

MSU Faculty Senate

March 2019 Minutes

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

Senators present:

Kim Acuña
Chuck Bultena
Jesse Carlucci
Dave Carlston
Randy Case
Sarah Cobb

Laura Fidelie
Rodney Fisher
Catherine Gaharan
Attapol Kuanliang
Nathan Jun
Marcos Lopez

Adam Lei
Linda Veazey
Charles M. Watson
Lynette Watts
Bradley Wilson
Julie Wood

Guests:

James Johnston (Provost)
Jenny Denning (MSU Bookstore)
Ashley Hurst (TASP)
Pam Moss (TASP)
Courtney Snyder (Staff Senate Representative)

Call to order: 3:00 PM

Housekeeping:

Approval of Agenda
Senators approved the agenda unanimously. The minutes would be voted upon at the end of the meeting.

Current Business:

1. MSU Bookstore – Jenny Denning

Jenny Denning presented information regarding the bookstore and the need for faculty members to turn in their book orders in by the adoption dates set by the bookstore (March 15 for Summer and April 15 for Fall). This can be done in D2L. The bookstore orders books early in order to secure sufficient used copies of books; students will not buy books at full price. In addition, MSU will use IncludeED now, for electronic

textbook/coursework material. This a program from Follett, which runs the MSU Bookstore. It will be the lowest price and integrated into D2L.

2. TSAP – Ashley Hurst and Pam Moss

- Ashley Hurst and Pam Moss explained the academic referral, conduct referral, and attendance referral process. Academic referrals go to Pam Moss; conduct referrals go to Dail Neely in the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. They explained to faculty senators how to make referrals and the importance of detailed notes about the issue in order for them to more effectively talk to students. Even if students are being dropped due to non-attendance, Dail Neely needs to know.
- Key Points from Discussion:
 - i. How well are we, MSU, handling issues related to mental health? Pam Moss explained that they will send students to the counseling center if, when addressing the academic issues or conduct issues with students, that the counseling center would be useful.
 - ii. Senators asked if the system could be easier to use and suggested a link on the portal.
 - iii. Pam Moss explained that they had received only 18 academic referrals this semester, so this process is not in frequent use by faculty.
 - iv. The main message of their presentation was that they are here to help.

3. Doctoral Programs and Midterm Grade Checks

Provost Johnston discussed midterm grade checks. In order to trigger academic support resources, a data point is needed. Midterm grades in Banner would provide the ability to intervene early and get resources to students who are in need of interventions during the semester. Provost Johnston wanted the faculty senate to endorse midterm grade checks.

Senators suggested that midterm grades could be entered in Banner, if the grade window were large (weeks 3-9) and would appear in Banner like final grades, in order to alert academic advisors and others. Some senators suggested that the system be able to pull grades from Banner. Senators also suggested that it be required only for students with Ds or Fs in courses.

Provost Johnston also discussed the proposed doctoral programs. This is part of the Strategic Plan. The proposed doctoral programs are in Educational Leadership and Radiologic Sciences. Provost Johnston explained how the programs would work and took questions from senators.

Key Points:

- Senators asked how doctoral programs could change the Carnegie classification in the future and noted that having these two programs could change grant acquisition.
- Having online and hybrid programs are opportunities for MSU.
- There was interest from senators for assistance with improving other graduate programs on campus while also moving towards the doctoral programs.

- Because this was part of the strategic plan, senators suggested periodic strategic plan updates.
- Senators raised concerns about unanswered questions regarding the doctoral programs from graduate council and suggested that those be addressed.

4. TCFS Report – Matt Luttrell

Matt Luttrell was not able to attend the meeting and give his report. It will be distributed at a later time.

5. Evergreen Report Discussion

Chair Carlston explained that Evergreen had submitted their draft report, but that the study did not reflect the workload aspect. President Shipley would like solutions and recommendations for salary and workload. Jeff Ling from Evergreen would be returning to campus on March 26 in order to meet with faculty again. Chair Carlston encouraged everyone to attend. Senator Lei raised a concern for the need for the total of universities used in the salary survey, Exhibit B. Senators also questioned the peer school accuracy and were interested in the criteria used to establish peer institutions in the report. Chair Carlston again encouraged senators and other faculty to attend the session with Evergreen.

Committee and Other Reports:

1. Administrative Council (Dr. Carlston):

No report.

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:

Senator Jun reminded senators that the resolutions he and Senator Watson had submitted, was tabled until this meeting when senators had hoped to have the results from Evergreen.

Senator Jun moved to table Resolution Concerning Research at MSU and Resolution Concerning Teaching Awards at MSU until the next meeting. Senator Watson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Secretary Veazey passed out meeting minutes. It was decided that these should be voted upon at the next meeting.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

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, April 4, 2019** in the **Mass Communication Conference Room**.

The next **Faculty Senate meeting** will be at **3:00 PM on Thursday, April 11, 2019**.