

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**February 17, 2009**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Catchings, Kudikyala, Ngwang, Evans, Amadi, Arnold, Baymon Hoque, Wilkinson, Ikenga, Persaud, Muriuki and Matthews

**Members Absent:** Ealey, Greene and Brownlow

**Members excused:** Showi and Stewart

I. Call to Order

Dr. Catching called the meeting to Order at 11:05 AM. The meeting on February 3, 2009 was suspended to meet with Dr. Oliver.

II. Additions/Adoption of Agenda

The following will be added to the agenda

\*Academic calendar change: Letter from Dr. Osborne justifying the change.

\*Academic Affairs requesting faculty change grades from F to I

III. Committee Reports:

A. Faculty Concerns: Parking remains a concern for faculty. Dr. Persaud reported that a student was re-instated after "N" had been submitted. Upon inquiry with Dr. Osborne, it was admitted as a clerical error on behalf of Ms Rush. One faculty member is being requested to change a student's F grade back to I after the deadline. Faculty Senate feels that only faculty member has the right to determine a student's grade. Faculty Concerns committee will soon meet to discuss such issues. The Faculty Senate discussed about the changes to Academic calendar. The Senators were concerned about many versions of the academic calendar and corrections being made during the academic year.

B. Bookstore: Dr. Ngwang stated his findings regarding concerns expressed by faculty regarding books arriving late during this semester. Dr. Oliver had mentioned that she was trying to resolve this issue. Faculty Senate considers this issue as being resolved. Dr. Catchings will send an e-mail to Dr. Oliver regarding FS findings. Senators expressed concern about change of text book for a course. Senators felt that text book for a course must be decided by the faculty member teaching that course. FS expressed concerns regarding lack of policy regarding change of text book for a course.

C. Handbook: FS feels that policies regarding curriculum needs to be clearly stated in the handbook. FS will create a wish list of what needs to be in handbook.

D. Constitution/ByLaws: Dr. Hoque pointed to some additional amendments made to the Constitution/ByLaws document.

IV. Old Business

A. Constitution/ByLaws – vote

Dr. Hoque expressed concern about the draft ballot suggested by Ms. Evans. His concern was regarding partial approval of some amendments if done via ballot.

He felt that faculty should either approve the whole document or reject it. FS has agreed to conduct a full faculty meeting rather than vote via ballot. FS will vote next meeting on these amendments to finalize the Constitution/ByLaws document before the full faculty meeting.

B. Tenure Promotions Policy (statement):

FS believes that the policies in handbook are not being implemented for this year. Dr. Catchings urged every senator to apprise the FS of any violations of tenure and promotion policies immediately. FS believes that any approved changes to the current policy can only be implemented during the next academic year.

Motion (#1) to conduct a special session to deal with Tenure/Promotion policies was moved by Dr. Persaud and seconded by Mr. Wilkinson was passed by the FS. Dr. Catchings requested all senators to send their schedules so that a convenient time can be allocated to convene a special session meeting.

C. University Committees: Senators are requested to send e-mail to Ms. Cook (cacook@mvsu.edu) to confirm their committee assignments.

V. New Business

The senator at large, Dr. Florian Misoc needs to be replaced as he resigned from the FS. Dr. Oliver has requested FS to recommend on the frequency to conduct full faculty meeting. FS voted to recommend that full faculty meeting should be called two times every semester.

VI. Close

Meeting was adjourned by acclamation.