

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**January 13, 2009**  
**Approved Meeting Minutes**

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

**Members Absent:** Ealey, Stewart

I. Call to Order

Dr. Catchings called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM

II. Review and adopt minutes from December 4, 2008

Motion (#1) to adopt the meeting minutes with some corrections was moved by Dr. Greene and seconded by Dr. Hoque, was passed by the senate.

III. Additions/Adoption of Agenda

Motion (#2) to adopt the agenda was moved by Dr. Greene and seconded by Dr. Hoque was passed by the senate.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Constitution/Bylaws

The document containing the revisions and amendments to the faculty senate constitution has been posted on senate's website for any senator to review. The revisions and amendments will be put to vote in the February meeting. A volunteer committee was set up to facilitate for the general faculty to vote and ratify the amendments. The faculty representatives were requested to present the proposed amendments in their respective departments. This will enable the general faculty to be informed when the amendments are put to vote. Ms. Evans volunteered to be the Commissioner of the committee that will facilitate the general faculty meeting.

V. Old Business

A. December meeting with Dr. Oliver:

Dr. Catchings gave a general overview about the meeting with Dr. Oliver. Dr. Oliver discussed shared governance, academic excellence and establishing strong community relationship. Dr. Oliver mentioned about plans to increase enrollment at Valley. Dr. Oliver openly discussed a lot of issues concerning faculty like discrepancies in salaries for faculty, faculty handbook, faculty and student load, tenure, promotion policies etc., just to name a few. She requested FS to make the recommendations regarding tenure and promotion policies.

The faculty senators discussed the various potential sources that can be referred to before crafting the document recommending tenure and promotion policies. Dr. Oliver had given the executive committee some pointers to consider before making the tenure and promotion recommendations.

B. Vote on Constitution/ByLaws:

The faculty senate will vote on the amendments in the next meeting on February 2, 2009 meeting.

D. Online Course Policy:

Some faculty senators expressed concern that most of the burden to manage the online courses at MVSU is being shouldered by a single person.

E. University Committees:

Dr. Oliver promised to work with the faculty senate to increase its representation on university committees.

F. Bookstore:

Faculty Senators expressed concern that books in the book stores did not arrive on time. This was in spite of faculty placing the book orders in a timely fashion.

VI. New Business:

A. Dr. Oliver for February meeting (tentative)

Dr. Oliver might tentatively meet with the FS on February 2, 2009.

VII Close:

Motion (#3) to adjourn the meeting was moved by Dr. Persaud and seconded by Ben Arnold, was passed by the senate.

Submitted by:

*Udai Kudikyala*

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Secretary

*Gwendolyn Catchings*

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President