

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
March 3, 2009
Approved Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: Ealey and Matthews

I. Call to Order

Dr. Catching called the meeting to Order at 11:05 AM.

II. Additions/Adoption of Agenda

Motion (#1) to adopt the agenda was moved by Ms. Evans and seconded by Dr. Persaud, was passed by the senate. Motion (#2) to adopt the meeting minutes from the February 17, 2009 meeting with some corrections was moved by Ms. Evans and seconded by Dr. Greene. The motion was passed by the senate.

III. Committee Reports:

A. Faculty Concerns: Dr. Persaud submitted the committee report to the FS. The report seeks clarification regarding the policies on when a student can be re-admitted to class after an "N" grade has already been assigned (see the report for details). This report seeks clarification on the policy of how long the records of students taking on-line courses must be archived after completion of the course. The report recommends that the student on-line records being archived by the on-line course coordinator should consider the student's grade's appeal process. Some senators suggested that faculty can store the course material and content on jump drive. Dr. Catching mentioned that an E-learning handbook is already available and may have the policies governing the on-line courses.

B. Constitution/Bylaws: Motion#3 (Persaud, Arnold) to accept the amendments was moved by Dr. Persaud and seconded by Mr. Arnold was passed by the senate. This document will be distributed by the senators in their respective department and via the P.R office.

II. Old Business

A. Online Course Policy: Dr. Catchings will distribute the E-learning handbook to all senators.

B. University Committees: Senators expressed concerns about lack of communication regarding the assignment of senators to the various university committees.

C. Replacement of Senators: Henrine Stewart, Dr. Francis Showi and Dr. Florian Misoc need to be replaced by new members. Ms Evans is working on this issue.

V. New Business

A. Full Faculty Meeting: A Full Faculty Meeting may be held on March 10, 2009 (Tuesday). FS felt that a special full faculty meeting must be convened to vote on the Constitution/Bylaws amendments.

B. Curriculum Change Policy: Dr. Catchings mentioned that she is on University Curriculum Committee as per the SACS requirement.

Dr. Catching described her meeting with Dr. Stevenson. Some of the issues they discussed were salary equity, tenure/promotion policies and academic research support. Senators mentioned that the tenure/promotion policies must take into account the fact that Mississippi Valley State University is primarily a teaching institute. Senators felt that there must be policies in the Faculty Handbook governing the granting of release time for a faculty member in exchange for conducting research.

C. The Passing of Dr. Showi: A memorial service for Dr. Showi will be held on Friday at 11:00 AM in Jackson, MS. Ms. Evans will write a resolution that will be read at the memorial. Dr. Persaud will assist Ms. Evans with the resolution. Motion (#3) to change the Faculty Concerns committee to Faculty Concerns Curriculum Committee was moved by Dr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Ben Arnold, was passed by the FS.

VI. Announcements

Dr. Showi's funeral service will be held this Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Jackson, MS.

VII. Close

Motion (#4) to adjourn the meeting was moved by Dr. Persaud and seconded by Dr. Greene, and was passed by the FS. The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 PM.

Submitted by:

Udai Kudikyala

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