

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**December 1, 2009**  
**Approved Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Catchings, Kudikyala, Felton Jr., Newsome, Wright, Purewal, Minks, Terfa, Durham-Lacy, Moore, Hutchins

**Members Absent:**

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 11:18

**II. Additions/ Adoption of Agenda**

Agenda was adopted. Motion to accept the meeting minutes from November was accepted with no corrections.

**III. Committee Reports**

Dr. Abigail discussed about her meeting with Dr. Stevenson.

**IV. Old Business**

Revised Constitution/Bylaws:

Dr. Catchings suggested faculty senators read the proposed amendments and the original bylaws from the web site. Senators had a few suggestions on the proposed amendments. Dr. Catchings will make the recommended changes and email it to all senators to be voted in the next meeting in January.

Faculty Handbook Status: Dr. Catching mentioned the progress on the current handbook. Officially, the senate has not received any copy of the updated version of the handbook. The faculty senate has to approve the handbook before a full faculty approval. A motion moved by Dr. Felton and seconded by Dr. Catchings to ask Dr. Stevenson for a copy of handbook was passed unanimously by the FS.

Tenure/Promotion Process:

Today is the deadline for dossier for Tenure/Promotion (TP). A senator expressed concern about why tenure and promotion has the same process. The process of promotion is not clearly specified. Some Senators felt that a dossier should not be required if they have already been tenured. Senators recommended that FS request the Provost to make sure that TP committees are elected and not appointed.

Dr. Catchings updated the FS on town hall meeting held on Nov 30. Faculty Senate from other institutions had started to address this issue. She suggested MVSU faculty senate should have a strategy to address the problems in conjunction with staff council. She suggested that FS should let the legislature know the opposition to the merger it can be heard. The real attention should be on managing the budget to move forward. A senator suggested that students must be involved to forge a strategy. As part of the plan,

Dr. Abigail Newsome will look at expenditure to save money,

Dr. Terfa will look at arguments against merger and

Dr. Catching will look at current Funding Level

**V. Announcements:**

Holiday Luncheon will be held. Dr. Hoque's mother has passed away. Dr. Newsome announced that a "CV and cover letter writing workshop" will be held on Wednesday night of this week. This is part of a graduate student professional development workshop as per her grant. A workshop will be held every month.

**VI. Close:** Meeting adjourned at 12:12 PM

**Submitted by:**

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Secretary

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President