

# The Comm

## 3/07/2024

TLDR: Far-reaching IT policy introduced.

### **Minutes**

No minutes are available to review or approve at this time.

### **Announcements**

Susan Perry, the FS Secretary, resigned due to health reasons.

### **President's Report**

President Morgan was not available.

### **Provost Report**

Provost Parikh was not available.

### **Faculty Regent**

The board will meet 3/29/24 at 9:30AM in ADUC.

### **Staff Congress**

Mr. Jamey Carver gave the report. Comments and concerns from the review of PG 57 were sent to President Morgan. Elections will begin in April.

### **SGA**

No representative from SGA was available.

### Faculty Senate Committee Reports

#### **Executive Council**

The EC received information from President Morgan regarding changes to Information Technology. It will be sent on to FWC for further review. Senator Adams requested the CIO be invited to speak to the FS body regarding the proposed changes. She also raised concern about official university offices not following the guidelines outline in new Arctic Wolf training. Senator Kessinger shared several concerns: 1) Clear desks and 2) remotely wiping personal phones without warning.

#### **Academic Issues**

ITV courses that are aired at KCTC on President's Day are causing problems because KCTC is closed while MSU is not. There are concerns about academic honesty, especially among the high school students on Blackboard. The current system for reporting does not seem to be as clear and efficient as it could be.

#### **Evaluation**

The committee is working on a survey to assess concerns about the restructuring of the university.

**Faculty Welfare & Concerns**

No report at this time.

**Governance**

Appointments for standing committees have been selected. When preferences could not be followed, faculty were contacted to make sure they were willing to serve on a given committee. The committee moved to have the slate adopted. There were no nays.

**General Comments**

The provost would like a bit of lead time for difficult questions. Send questions for the provost to the FS president a few days before the FS meeting. The provost's office would still like to see progress on PACs 1 and 34. President Chatham asked the body if there was any interest in producing a PAC that only introduced the new senior instructor rank. Senator Adams raised concerns regarding the past disregard of FS efforts to assist with policy. Case in point: senate has asked that librarians be recognized as faculty. Senator Lennex raised concerns about the budgets.

**Conclusion**

Some of the policies being recommended by the IT office require a level of assimilation that makes a lot of senators uncomfortable. Let us hope a little resistance is not futile.