

Faculty Senate Executive Council (EC)
Minutes for 1/30/2012

Members present: Doug Chatham, Royal Berglee, Ann Rathbun, Lee Nabb, Julia Hypes, Kim Sharp and Robert Royar. The meeting was held in the Senate Conference Room and called to order at 4:15 p.m.

Minutes: R. Royar moved to approve the minutes of the EC from January 12th as submitted. D. Chatham seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion:

- The members discussed the appeal letter received from Senator Stephanie Johnson. After discussion, it was a consensus of the members to uphold the original termination. The chair will reiterate the need for Senators to notify the chair if they are not going to be able to attend meetings.
- Received a resignation letter from Rebecca Katz due to heavy research load.
- Yuqiu You will complete the remainder of the semester on Senator for Rodney Stanley who retired from the University. She will serve on the Committee on Issues.
- Senator Nabb will notify Cynthia Faulkner that she is on the Evaluation Committee.
- Discussed Scott Davidson email regarding Gen Ed Assessment. After extensive discussion, the issue of revising Gen Ed Assessment was given to Academic Issues.
- Technology purchases for the Senate office have been approved and are on order. The secretary will contact Mike Hogge for a timeline for installation. After installation, the EC will rearrange the Senate office.
- Fall retreat will be the Thursday after convocation at the Hampton Inn, catered by Root-a-Bakers. The Chair, Chair-Elect and secretary will meet to discuss more details.
- EC will meet with Berry Dunn Focus Group on 2/1/2012, at 2:00 pm. R. Royar will send the questions to be considered to Chair Sharp.
- Chair Sharp will ask for volunteers from Senate for someone to serve on the Mymoreheadstate portal advisory committee.
- Discussed Charles Holloway's "Campus Climate Survey." Chair Sharp will ask Mr. Holloway about the crossover of this survey into the University Standing Committee "Campus Environment Team/Affirmative Action Committee" and the "President's Diversity Council".
- Chair Sharp provided the members with a copy of the University's 2010-2011 Financial Summary and Reporting Guidelines.
- Chair Sharp and Chair-Elect Chatham will attend the COSFL meeting.
- Discussed dates for EC meetings with the President and Provost sometime in February and April.
- Discussed the revision of FEPs with regard to the approval of PAC 7. Chair Sharp will ask the Provost who will set the timeline for the FEP revision process.
- Received a request from Drew Henderson for a discussion on developing an IT maintenance schedule. A suggestion was for Saturdays. Drew Henderson will be scheduled to speak to the Senate on February 16, 2012.
- Discussed the Faculty Salary Workgroup. There seems to be an identified percentage of faculty who will be receiving an equity increase this year. Senator Rathbun indicated the workgroup is putting together a cost analysis of searching, hiring and training new employees vs. providing salary increases for current faculty to encourage them to stay at MSU. What about issues of "institutional memory"?

Agenda items for February 2, 2012:

Chair's Report:

Open Chair Segment:

Provost's Report:

Regent's Report:

Committee Reports:

Academic Issues: Working on revisions to Gen Ed Assessment

Evaluation: Developing the survey.

Governance: Will present Donna Everett as replacement for Tim Hare on the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

Faculty Welfare and Concerns: PAC 27 will be brought to Senate for second reading. Senator Rathbun has received answers from Dr. DeMoss on all the questions from the last meeting. More friendly amendments will be received before the meeting on Thursday. Senator Rathbun will send the questions and responses to the Chair to be sent to Senators with the agenda. A question has been raised about the School of Business Administration use of chairs/associate deans in the PAC. Could the use of the University Tenure Committee by the Provost be unfair, or have legal ramifications, if one person gets reviewed by them and another person does not? A. Rathbun will ask Dr. DeMoss about this, and does the Provost have a policy published on when she would call the University Tenure Committee.

A copy of the faculty list will be provided to all EC when received.

Meeting Adjourned 6:00 pm