

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
November 4, 2009
Approved Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Catchings, Kudikyala, Young, Ealey, Minks, Hall, Terfa, Felton, Newsome, Collins, Durham-Lacy, Hutchins, Varn, Baymon, Wright and Lyons
Members Absent:

I. Call to Order

Dr. Catchings called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM.

II. Agenda Adopted

Motion to adopt the agenda was passed by the senators.

III. Introduction to 2009-2010 Senators

All senators introduced themselves.

IV. Nomination and Election of Officers:

The following officers were nominated and elected by the senate:

President: Dr. Gwen Catchings

Vice President: Dr. Abigail Newsome

Secretary: Dr. Udai Kudikyala

Assistant to Secretary (postponed until next meeting)

Corresponding Secretary: Ms. Barbara Baymon

Parliamentarian: Dr. Ron Minks

V. Committee Assignments:

Faculty senators who volunteered to be the Chairs and members are as follows:

Faculty Concerns Committee:

Chairperson: Dr. Abigail Newsome

Members: Dr. Mack Felton Jr., Dr. Bertha Ealey and Dr. Solomon Terfa

Student Concerns Committee:

Chairperson: Dr. Wright

Members: Dr. Bessie Hutchins and Dr. Louis J. Hall

Administration Support Services Committee:

Chairperson: Dr. Ron Minks

Members: Dr. James Varn

VI. Review and Adoption of FS Protocol

Senators were concerned that the current FS senate protocols did not clearly address how emergency would be handled by the senate without prior notice. A Senator expressed concern that faculty issues could be neglected or worse lost in the committees. A motion to accept the current protocols but with some changes was tabled and adopted by the senate with one opposition.

VII. Old Business

Senators discussed about teaching versus research emphasis at MVSU for tenure/promotion. Senators discussed about Action Research implemented by the administration to encourage research at MVSU. Senators were concerned that even though the intentions were good, this may not necessarily lead to research publications.

VIII. New Business

Senators agreed that Full Faculty Meeting should be scheduled only on the 2nd Tuesdays of every month so that the Faculty Senate can meet without interruptions every 1st Tuesday of the month. This will be conveyed to Dr. Stevenson.

A travel request concern by a faculty was discussed by the senate. A faculty member was denied travel request grant money and did not feel that decision was fair and equitable for faculty who are applying for tenure/promotion. This issue will be dealt by the faculty concerns committee. Senators recommended that the committee talk to Dr. Shingles and Dr. Stevenson to address this issue.

IX. Announcements

Ms. Baymon made an announcement about a play in the students union on November 10& 11, 2009.

X. Close

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM

Submitted by:

Udai Kudikyala

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Secretary

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President