

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**April 3, 2008**

**Call to Order:**

Call to order: 4:15 pm; Riggle Room; ADUC.

Senators Absent: Ali Ahmadi, Karen Baker, Glen Colburn, Marcia Cooper, Lynda Donathan, Teresa Ferguson, Latonya Hesterberg, Regent Irons, Beverly Klecker, Jennifer Little, Sam Nataraj, Greg Penner, David Peyton, Randall Swain

Visitors: President Wayne D. Andrews, Vice President for Budgets, Planning and Technology Beth Patrick, Connie Spencer-Ackerman, Drew Henderson

Senator Breschel moved to approve the minutes of March 27, 2008, as submitted. Motion passed.

**Committee Review:**

Academic Policies: No Report

Communications: No Report

Evaluation: No Report

Fiscal Affairs: No Report

Governance: Regent election is in process; Committee interest survey has been distributed; Evaluating all University Standing Committees

Professional Policies: Will continue discussion of PAC-27; Will be reviewing a revised PG-55 Technology Security

**Reports:**

President Andrews provided the members with some items in the budget approved by the House and Senate and forwarded to the Governor:

- 6% cut in higher education (\$3 million cut to MSU budget beginning July 1)
- \$5.7 million is in the budget this fiscal year of the biennium for a new pollution control system for the heating plant
- agency project for student recreation center and housing is in the budget
- KEES scholarships have been restored
- Optional Retirement Plan has been stabilized by KTRS at a base of 5.1% - no penalty to change from OPR to KTRS within first six years
- Money in the budget for Bucks for Brains
- No gun law passed

The President thanked the members for their patience and focus during this time of possible budget cuts.

A question and answer session followed with the President.

The budget is House Bill 406 on the General Assembly website.

Vice President Patrick presented a power-point presentation on the 2008-09 Tuition Proposal. The presentation included Budget Estimated Needs, the Preliminary Sources of Income, and the Per Credit Hour Tuition Model. The CPE must approve the tuition and fee rate. Chair Jerde will forward the power-point presentation to the members.

A question and answer session followed with Vice President Patrick, President Andrews and Provost Hughes.

Chairs Report:

- Remind faculty in your departments to participate in the Regent Election on April 10.
- Remind departments to conduct elections for vacant Senate positions for 2008-2009.

Provost Report: No additional report

### **Senate Actions:**

#### **Professional Policies:**

Discussion continued on PAc-27.

Senator Patrick presented a written recommendation for revision from a faculty member. The faculty member suggested changing the sentence on line 192 "Is this person current in their discipline?" to "Is this person maintaining scholarly expertise in his or her field of study, or making active scholarly contributions to this field? After discussion, Senator Buck moved to delete the word "scholarly" in both places and change "or" to "and" in the new sentence. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Senator Harford moved to change the sentence on line 192 from "Is this person current in their discipline?" to "Is this person maintaining expertise in his or her field of study, and making active scholarly or creative contributions to this field?" Senator Buck seconded the motion.

Senator Patrick made a friendly amendment to delete the sentence on line 192 and 193 "Currency is essential to effective teaching, and should be the primary goal of activities in the category." Senator Harford accepted the friendly amendment. The committee continued discussion of the motion.

Senator Wallace moved to end debate and vote. Motion passed.

Chair Jerde called for a vote on the motion to change the sentence on line 192 from "Is this person current in their discipline?" to "Is this person maintaining expertise in his or her field of study, and making active scholarly or creative contributions to this field?" and delete the sentence on line 192 and 193 "Currency is essential to effective teaching, and should be the primary goal of activities in the category." Motion failed.

Senator Patrick moved to change the sentence on line 192 from "Is this person current in their discipline?" to "Is this person maintaining expertise in his or her field of study?" and delete the sentence on line 192 and 193 "Currency is essential to effective teaching, and should be the primary goal of activities in the category." Senator Buck seconded the motion. The committee discussed the motion.

Senator Harford moved to end debate and vote. Motion passed.

Chair Jerde called for a vote on the motion to change the sentence on line 192 from "Is this person current in their discipline?" to "Is this person maintaining expertise in his or her field of study?" and delete the sentence on line 192 and 193 "Currency is essential to effective teaching, and should be the primary goal of activities in the category." Motion passed.

Chair Jerde presented a certificate to Senator Chatham that read: By Executive Proclamation, the Chair of the Faculty Senate Hereby Grants A Certificate of Appreciation To the Esteemed Senator from Mathematics and Computer Science: R. Douglas Chatham, for outstanding performance and lasting contributions to The Faculty Senate PAc-35 Discussions Awarded: March 6, 2008.

Adjournment: 6:00 pm.