

**Faculty Senate Executive Council (EC)  
Minutes for 5/3/2011**

**Members present:** Bev McCormick, Kim Sharp, Doug Chatham, Royal Berglee, Julia Hypes, Michael Fultz and Gary LaFleur. Ron Morrison was a visitor at the meeting. The meeting was held in the Senate Conference Room and called to order at 3:50 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the EC from April 19<sup>th</sup> were accepted as presented.

**Agenda items for May 5, 2011:**

**Chair's Report:**

Refreshments will be provided at the last meeting of the Senate on May 5, 2011.

The EC discussed the Data Strategies Report the Royal Berglee will speak during the Open Chair Segment regarding the Data Strategies Report. What can the Senate do to help the faculty understand the Data Strategies Report and how the University is managed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Governance:** Discussed if plagiarism should be moved to Academic Appeals Committee from Student Disciplinary Committee; Committee appointments; Senator Chatham make a change to the committee appointment list

**Academic Issues:** Will present revised UAR 131.01 Unexcused Absences for first reading; will move to go to second reading in to complete the vote

**Evaluation:** No Report

**Faculty Welfare and Concerns:** Discussed resolution from Scott Davison regarding including faculty time for assessment in Faculty 180; FWC will inform Senator Davison that the Senate Committee On Issues will address this issue since they are already working on Faculty 180 with Charlie, Scott and L. K.

**Senate Committee on Issues:** Faculty survey subcommittee met last week; Senator Sharp presented a compromise that the subcommittee wants to send to the Provost regarding the Faculty survey; EC discussed the compromise document – Can a question be put on the Senate web page - Senators Sharp and Berglee will investigate this;

**Gen Ed Council:** Senator Sharp will present list of candidates for approval by Senate. Governance will conduct a paper ballot election during the Gen Ed report. The candidates are James Masterson, Bev McCormick, Wilson Gonzalez-Espada, Jody Fernandez, and Carrie Copeland. EC discussed the Gen Ed Committee/Assessment Coordinator in terms of the Evaluation Committee's role.

Regent Morrison will not be available to attend the June 9<sup>th</sup> BOR meeting; he will inform the staff and student regent of his issues to be introduced into the record

Discussed revising the Friday 1-Friday 2 class schedule

Discussed the comments on the Are We Making Progress Survey results; discussed the recommendations of things the University can do to be presented to the President and Provost regarding the Are We Making Progress Survey results:

1. More emphasis on People: Place faculty and staff profiles on the website and provide a "place" for faculty and staff to tell what they are doing such as presentations, conferences, and papers (like the old newsletter Update) Utilize the televisions around campus for profiles.
2. Stability and a Major Change-free Period
3. Direct Focus to Teaching and Scholarship ( Teaching and Scholarship Fair or Celebration)
4. Salary Increase
5. Reward/praise training for all supervisors

6. Empower Faculty
7. Communication plan for all levels with manner, timing and message
8. Regular Sabbaticals and Educational Leaves
9. Perceived Value to Longevity at MSU- ex. Senior Faculty Council, preferred seating at graduation
10. Encourage Collaboration in teaching and Scholarship
11. Money for Classes for activities and service learning
12. Increase Department Budget
13. Streamline Faculty Evaluation
14. Improve advising-give students a reason to visit their advisor especially the last 2 years
15. Faculty Ombudsman with authority and power
16. Faculty dining area

The EC asked the secretary to do a verbatim copy of a certain part of a particular Senate meeting discussion.

**Meeting Adjourned 6:15 pm**