they deem acceptable and fines to apply to students, faculty, staff and visitors.

4. Dr. Marilyn Fowlé, Vice President of Business Affairs and Finance will be visiting the March Faculty Senate meeting. Faculty Senate members are encouraged to speak to the members of their departments and colleges in order to solicit questions for Dr. Fowlé regarding the budget, the salary enhancement plan, summer pay, and anything else that might be important.

5. *Committee and Other Reports:*

Finances: Charles Bultena reported that we have about \$1730 in our account with plenty of money to send two or three people to Texas Council of Faculty Senates, Feb. 28-March 1 in Austin (<http://www.txfacultyssenates.org/>).

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Announcements: None

The meeting adjourned at **3:43pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Duff
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

David Carlston
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

Next Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting: April 7, 2015, in Apache CSC

Next Faculty Senate Meeting: April 9, 2015, in Kiowa CSC