

MUW FACULTY SENATE

February 27, 2015

Members Present : Marie Byrne, Michael Calvery, Lee Crouse, Randall Foxworth, Terry Hammill, Bryan Hilliard, Beverly Joyce, Youn Mi Lee, Jiben Roy for Xiaoxia Li, Andrew Luccasen, Deborah Miranda, Clara Rustin, Melissa Smith, Royal Toy, and Nancy Wheeley.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by President Royal Toy. The minutes of the October 2014 meeting were approved, with the correction of the date.

Requests for Funding:

Fund: \$100

Requests from Beverly Joyce, Paul Mack, and Gillian Furniss to attend Mississippi Academy of Sciences – Autism & the Arts---\$ 950 (2 @\$350 and 1 @\$250)

Faculty Foundation Award – Fund B: \$2,397.63.

Updates:

- a. Administrative Council—Royal; There will be no Provost search until the Presidential search is completed.
- b. Academic Council –Kimberly—There will be no across-the-board raises.
- c. PIE Council – Nancy—Discussed budget priorities, the Faculty/staff satisfaction surveys, and the steps for preparing ACTION plans.
- d. Monthly meeting with the President – Royal.

Old Business:

- a. Housing committee.
- b. Faculty Salary.

New Business:

- a. Letter from the Senate at U.S.M. –The Presidents of the eight state institutions of higher learning are making identical requests of the Legislature for a 5% increase in faculty salaries. The U.S.M. Senate is urging the other university senators to do the same, and encourage their fellow faculty members to do the same.
- b. Policy Statements :
 - a. PS 3526: Academic Calendar Committee—recommended one revision.
 - b. PS 3543: Graduate Student Scholastic Appeals Committee—asked for some clarification.
 - c. Plaques of former Senates/senate Presidents have been accumulating in a file drawer in the Senate office. The Senate voted to let them go to the Archives.

Announcements:

- a. At the April meeting we will elect a new Executive Committee.
- b. NEXT MEETING: March 27th.

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Meeting dates: March 27, April 24, May 15 * if called.