

MSU Faculty Senate

September 2015 Minutes

The 2015-2016 MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 PM on **September 10**, in **Dillard 189**. Senators present included Ben Atkins, Laura Fidelie, Jennifer Anderson, Lauren Jansen, Rodney Fisher, Jeff Killion, Charles Watson, Ray Willis, Jonathan Price, David Carlston, Jeremy Duff, Lucy Schultz, Beverly Stiles, Kym Acuña, Suzanne Lindt, Charles Bultena, Alejandro Gelves, Philip Wilson, Susan Harvey, Andrew Allen, and Bradley Wilson. Also in attendance were, University Director of Marketing and Public Information Julie Gaynor and President of the Office of General Counsel Barry Macha.

Current Business:

1. Director of Marketing and Public Information Julie Gaynor addressed the Senate. She discussed the University's new trademarking and licensing agreements. She stated that seven out of the nine Lone Star Conference schools have licensing agreements. The University was approached by Strategic Marketing Associates (part of Learfield Licensing) last October. Since the University has been working with SMA we have already seen "a lot of benefit from it." Ms. Gaynor will email the faculty with details on the agreements. She asks that when faculty or staff order University-related items we use a licensed vendor. Her department is working hard to bring in more local vendors to make this easier. Several local vendors have already joined, however we do not have a local engraving company yet. She stated that one of the problems has been that in order to become a licensed vendor a retailer must carry a \$1 million insurance policy. This is an industry standard. She also mentioned that they are working on developing a policy for student organizations who want to use the MSU logo in their apparel and other materials. She asked that they too order through a licensed vendor, especially if their apparel/material contains "MSU," "Midwestern," or "Midwestern State University." Ms. Gaynor also discussed the school colors. She stated that the school colors have not changed. Our color of "maroon" is technically called PMS 202, and it has been that color since 1987. However, without a licensing agreement, many vendors were using many different shades of maroon and thus there was inconsistency. With the new licensing agreement we should see much more uniformity in color. She also recommended that when we use university correspondence we use the "institutional mark."
2. University Counsel Barry Macha discussed the proposed Consensual Relations Policy. Currently it has been presented through Student Affairs and the other appropriate committees on campus. A draft will be sent out soon, and the Senate will vote on the policy at the October Faculty Senate meeting. Mr. Macha explained that University has never had a policy and it leaves us open to legal problems. To draft a policy, Counsel looked at other state schools and mirrored the policy on the one adopted by the University of Texas system. If adopted, it will apply to everyone on campus.
3. The Faculty Senate voted to appoint the following people to the following committees:

Publications Board:
Jim Sernoe

Intercollegiate Athletics:
Faculty Athletic Representative:
Greg Giddings
Committee Member:
Scott Meddaugh
Committee Member from Faculty Senate:
Jeff Killion

Student Affairs and Enrollment Management:
Suzanne Lindt

504/ADA Grievance Committee:
Tammy Kursewski
Tommye Hutson
Beth Veale

Academic Appeals Committee:
Emily LaBeff
Jessyca Wagner

Admissions Committee:
Faculty Member:
Julie Wood
Professional College Advisor:
Catherine Rudy

Architect Selection Advisory Committee:
Stuart McClintock

Artist Lecture Series Committee:
Voting Member:
Eric Koger
Non-Voting Member:
Angel Lynskey

Employee Health and Fitness Committee:
Betty Bowles
Karen Polvado

Faculty Forum Committee:
SuHua Huang

Faculty/Staff Traffic Appeals Committee:

Robert Comello
Terry McDonald

Financial Aid Appeals Committee:

Jeremy Duff
Tina Johnson
Pam Moss

Pre-law Scholarship Committee:

Ranette Halverson
Leland Turner

Regent's Professor Selection Committee:

Senate Member:
Andrew Allen

Student Allocations Committee:

Aisha Siddiqui
Andrea Button

University Celebration of Scholarship Committee:

Senate Member:
Lucy Schultz

University Data Standards/Security Committee:

Terry Griffin

Academic Council:

Laura Fidelie

4. Senate Vice-Chair and Chair of the University Campus Carry Task Force, Laura Fidelie, discussed the University Campus Carry Task Force. The Campus Carry law takes effect in fall of 2016. The President's goal in developing the task force is to be inclusive. The task force will consist of one faculty member from each college, of whom two will be members of the Faculty Senate. It will also include students, parents, Julie Gaynor the Director of Marketing and Public Information, and people from Student Affairs, Housing, Alumni, the University Chief of Police, and staff from other areas of campus. She stated that there is "not a lot of wiggle room" to comply with the law. However, the University can make "reasonable rules" on where and when individuals will be allowed to carry on campus, but no policy can have the effect of preventing guns on campus. A policy must be presented to the University President by April 15, 2016, but they would like to have it completed before Spring Break. Senators Beverly Stiles and Susan Harvey agreed to serve as the two Faculty Senate representatives on the task force.

5. The Senate discussed the Emeritus Faculty Policy. Senators Emily LaBeff, Lucy Shultz, and Ben Atkins agreed to serve on the committee to revise the policy.
6. The Senate discussed the proposed Fall Break policy. Students have asked for a Fall Break between Labor Day and November. The Provost has proposed that this be taken up at the November Board of Regents Meeting. An email will be sent out to the colleges with several proposed options. Faculty are first asked to vote if they would like a Fall Break. They are then asked to vote for their preferred option. Members of the Faculty Senate are asked to discuss this with their colleagues.
7. *Committee and Other Reports:*

Administrative Council (Carlston): Did not meet.

Student Affairs (Lindt): Did not meet.

First Year Seminar: Did not meet.

Finances (Bultena): The Faculty Senate has \$1730.00

New Business: Chair Carlston asked that the Faculty Forum Committee consider inviting members of the Board of Regents to the Faculty Forum events.

Old Business: None

The meeting adjourned at **4:10 pm**.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Duff
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

David Carlston
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

Next Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting: October 1, 2015, in PY Staff Lounge
Next Faculty Senate Meeting: October 8, in Dillard 189