

Faculty Senate Minutes February 4, 2010

Call to Order:

Call to order: 4:16 pm, Riggle Room, ADUC

Senators Absent: Vincent Cesaro, John Hennen, Rebecca Miculinich, Steve Parkansky, Pam Ryan

Visitors: Chris Hanson – Vice President for Finance, SGA

Minutes: The minutes of January 21, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Committee Review:

Academic Policies: No Report

Communications: Looking at revising Web Page and archiving Senate records

Evaluation: No Report

Fiscal Affairs: No Report

Governance: Will present parts of proposed revisions to the Senate Constitution

Professional Policies: No Report

Reports:

Provost's Report:

- Keith Kappes will address the Senate later in the meeting when he returns from Frankfurt.
- Spring commencement will be divided into two sessions for safety reasons.
- Charlie Patrick asked the members to update their workloads as soon as possible if they had not already done so.
- Dr. Patrick informed the members that several reports were going to be compiled from Faculty 180 rather than asking for submission information from the faculty. He stressed that faculty should have their information up to date so that the reports will be correct.
- IDEA teaching evaluations will be used this year for tenure-track faculty only.
- Dean's Council met to discuss teaching evaluations. Their recommendation was to establish a work group to examine best practices and evaluate local and nationally normed instruments and methods of delivery of those instruments. The work group will consist of general faculty, faculty senators, department chairs, a dean and the director of MSU testing center. This work group will be charged with providing recommendations only on a course of action for evaluating faculty.
- A national search will be conducted to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Registrar.

Chair's Report:

Chair Berglee received a challenge from Staff Congress to match their donation of \$500 to the Green Committee. Chair Berglee asked the Senators for their input. Senator Rathbun, Senate representative on the Green Committee, explained the functions and some of the ideas the committee is pursuing. Chair Berglee indicated that the matter would be referred to the Executive Council if there was no action on the Senate floor. After discussion, Senator Abell moved that the Senate contribute \$500 to the Green Committee. Senator Katz seconded the motion. After discussion, Senator Stanley moved to table this item until the next meeting to give the Executive Council time to review the budget to determine if funds are available. Senator Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Regent's Report:

Board of Regents work session will be February 18, 2010.

Senate Actions:

Governance:

- The Governance Committee presented a partial proposal for revisions to the "draft of suggestions for revising the Senate Constitution" that was presented to the Senate at the January 21 meeting by the Constitution Reform Committee. Chair Berglee explained that today's reading was for the purpose of questions and clarification only. Senator Rogers began the explanation of the changes the Governance committee made, based on the suggestions received from Senate members. Clarification of the Constitution will continue at the next meeting.

Reports:

Mr. Keith Kappes presented a Legislative update to the Senate regarding developments in Frankfort related to the state budget and House Bills. Senator Irons moved to suspend the rules to continue the meeting past 6:00 p.m. to allow Mr. Kappes to complete his presentation and have time for questions. Motion passed.

Adjournment: 6:08 p.m.