

**Faculty Senate Executive Council
Minutes for 3-25-13**

Members present: Doug Chatham, Royal Berglee, Lesia Lennex, Robert Royar, Cyndi Gibbs, and Beverly McCormick

EC minutes for March 4, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Governance has a couple of vacancies to fill due to a resignation from the Library. Ray Bailey will fill the position on the Library Committee for a term expiring in 2014. Jennifer Little will fill the position on the Employee Benefits Committee for the term expiring in 2013.

Governance also brought Special Rule 10 (outlines procedures for managing and streamlining discussion and amendments for policy issues (policy resolution, herein) related to the revision of existing PACs, PGs, or Constitutional policy changes and to the procedure for expediting discussion for new policy proposals) to the EC for review and discussion. After considerable discussion, the EC determined that Special Rule 10 would not go forward.

There was also discussion about the way the Reconciliation Committee is being used now as opposed to how it was set up the first time it was used which was a different situation from what is being done now.

Governance brought forth a document to be used to make amendments on the Senate floor in written form. EC agreed that this document will be used. A copy will be sent to Senators electronically and copies will be available at every Senate meeting.

Governance is working on Standing Committee Assignments for the coming year. Dr. Royar asked for a list of tenured and tenure-track faculty from HR.

Need an elmo in the Riggle Room.

EC reviewed the current budget balance. Discussion of the August retreat could not be conducted because Senator Rathbun was not in the meeting. The secretary will contact Ann Rathbun to discuss retreat issues.

Senator Lennex provided an update on the pilot survey. Par-test/Par-score will not work off campus with someone's personal computer. Institutional Research will give the survey for the pilot survey only but cannot handle the volume necessary to use in place of IDEA. The cost of having the survey given from off campus is more expensive than IDEA. Discussion is still ongoing.

Senator Lennex and the Evaluation have also been working on a Faculty Online Teaching Observation Form for faculty evaluation from chair/peer. They are going to offer this as a sample to faculty.

Evaluation will not have any items for the agenda on March 28, 2013.

EC discussed a question from a constituent regarding Faculty Workload Negotiations/Flexible Workload Agreements and is it equitable across campus. There was lots of discussion. Two questions emerged: 1) where you can live and still work at MSU? 2) what is the tenure issue? After considerable discussion, the EC came to no resolution on the issue. The issue will be forwarded to Faculty Welfare and Concerns.

FWC are not ready to present PAC2. FWC will be looking at amending the policy for tuition waiver to include graduate waivers.

Doug will try to reschedule the meeting with the President and Provost from April 15 to a later date.

EC discussed the Faculty Compensation forums and the basis for the CUPA averages and CIP codes on the chart presented to the faculty.

Adjournment: 12:50 pm