

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
March 2, 2010
Approved Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Catchings, Newsome, Kudikyala, Minks, Wright, Felton, Varn, Baymon, Purewal, Wang, Hutchins, Hall, Robinson and Durham-Lacy

Members Absent:

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:07 AM.

II. Additions/ Adoption of Agenda

Motion (#2010-4) moved by Dr. Felton to accept the agenda without changes was seconded by Mr. Minks and passed by the senate. Motion (#2010-5) to accept the minutes from last meeting with some corrections regarding the members present and add Newsome's name as a person meeting with Dr. Oliver was moved by Ms. Baymon and seconded by Dr. Hutchins was passed by the senate.

III. Committee Reports

Faculty Concerns: Dr. Newsome presented her updates. The role of continuing education with course offering in collaboration with departments was discussed. Departmental TP committee's selections were discussed. Dr. Stevenson discussed about maintaining documentation regarding election of committees.

IV. Old Business

- A. Constitution ByLaws: Ms. Purewal updated on continued effort to read bylaws from other universities to update the bylaws for the Faculty Senate at MVSU.
- B. Comprehensive Faculty Handbook: Dr. Lee is sick so there were no updates. FS will wait for her to update on the status of the handbook. Dr. Catchings mentioned that she has new comments from faculty and would submit upon request. FS discussed that a TP rubric is still not in the handbook. It was mentioned that, any inconsistencies in policies or omissions in handbooks would be detrimental towards SACS accreditation.
Every representative will inform the respective faculty about the status of the handbook. Motion (#2010-6) to review the handbook by Drs. Felton, Varn, Young and Wright was moved by Mr. Minks and seconded by Dr. Wright was passed by the senate.
- C. Tenure/Promotion Process Status – 2006 Handbook:
Student grade appeal policy copy was passed to FS members for review and comments.
- D. Meeting with Dr. Oliver: TP committee election was discussed. Safety issues regarding a student with criminal proceedings still attending classes was discussed. Senators agreed that a general policy to deal with students who are not allowed on campus/classes must be conveyed to faculty. Faculty does not have a right to put a student out of classroom. An Intranet to deal with such issues could

be a potential solution. No meeting date with Dr. Stevenson was possible this week.

V. New Business

- A. Senators felt that there still seems to be communication gap between Dr. Stevenson and FS executives. There was no communication from the administration regarding the results from the election of University TP committee held during the last full faculty meeting.
- B. Agenda for March Full Faculty Meeting:
FS senators are requested to send agenda items for the meeting in writing.
A senator asked for a new business agenda item to be included for discussion in the agenda. The grievance process as per handbook was recommended for that purpose. A motion (#2010-7) to have faculty ID number removed from student transcripts when printed by faculty from the banner system but can continue to have the name of the faculty was moved by Mr. Minks and seconded by Dr. Wright and passed by the senate.

VI. Close

A motion (#2010-8) to adjourned the meeting at 12:15 was moved by Dr. Felton and seconded by Dr. Hall was passed by the senate.

Submitted by:

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