

MSU Faculty Senate

September 2016 Minutes

The 2016-2017 MSU Faculty Senate met at 3:00 PM on **September 8, 2016**, in **Dillard 189**. Senators present included Charles Bultena, Laura Fidelie, Jeremy Duff, Bradley Wilson, David Carlston, Phillip Wilson, Catherine Gaharan, Stacia Miller, Kym Acuña, Jeff Killion, Rodney Fisher, Debra Kelley, Victoria Sanders, Beverly Stiles, Jonathan Price, Salim Azzouz, Nathan Jun, Andrew Allen, Karen Dabney, and Ben Atkins. Guests in attendance were Staff Senate Representatives 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. Committee Appointments (Wilson)

The following people were nominated to serve on campus-wide committees.

- Publications Board —Rebecca Dodge, COSM
- Intercollegiate Athletics Council — Matt Luttrell, FA
- Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Council — Andrew Allen, COFA
- 504/ADA Grievance Committee — Terry McDonald, COSM
- Academic Appeals Committee — Ben Atkins, HSHS; and Randy Hallford, COSM
- Academic Appeals Committee — Nathan Jun, PY; and Matt Luttrell, COFA
- Admissions Committee — Sandra Shaver, West
- Admissions Committee— Jesse Carlucci, COSM; and Victoria Sanders, HSHS
- Architect Selection Committee — Mandy Sedden, COSM
- Artist Lecture Series Committee — Jeff Stambaugh, Dillard
- Artist Lecture Series Committee — Rebecca Dodge, COSM
- Employee Health and Fitness Committee — Jessyca Wagner, COSM
- Faculty Forum Committee — Eduardo Colmenares, COSM; Jonathan Price, COSM; and Pamela Whitehouse, West
- Faculty/Staff Traffic Appeals Committee — Kimberly Onstott, COSM
- Pre-law Scholarship Committee — Ben Atkins, HSHS; Tiffany Ziegler, PY
- Student Allocations Committee — Sandra Shaver, West
- University Celebration of Scholarship Committee — Nathan Jun, PY
- Admissions and Financial Aid Task Force — Dave Carlston, PY; and Mandy Sedden, COSM; Denise Simmons, West; Jessyca Wagner, COSM

- Admissions and Financial Aid Task Force — None
- Financial Aid Appeals — None
- 504/ADA Grievance Committee — Karen Dabney, COFA

2. Piper Award (Carlston)

Susan Harvey, chair of the music department in the College of Fine Arts was named the Piper Award nominee by majority vote after representatives from each college discussed each candidate. The runner-up was Magaly Rincon-Zachary.

3. Liberal Arts Mission Statement (Jun)

Last year, Todd Giles moderated a panel on the role of a liberal arts education at MWSU. Nathan Jun reported that this panel generated some buzz and out of it a group attempted to devise a statement that would explain what it means to be a part of a liberal arts institution.

The statement has been approved and will be featured as a foundational policy document at some point. Now group is working on drafting a vision statement to dovetail with work of Strategic Planning Committee and the rewording of the university's Mission Statement. The document includes what a liberal arts education is and how it factors in to what we're doing and what we're not doing. What does it mean to be liberal arts institution? Jun said, "We are not doing anything to be a liberal arts institution."

An abridged, 16-page version of *The Present and Future of Liberal Arts Education at Midwestern State University* was distributed to Faculty Senators by email.

Committee and Other Reports:

1. Administrative Council (Carlston): No report
2. Board of Regents (Carlston): No report
3. Academic Council (Fidelie): No report
4. Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (TBD): No report
5. Strategic Planning Committee (Wilson): Individual groups have been meeting around campus to develop measurable tactics and tasks for each of the goals and strategies provided. The deadline for having this complete is March. All will ultimately tie to the budget.
6. Budget Oversight Committee (Stiles): Will not meet until spring.
7. Other active committees: No reports
8. Financial report (Bultena): The Faculty Senate has a balance of \$1,338

New Business:

Dave Carlston said he wanted to make the faculty aware of new policies being developed by the senior administrative staff in response to SB20. New policies will address outside employment will be coming forward. He encouraged all faculty members to read the actual

legislation so they can determine for themselves if the draft policy goes beyond what is required by law.

Andrew Allen said he thought there would be a lot of problems with the drafts of the policies he has seen. For example, he said he wouldn't be able to teach private lessons or to perform with Wichita Falls Symphony.

Carlston said the bill states there would be a cap on how much a person could earn in outside employment. The employee would have to disclose how much. "It's very crazily worded." The draft policy seems to go way beyond what is required by the senate bill. Please look at these policies when they come out and offer input.

Old Business: None

The meeting adjourned at **3:57pm.**

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 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6, in PY Lounge.
The next Faculty Senate meeting will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13, in Dillard 189.