

MSU Faculty Senate February 2019 Minutes

The 2018-2019 MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 PM on **February 14, 2019**, in Wichita I and II.

Senators present:

Kim Acuña	Catherine Gaharan	Bev Stiles
Chuck Bultena	Attapol Kuanliang	Linda Veazey
Jesse Carlucci	Nathan Jun	Lynette Watts
Dave Carlston	Marcos Lopez	Charles M. Watson
Randy Case	Adam Lei	Bradley Wilson
Sarah Cobb	Stacia Miller	
Rodney Fisher	Jonathon Quam	

Guests:

Courtney Snyder (Staff Senate Representative)
Fred Dietz, Vice President of Enrollment Management
Keith Lamb, Vice President of Student Affairs
Ellie Gunderson, SGA President
Valarie Maxwell

Call to order: 3:00 PM

Housekeeping:

Approval of Minutes and Approval of Agenda
Senator Case moved; Senator Watts seconded. The agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.

Current Business:

1. Enrollment Update – Fred Dietz

Fred Dietz presented the enrollment report. Key finding:

- Spring enrollment down 1.2 percent in credit hour production and 1.6 percent in terms of students. This is about 97 students. Part of this is a small freshman class from 2016-2017 working its way through.
- Housing occupancy is up, 7 percent from last spring and at 89 percent occupancy.

- Retention emerging as key issue. They will examine data for the past seven years. Freshmen retention rate has dropped 5 percent/year and the freshman retention rate is approximately 65 percent.
- The Enrollment Planning Committee will be looking into why this is happening and examining possible software.
- Orientation is moving to Enrollment Management from Student Affairs. He pointed out that students who come to Orientation have not committed to Midwestern and are still shopping.
- The Board today approved a full-time position to deal with dual credit. It's an avenue they think will grow enrollment and they want to control the narrative, want to be a leader in the region.

2. Tuition and Fees – Keith Lamb, Valarie Maxwell, and Ellie Gunderson

Two key issues from their presentation.

1. Tuition would go up 2.8 percent for incoming freshmen to \$2,033.25 making the bill for a student taking 15 hours \$4,947.00, up from \$4,812.25 last year. Shipley, she said, prefers to go up a little every year, avoiding big jumps. Tuition is locked in for four years as mandated by state.
2. Security Fee: The SGA voted to abolish the parking fee in favor of a security fee that would be paid by all students. It would be approximately \$50 per semester and cover both physical security and cybersecurity on campus. Keith Lamb did not expect this proposed fee to increase student vehicles on campus because there are, on average, 500 open parking stops even during heavy traffic periods.

3. Writing Council – Bradley Wilson

Senator Wilson explained the Writing Council that would explore alternatives to the Writing Proficiency Exam, possibly offering writing-focused courses in each discipline. More details will come in future meetings.

Committee and Other Reports:

1. Administrative Council (Dr. Carlston):

Chair Carlston explained that with the Evergreen Study coming, growth for the university should also take the perspective of faculty into account.

2. Board of Regents (Dr. Carlston):

3. Academic Council (Dr. Fidelie)

No report.

4. Other active committees:

No Report

5. Financial Report (Dr. Anderson):

No report.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Submitted,
Linda Veazey,
Faculty Senate Secretary

Dave Carlston,
Faculty Senate Chair

Next Meetings:

The next **Executive Committee meeting** will be at **3:00 PM on Thursday, March 7, 2019** in the **Mass Communication Conference Room**.

The next **Faculty Senate meeting** will be at **3:00 PM on Thursday, March 14, 2019**.