

MSU Faculty Senate

February 2017 Minutes

The 2016-2017 MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 PM on **February 16, 2017**, in **Wichita I & II, CSC**. Senators present included Andrew Allen, Jennifer Anderson, Ben Atkins, Salim Azzouz, Charles Bultena, David Carlston, Karen Dabney, Jeremy Duff, Laura Fidelie, Katherine Gaharan, Debra Kelly, Stacia Miller, Jonathan Price, Victoria Sanders, Beverly Stiles, Charles Watson, Lynette Watts, Raymond Willis, and Bradley Wilson. Guests in attendance were University President, Dr. Suzanne Shipley, Chief Information Officer, Dr. David Sanchez, Chief Information Security Officer, Jim Hall, Director of the Department of Internal Audits, Leigh Kidwell, and Staff Senate Representative Johnna Lynn Weigand,.

Housekeeping:

Approval of the minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously with no amendments.

Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously.

Current Business:

1. University President, Dr. Suzanne Shipley introduced Dr. David Sanchez, the University's new Chief Information Officer.
2. Dr. Shipley discussed the statement issued by the Office of the President on United States President Trump's executive order on immigration. She stated that this is an issue that is very important to her. She wrote her dissertation on the immigration of writer's who had been forced into exile by their respective countries. She stated that the University will do everything it can to make sure that students, faculty, and staff feel welcome and safe on campus. She also stated that the University spends, on average, \$40,000 a person on faculty who are hired without an H-1B Visa. She is urging the University to continue to hire international faculty despite the increasing cost of doing so.
3. Dr. Shipley introduced *MSU Texas*, a new marketing and fundraising campaign aimed at increasing awareness that MSU is indeed located in Texas and proudly serves the students of Texas. The campaign includes a specially designed logo that will be tested in the upcoming Flower Mound campus expansion. This is not a total rebrand of the MSU logo, but intended to supplement the logo.
4. Dr. Shipley introduced Leigh Kidwell, the University's Director of Internal Audits. A large portion of her job is to make sure that MSU is in compliance with state policy requirements.

In that context, Dr. Kidwell discussed the University's SB20 policies. She stated that these are policies not directly aimed at MSU, but nevertheless, we must abide by them.

She hopes that these policies do not hamper the willingness of faculty to pursue outside work in our communities, with students, and with others. However, we must stay within the boundaries of what SB 20 requires. SB 20 is mostly focused on contract management and procurement, however, there are parts that pertain to faculty. She stated that in drafting policies to address SB 20 she asked, “How do we stay within the letter of the law but with a policy that is understandable?” She presented four draft policies to address the issues raised in SB 20. These will be posted on the Faculty Senate website. Below are some key pieces to the policies:

- a. There is no cap on outside activities. However, things that are not related to University work must be disclosed and approved.
- b. There will be a simple form that faculty will fill out once a year to disclose their outside activity. They are working to make this form electronic.

The Faculty Senate is asking faculty to look at these policies and send any comments or concerns to their Faculty Senate representatives.

These policies need to be presented to the MSU Board of Regents at the May 2017 meeting. The Faculty Senate will vote on endorsing these policies at the March 2017 meeting.

5. The Faculty Senate discussed the new proposed IT policies. In the most recent drafts the discipline process has been changed to the University’s standard discipline process. The portions dealing with paper disposal were taken out of the drafts. In addition to these, there are number of other policies that will be brought to the Senate moving forward. Faculty are encouraged to look at these and bring any comments or concerns to their Faculty Senate representatives.

Committee and Other Reports:

1. Administrative Council (Carlston): No report
2. Board of Regents (Carlston): The shortest meeting ever.
3. Financial Aid and Admissions Task Force: No report
4. Summer School Advisory Committee: No report
5. Academic Council (Fidelie): No report
6. Student Affairs and Enrollment Management: No report
7. Strategic Planning Committee (Killion): In about 2 weeks a draft Strategic Plan should be made available.
8. Budget Oversight Committee (Stiles): No Report
9. Student Success Committee (Franke): No Report
10. First Year Seminar: No Report
11. Fair Labor Standards Act: No report
12. Financial report (Bultena): The Faculty Senate has a balance of \$1577.

New Business: Provost Search: A committee has been assembled. The statewide hiring freeze does not affect faculty hires or other posted positions, such as Provost. The committee would like to have potential candidates visit campus before the end of the semester.

Old Business: None

The meeting adjourned at **4:03 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Duff
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

David Carlston
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

Next Meetings:

The next Executive Committee meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2017, in PY Lounge.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2017, in Dillard 189.