

## **Faculty Senate Executive Council (EC)**

### **Minutes for 9/14/10**

**Members present:** Beverly McCormick, Gary LaFleur, Verdie Craig, Kim Sharp, Doug Chatham, Royal Berglee and Julia Hypes

The meeting was held in the Senate Conference Room and called to order at 4:35 p.m.

EC Minutes of 8/31/2010: The secretary will forward the minutes of the previous EC meeting to the Council members prior to the next EC meeting. The members will review prior to the EC meeting and forward any changes to the chair and the secretary. If there are no changes noted the minutes will stand approved at the next EC meeting.

### **Agenda items for September 16, 2010:**

**Minutes:** Approval of minutes for Senate meeting September 9/2/10

### **Chairs Report:**

- Propose Doug Chatham to be Parliamentarian
- Propose a draft of a new special rule: "In order to seek recognition, a Senator shall not stand, but instead shall raise his or her hand."
- Bev and Kim met with President. President disbanding University Council; replacing with President's Leadership Council consisting of 17 members including the Senate Chair and Chair-Elect; Focus on strategic issues such as enrollment, retention graduation and personnel; ask the EC to gather input from faculty about how to accomplish
- Forums for Data Strategies
- Academic Calendar, Friday 1 and Friday 2 issue with Datatel, fall calendar ok, spring calendar – the Friday before and after Spring Break will be the same because the Friday of Spring Break will be counted as a class day
- Academic Freedom Speaker – Received comment on academic freedom for Non-tenure track faculty
- Kim will attend BOR meeting on September 16
- Ron Morrison attended COFSL meeting

### **Committee Reports:**

**Academic Issues:** Gathering facts on Moodle in order to make a report and recommendation; MSU would be the only University in the state using Moodle; drafting a revision on the excused absence policy

**Evaluation:** Collecting evaluation forms from other Universities

**Faculty Welfare and Concerns:** Working on PAC's

**Governance:** Using "Ballotbin.com" to vote on Constitution until the 22<sup>nd</sup> and standing committee elections; Planning Committee election vote for a Senator from each college

**Senate Committee on Issues:** Two subcommittees 1) Faculty 180 2) People first and morale; Survey faculty-create focus groups for faculty, analyze information and compile a report; looking at PAC2 and PAC27 in relation to Faculty 180; Acquire and review the StayMates survey findings regarding the question "How many faculty at MSU would recommend MSU to prospective students?" Internal perceptions are more negative than external; sending letter about Focus groups; researching incentives that other universities offer

**Old Business:** Chair will set up a meeting with the President for the EC; EC should have suggestions/solutions ready to address various issues; Royal gave Bev a copy of a Resolution on the "U-grade" from last year that was not approved by the President;

**General Education Report Kim Sharp:** Possible change in letter and number system for Gen Ed; Gen Ed Council wants to cap Gen Ed courses at 25; Multiplier in Data Strategies of 1.33 for Gen Ed courses; Different weight in Data Strategies for Internet courses vs. face-to face classes; Define Interdisciplinary instruction; SLO's mandated by CPE

Gen Ed Council vacancies need to be filled quickly; Gen Ed Council Description may need to be revised.

Stay abreast of the data accumulated by Data Strategies.

**Adjournment:** 6:45 p.m.