Call to Order: 3:45 p.m.


Senators Absent Are Underlined Above and an * Denotes an Excused Absence

Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes

Motion: To approve December and January minutes with changes to January minutes.

Vote: Passed

Announcements:

- PAC-26
  - Committee has met and are working on changes but unsure of changes due to the budget.
  - Will be meeting again next week and then thereafter every other week.
- “State of the Institution” document update
  - Will move ahead with new president and our faculty views.
  - Staff Congress has asked to have faculty report for review.
- TAB
  - Still have vacancy and need new representative.
- MSU Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA)
  - New organization created and be working with Faculty Senate.

Old Business:

- Statement on Filling Interim Positions
  - Such language suggestions were suggested for removal:
    - Majority to be removed
    - Athletes to be removed

Motion: To remove second paragraph and change language by Senator Aagaard

Seconded: Senator White

1st Motion to remove second paragraph

Vote: Passed

2nd Motion to input specific verb age.

Vote: Passed

Provost Report:

- Five proposals for new programs.
• Dean McBride will be leaving the University.
• Budget talks continue.
• Provost is working towards a way to bridge the gap between Deans, Department Chairs, and Provost Office.
• Seeking Commencement Speaker.
• Earth Space Science awarded a $300,000 grant.

Regent Report:
• Presidential candidate information has been emailed to all faculty and staff on campus.

Faculty Senate Committee Reports:
• Governance Committee proposed filling vacancy of Faculty Rights and Responsibilities with Lisa Lennox and the University Graduate Committee vacancies with Jody Fernandez and Janet Ratliff.

Motion: to approve the appointments of the previous mentioned.

Vote by Slate: Passed
• Academic Issues Committee
  o Survey student retention
  o Due diligence with IRB
• Evaluations Committee
  o Are we making progress survey
• Faculty Welfare and Concerns Committee
  o No report
• Senate Committee Issues
  o Staff to write on State of Institution report.

Other business:
Scott Nyles will be attending Faculty Senate in two weeks to report on what Staff Congress is working on currently.
Senator Sharp suggested inviting SGA president so they have a balance of information of the State of MSU.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:15 p.m.
Minutes Taken By: Barbara Willoughby, Faculty Senate Secretary
Next Regular Senate Meeting: February 16, 2017 @ 3:45 p.m.