

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
November 19, 1998

Senators absent: Thomas Creahan, Rita Egan, Scott Erdo, Lloyd Jaisingh, Deborah Plum (Thomas), Betty Wilson.

Agenda

- I. Meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate Chair, Brian Reeder, at 4:15 p.m. Minutes of the November 5, 1998, meeting were approved.
- II. Chair's Report. Brian Reeder deferred his report to the Faculty Regent.
- III. Ron Mitchelson, Faculty Senate Regent, reported on his first Board of Regents Meeting, as follows:
 - A. Academic Affairs: Overall enrollment is up by 0.7%; credit hours are down 0.8%. May see some added advising and/or improved advising.
 - B. Distance Learning SACS Review: Positive in view of attempt to provide access to students. Encouraged MSU to put more planning into the effort.
 - C. Program of Distinction: Number of points need to be addressed, specifically Political Science needs to be in program.
 - D. Wellness Program: \$291 per person will be distributed across the board; the choice is whether to put the amount back into the health care pool or receive a lump sum cash payment. Discussion was generated about the \$50,000 taken from the excess that will pay for memberships in the Wellness Center and flu shots. Wellness Center memberships are worth \$180 per year; free membership and access is being provided regardless of whether the membership is used. Carol Nutter, chair of the Fiscal Committee, made the points that the administration knew there would be complaints about this issue, but it has been proven that using wellness programs do reduce insurance/health costs. An additional note: The swimming pool hours and water temperature also have been improved.
 - E. Student Life: Sprinkler installation in dormitories may have an effect on student housing fees. The SGA President made a plea from the SGA to minimize costs of sprinkler fees on students.
- IV. Vice President's Report
 - A. CPE: The BS in Rad Tech was approved to go into effect in fall 1999; the M.Ed. in Administration was approved and will go into effect in January 1999.
 - B. Dr. George Connick and the CVU: Five faculty members from MSU participated in a symposium at UK—with standing room only attendance.
 - C. Vice President Moore reported on the positive report from SACS—and referred to the Faculty Regent's comments.
 - D. NCATE: The College of Education and Behavioral Sciences received a positive report from the NCATE Reaccreditation Review; some secondary

programs were mentioned for possible citation, but were not cited. The Board of Review from NCATE provided administrative suggestions.

- E. Carnegie Campus Program Focusing on teaching: 35 faculty and administrators attended the first meeting of this group which will focus on enhancing the role of teaching in the entire campus process and enhancing the learning of the student. Moore reported that this program could have impact down the road related to teaching in the PBSI and promotion process. Also may impact collaboration with other institutions and grant funding.

V. Committee Reports

A. Governance:

1. Second reading for the IRB resolution. Discussion ensued around the need for no term limits; Senator Haller reported on the complexity of the federal regulations needed to participate effectively on this committee. Also, Carole Morella had requested this change because of the time involved for members to “get up to speed” in learning the regulations. After the question was called, the resolution passed.
2. First reading: Professional Development Committee restructure. Senator Haller called attention to the underlined changes which limit the number, term limit, and role of the student members; two tenured faculty members from each college; how the Distinguished Teacher shall be selected; the generation of a list of professional development activities for faculty members; and the number of members that constitute a quorum on the committee. Email any changes to Senator Haller.

- B. Evaluation: First reading: Resolution to use the IDEA form for instructors’ to improve their own teaching rather than as a tool for institutional evaluation of instructional quality.

- C. Professional Policies: First reading: PG-55: Technology Security. Copies of the proposed Technology Security policy were provided by Beth Patrick from IT. The committee recommends the policy as presented, since Beth Patrick and Gary Vanmeter attended a meeting of the committee and appeared to be open to suggestions for improving the document. Senators were encouraged to invite colleagues to view the policy on the IT website. Beth Patrick will be present at the December 3, 1998, Senate Meeting to answer questions. Come with suggested recommendations.

- D. Fiscal Affairs: Second reading: Bell Tower Plaza. After a short discussion, the question was called and the resolution passed.

Senate Rolland read a letter to President Eaglin that is being circulated, along with a petition, concerning the landscaping around the Bell Tower and whether it is in violation of the Olmsted plan which resulted in the designation of the National Historic District. Senators were encouraged to obtain a copy of both the letter and the petition to share with colleagues.

- E. Academic Policies: Second reading: Academic Honesty Policy. Two friendly amendments were made to the original policy, as follows:

1. Delete the second paragraph that originally read: “Faculty members are expected to remind students of this code. Faculty members are also expected to include in their course syllabi specific procedures for dealing with acts of dishonesty, and specific penalties for these acts.” The amendment was accepted by the committee members.
2. Under #2 in the disciplinary actions: The last sentence: “If a sanction is imposed on the student, then the faculty member is expected to:” was moved to the beginning of #3 to bring the numbered items in parallel format. The committee members accepted the amendment.

After discussion and the question were called, the resolution was passed.

- VI. Under new business, Chair Brian Reeder congratulated Senator Gris9’s department on its recent accreditation.
- VII. Senate was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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For
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