MSU Faculty Senate
January 2017 Minutes

The 2016-2017 MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 PM on **January 12, 2017,** in **Dillard 189.**
Senators present included Charles Bultena, Jeremy Duff, David Carlston, Bradley Wilson, Laura
Fidelie, Karen Dabney, Stacia Miller, Phillip Wilson, Kym Acuña, Jeff Killion, Rodney Fisher,
Victoria Sanders, Jennifer Anderson, Charles Watson, Raymond Willis, Jonathan Price, Salim
Azzouz, Nathan Jun, Yvonne Franke, and Andrew Allen. Guests in attendance were Staff Senate
Representative Johnna Lynn Weigand, Barbara Pinson, Telecommunications Assistant, and
Shauna Kennedy, Assistant to the Chief Information Officer.

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.	The Senate addressed the drafts of the proposed IT policies. Chair Carlston noted that
	several of these had been looked at by the Administrative Council. The Senate will
	continue to address these as drafts are completed. The Senate has not been asked yet to
	"approve" or "support" the policies. However, Chair Carlston asked that the Senate
	consider each one individually and choose to "recommend" or not.

	Therefore, the Senate addressed each of the current drafts individually:

	Access Management Policy—The Senate decided to wait before recommending this
	policy based on several questions in regards to the use of "unique identifiers" and how
	they apply to systems like Banner, when it comes to releasing advising holds.

	Data Center Environmental Controls Policy—The Senate voted unanimously to
	recommend this policy.

	Data Classification and Management Policy—The Senate decided to wait before
	recommending this policy based on several questions in regards to how MSU owned data
	is defined, who determines how it is classified, how it relates to intellectual property, not
	enough information on where faculty can go to find whether or not they are dealing with
	classified information, and how this policy relates to Faculty Dismissal and the Faculty
	Grievance Policy.

	Information Technology Account Management Policy—The Senate voted unanimously
	to recommend this policy.

Media Sanitation and Disposal Policy—The Senate decided to wait on recommending this policy based on questions about the need for a University wide secure shredding policy and how this policy will affect individual departments who might have shredders that do not comply with the policy. Who will pay for the new shredders?

Remote Access and VPN Policy—The Senate voted unanimously to recommend this policy.

Security Awareness Training Policy—Senator Bradley Wilson expressed concern that the recent security awareness training the faculty were required to take was less than informative. However, other members of the Senate expressed that they thought the training was useful. The Senate voted unanimously to recommend the policy.

Software Policy—The Senate decided to wait before recommending this policy based on a number of questions:
> How do we find out if a software we are using is approved?
> What about problems with updating software? It often takes an extensive amount of time to have updates approved.
> Does the policy exclude everything, unless the University has purchased it?
> The policy says that peer-to-peer file sharing is prohibited, so does that mean things like DropBox are not approved?

Acceptable Computer Use Policy—The Senate decided to wait before recommending this policy based on several questions:
> What is the definition of "essential university data?"
> What are the encryption requirements and how are the faculty responsible for these?
> Does the policy exclude faculty from using University email for anything other than University business?
> What is the definition of "nominal" when the policy discusses the storage of email?
> Section 2.3 of the policy addresses "high bit rates." What is a "high bit rate?"
> Does the policy apply to everyone?
> If a faculty member violates the policy, who determines what level of infraction the faculty member has committed?
> Should disciplinary action be included in the policy?

2. The Senate received an update on the SB20 policy draft from Senators Fidelie and Bradley Wilson. They looked at policies at several different universities. They divided the draft presented by University Counsel into five different policies. One of these addresses faculty. Their revisions were aimed at this specific policy. They plan to have a complete draft of the policy by the February Faculty Senate meeting. The Senate needs to look at a final draft of the policy by the March Senate meeting so that it can be presented to the Board of Regents at their May meeting.

Committee and Other Reports:

1. Administrative Council (Carlston): No report
2. Board of Regents (Carlston): No report
3. Financial Aid and Admissions Task Force: No Report
4. Summer School Advisory Committee: No report
5. Academic Council (Fidelie): They met and made some catalog changes.
6. Student Affairs and Enrollment Management: So far the University has admitted 1050 students for Fall 2017. 99 applicants were denied. That is an acceptance rate of 91%. This is much higher than last year's rate of 79%.
7. Strategic Planning Committee (Killion): Will be having three more sessions before Spring Break. They are narrowing their subgroups based on the four main goals of the committee. By the end of the semester they plan to have a draft of the strategic plan ready.
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 $1465. The Texas Council of Faculty Senates Meeting is February 24-25, 2017. Email Senator Bultena if you are interested in attending.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

The meeting adjourned at **3:56 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Duff   David Carlston
Secretary of the Faculty Senate   Chairman of the Faculty Senate

Next Meetings:
The next Executive Committee meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, in PY Lounge.
The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, in Dillard 189.