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 April 5, 2018 minutes.

Vote: Approved

Announcements:

- Earth Day Celebration & Sustainability Fair will be April 20 at 10am-3pm location will be Allie Young Lawn.
- Celebration of Student Scholarship will be April 25 location will be Button Drill room.
- Eagle Lake Clean Up April 27 10am-4pm.
- Commencement attendance is strongly encouraged.
- Provost Ralston’s retirement reception will be May 1 2pm-4pm in 311 Ginger Hall.
- Departments should be electing their Faculty Senate representatives before the semester ends.

President’s Report:

- Pension bill (SB1) has passed under litigation.
- MSU cannot sunset sick leave buyout just yet until litigation is over.
- Two bills to watch are HB 265 and HB 487 both on the Governor’s desk.
- Nine-10 faculty took advantage of the phased out retirement.
- Budget reduction at state level will be 6.7% of state appropriation ($2.58M).
- May BOR meeting will address Laughlin, Wetherby, and Butler facilities.
- Budget reductions (and possible layoffs) will depend a lot on SOAR numbers.
- MSU has frozen tuition.

Travel Coordinator Harry Floyd:

- Briefly explained travel procedures.
- Explained how the travel forms are to be completed.
- Form for travel does not accept your e-mail address. You must use the MSU ID number of your supervisor.
- Explained how travel cards are used.
- Brief explanation of how cost cutting this procedure has been.
General Education Update
- General Education Committee approved extended versions of two math courses.
- FYS, no longer tied to defunct QEP, will be revised to focus on recruitment and retention.
- General Education assessment participation is up and SLOs are being met. Need to show improvement now.

Regent’s Report
- No report.

Provost’s Report:
- No report.

PAC-2 Second Reading:
- PAC-1 has some changes that affect PAC-2. Both need to have same language.
- Clarification of time served at MSU was made.

Motion: To change years in service at MSU and seconded.
   Vote: Passed unanimously.

Motion: To cut some language and reference the same as in PAc-27 and seconded.
   Vote: Passed unanimously.

Motion: By Senator Collinsworth to table change to remove College Promotion Committee.
   Vote: Passed unanimously.

Faculty Senate Committee Reports:
   a) Academic Issues: No report.
   b) Evaluation Committee: Report about FEPs submitted earlier to Chair Tallichet.
      Review at next regular Faculty Senate Meeting.
   c) Faculty Welfare and Concerns: No report.
   d) Governance: presentation of faculty committees slate
      Motion: By Senator Adams to approve slate.
      Seconded: By Senator J. Hare to accept the slate.
      Vote: Passed unanimously.
   e) Issues Committee: No report.

New Business:
- Julie Ferguson is getting ready for buy backs and needs all textbook orders submitted ASAP.

Meeting Adjourned 5:33 p.m.
Minutes Taken By: Barbara Willoughby, Faculty Senate Secretary
Next Regular Senate Meeting: May 3, 2018