

# MSU Faculty Senate

## March 2016 Minutes

The 2015-2016 MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 PM on **March 10, 2016**, in **Kiowa CSC**. Senators present included Charles Bultena, Laura Fidelie, Jeremy Duff, Bradley Wilson, Jonathan Price, Ray Willis, Phil Wilson, Kym Acuña, Rodney Fisher, Vicki Sanders, Jennifer Anderson, Ben Atkins, Daria Close (proxy for Lauren Jansen), Charles Watson, Sheldon Wang, David Carlston, Greg Giddings, Beverly Stiles, Suzanne Lindt, and Mitzi Lewis (proxy for Andrew Allen). Guests in attendance were University President, Dr. Suzanne Shipley and Staff Senate Representative Sue Witherspoon.

### *Current Business:*

1. The Faculty Senate unanimously approved the minutes from the February 2016 meeting.
2. University President, Dr. Suzanne Shipley, addressed the Senate. Dr. Shipley discussed the Strategic Plan Committee. A large committee is being formed to address each of the initiatives in the strategic plan. The goal is to deliver a strategic plan to the board by May 2017. Faculty members make up a majority of the committee (55%). Each college will identify two members to serve on the committee. The committee will probably be broken up into several working groups. They did not place any academic planning into the initial plan because the desire is to have the academic community to develop this.

Dr. Shipley then discussed the search for a new vice president to fill the position of Vice President of University Advancement and Academic Affairs that Dr. Howard Farrell will be leaving in the fall. The search committee is engaged in a national search. Dr. Shipley would like to reduce the number of Vice Presidents on campus. This is one reason why the University is not going to hire someone to replace Dr. Robert Clark as Vice President of Administration and Institutional Effectiveness when he returns to teaching in the fall. They are hiring a new assistant to the Provost who will be picking up some of these duties. A fundraising committee has been created and they have completed an ad for recruiting candidates to replace Dr. Farrell. They plan to have candidates on campus before faculty leave for the summer. Tentatively this is scheduled for the first week of May.

Dr. Shipley also discussed the efforts to create a satellite campus in the DFW area. They have looked to place this campus in the Alliance Corridor. However, every location that would work has been bought. All community colleges between here and Fort Worth have expressed interest in having MSU on their campuses. Therefore, there might be locations that already exist, but MSU will continue looking for a place to locate. Right now it is a “moving target.” While very exploratory at this point, it might be possible that MSU will be able to offer

similar adult completion degrees on the community college campuses, cutting overhead significantly and increasing our profile more quickly.

Finally, Dr. Shipley stated that the MSU administration is sorting through the Modern Think survey and the discussions that were carried out on campus in regards to the survey. They will come back to the faculty and staff with a list of priorities soon.

3. The Faculty Senate voted unanimously to approve Dr. Linda Hollabaugh for Emeritus Status.

4. *Committee and Other Reports:*

Administrative Council (Carlston): No report.

Academic Council (Fidelie): They met and approved several catalog changes.

Board of Regents (Carlston): There are two new regents. That gives the Senate a chance to re-educate current members on the relationship between the Senate and the Board of Regents. Chair Carlston has created a “welcome letter” to the new regents. At the most recent board meeting, the Board discussed faculty raises and adjustments for salary compression. The Board wanted to know why there needed to be something done about compression. Chair Carlston asked the Senate to think of ways we could justify addressing salary compression.

Student Affairs (Lindt): Student Affairs discussed the use of service and emotional support animals on campus. There is only ONE of these actually registered to serve at MSU. All service and emotional support animals must be registered with the University. Only ones that are properly registered and have a MSU ID are allowed to enter classrooms. Enrollment is up 2.19% and up 3.16% per credit hour.

Campus Carry (Fidelie): They have finalized their recommendations and sent them to Dr. Shipley.

Budget Oversight (Stiles): They are meeting regularly. The MSU Administration is bringing members up to speed on budget terminology. Dr. Stiles reported that they believe there will be a 7% increase in insurance plan rates.

Finances (Bultena): The Faculty Senate has \$1338.00

*New Business:* The Faculty Senate voted to place David Carlston and Bradley Wilson on the Strategic Plan Committee. Rodney Fisher will serve as an alternate.

The Faculty Senate discussed how to honor Dr. Shipley at the Celebration of Scholarship.

Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, Matthew Park, asked the Senate to recommend people to serve on a committee to choose the annual student awards. Faculty are asked to discuss this with their colleagues and let Student Affairs know who is interested in serving on the committee.

*Old Business:* None

The meeting adjourned at **3:54pm**.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Duff  
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

David Carlston  
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

Next Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting: April 12, 2016, at 3pm, in the President's Board Room.

Next Faculty Senate Meeting: April 14, 2016, at 3pm, in Kiowa, CSC.