

Office of the Faculty Senate

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Minutes: 6 February, 2018

Senators attending: Dr. Moses Newsome, Ms. Shannon Bowden, Mrs. Tasmine Moore, Dr. Micah Rueber, Dr. John Bradford, Ms. Yamika Williams, Dr. Lin Knutson, Dr. Swatantra Kethireddy, Dr. Edward Morse, Dr. Stacy White, Dr. Alfred Boyd, Dr. Baxter Wright, Dr. Benedict Atakpu, Dr. Tadesse Mengistu

Not attending: Dr. Rochelle Cobbs (excused) **Guest: Dr. Liu** (Faculty Development Committee Member)

I. Call to order: Dr. Newsome called the meeting to order.

A. Motion to approve agenda- Dr. Boyd, Dr. Rueber seconded. Motion approved

B. Motion to approve minutes as read -Ms. Shannon Bowden. Motion approved

II. Faculty Handbook Committee Report:

Dr. Bradford (Committee Member) reported that the committee met twice. Their first goal is to revise the Post-Tenure Review policy.

III. Faculty Development Committee Report:

A. Ms. Bowden reported that a change and vote on signature requirements regarding the date for submitting the grant application form was the topic for their discussion during their meeting.

B. The committee will use the signature date as their guide for the 30 day submission requirement.

C. Dr. Liu (Committee Member) spoke about issues concerning late application for funding for grants.

a. All applications needs to be turned in on time.

b. Committee members agreed to follow the policy & procedures accordingly regarding late applications.

c. Deadlines for funding on summer research grants is thirty (30) days prior to traveling.

- d. Final decision on grants needs to be submitted on time and approved by the Vice President's office.

IV. Review of Academic Integrity Policy:

- A. Dr. Newsome handed out the proposed academic integrity policy form that was approved by Academic Chairs and Directors on January 11, 2018.
- B. The new policy is to replace the current policy included in the student handbook.
- C. Concerns of New Proposed Academic Integrity Policy
 - i. There are currently 3 different policies in place: one in the Student Handbook, one in the Faculty Handbook, and one in the Undergraduate Catalog. We need one uniform policy.
 - ii. The procedure needs to be more specific.

V. University Sustainability Report

- A. Dr. Newsome opened the discussion about two recommendations that the taskforce committee has on the table.
 - i. Making chairs 10-month rather than 12-month positions.
 - ii. Consolidating Departments
- b. Questions and Concerns on the two recommendations**
 - i. What will happen if department chairs are reduced?
 - ii. A possible solution is 4 departments will have one Chair.
 - iii. Coordinator positions might be implemented.

VI. Campus Carry Policy:

- A. Dr. Newsome would like to know FS opinions on campus carrying policies at MVSU.
- B. Some FS members believe it will hinder or infringe on education
- C. Some FS members believe teachers may feel threatened knowing some of their students are carrying guns.
- D. Some FS members believe it will encourage more violence.

VII. Graduate Honors Policy:

- A. Graduate students will be recognized in a separate honors program.

VIII. Adjournment:

- A. Motion to adjourn at 12:00 pm. by Dr. Newsome and seconded by Ms. Bowden
- B. Minutes submitted by Mrs. Tasmine Moore