

MSU Faculty Senate

November 2016 Minutes

The 2016-2017 MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 PM on **November 10, 2016**, in **Wichita I & II**. Senators present included Charles Bultena, Laura Fidelie, Jeremy Duff, David Carlston, Phillip Wilson, Catherine Gaharan, Stacia Miller, Kym Acuña, Jeff Killion, Rodney Fisher, Ben Atkins, Victoria Sanders, Jennifer Anderson, Beverly Stiles, Raymond Willis, Jonathan Price, Salim Azzouz, Yvonne Franke, Andrew Allen, and Karen Dabney. Guests in attendance were 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. Senator Fidelie made a motion to approve the Faculty Senate Recommendations Regarding Draft Policy 3.314 Ethics Policy for Employees of Midwestern State University.

Senator Allen seconded the motion.

Senate Chair, David Carlston explained the recommendations. The recommendation document has been placed on the Faculty Senate Website.

The motion was agreed to unanimously.

2. A motion was made to accept Draft Policy 4.117 Suspected Dishonest or Fraudulent Activities. A copy of the policy will be placed on the Faculty Senate Website.

The motion was agreed to unanimously.

Committee and Other Reports:

1. Administrative Council (Carlston): No report
2. Board of Regents (Carlston): They approved the new Health Sciences Building. It is a beautiful building but deviates some from the rest of the campus architecture. They are also going to extend Legacy Walk.
3. Financial Aid and Admissions Task Force: They are currently looking at how scholarships are awarded and how students are admitted. They want students to be

academically supported. They have received an admissions flow chart on how decisions are made in accepting students under advised admissions.

4. Summer School Advisory Committee: This was the old Faculty Salary Enhancement Plan Committee. They have met once to determine the goals of the committee. Funding for Summer School has been reduced. They are charged with figuring out how to manage the reduction in summer funds. They are also charged with reviewing the Faculty Salary Enhancement Plan and the effect it has had on Summer School. The University has not saved much money on Summer School because many of the younger faculty, who are on the fixed summer pay rate, have simply chosen not to teach summer classes. Funding for Summer School comes from the Summer School Budget, left over adjunct/overload money, and borrowing from the Board of Regents. Money from the Board of Regents is no longer available and they are using the adjunct/overload money faster than they have before. Chair Carlston stated if faculty have any thoughts about how to handle or fix the issues with Summer School to forward them to him or Senator Stiles who are both on this committee.
5. Academic Council (Fidelie): Took action on some catalog changes.
6. Student Affairs and Enrollment Management: (No Report)
7. Strategic Planning Committee (Killion): They are starting to make headway. They have been working on tactics to get “measurables” into the document. President Shipley would like to see 25 measurables in the document so they are having to revise them down. Chair Carlston will send an email out about the committee’s charge and the membership of the committee. President Shipley would like the budget to be tied to the Strategic Plan. It will be a “working document,” not a “dust collecting document.”
8. Budget Oversight Committee (Stiles): Will not meet until spring.
9. Student Success Committee (Franke): They have put together a survey for freshman courses and learning communities that will be going out soon.
10. First Year Seminar: The plan is being rolled out over five years. It involves learning communities and a second semester seminar that will be tied to classes that we already teach.
11. Fair Labor Standards Act: They wrapped up their work last week and emails will go out to supervisors on reducing overtime.
12. Financial report (Bultena): The Faculty Senate has a balance of \$857. Bradley Wilson attended the Texas Council of Faculty Senates meeting.

New Business: Senator Franke asked if it could be determined when Foreign Languages would be getting the lab space promised to them from Housing. They were supposed to get this lab space at the beginning of the semester, but it had not been made available at the time of this meeting.

Old Business: None

The meeting adjourned at **3:43 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, December 1, in PY Lounge.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, in Legacy Hall Multipurpose Room.