

MUW FACULTY SENATE

September 11, 2015

Members Present: Cathy Smith, Ashley Chisolm, Royal Toy, Jessica Henry for Kimberly Dorsey, Rick Montalto, Jiben Roy for Xiaoxia Li, Nancy Wheeley, Youn Mi Lee, Michael Calvery, Ian Childers, Michelle Harmon, Erin Kempker, Carey McCarter, Steven McCorkle, and Melissa Smith.

Vice-President Cathy Smith called the meeting to order at 12:15p.m. Vice-President Smith asked the 2015-2016 Senators to introduce themselves.

Afterward, Vice-President Smith welcomed MUW President, Jim Borsig. President Borsig discussed the following topics with senators: state flag, Initiative 42, University Priorities (including athletics), and the state budget.

State Flag: President Borsig stated that he is for discussion of a different state flag, but that the flag needs to fly as a part of that discussion. Dr. Borsig stated that the flag could be used more as a teaching tool up than if taken down.

Initiative 42: Dr. Borsig recommended that individuals look at both sides of the initiative.

University Priorities: There will be campus roundtable discussions open to all on Oct. 20th and 21st, which will provide campus members an opportunity to have a structured discussion on campus priorities and where we see the school headed in the next five years. There was mention of a possible reveal of this plan at Homecoming.

State Budget: The Board has set increasing faculty/staff pay as their first priority. Last year we asked for a five percent increase (and received about 2.3%). The legislative leadership has shown their support to do the next piece. There has also been a conversation about the possibility of a four-year bond plan.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Council (Cathy for Lee) - Brief meeting and not a lot to report.

Academic Council (Cathy for Lee) - Academic Council met on August 25th. Updates were given regarding Reverse Transfer, Canvas Access, Articulation Agreements and Emergency Drill. Erinn Holloway gave a brief report on studying abroad.

PIE Council (Ashley)- PIE Council had not met for the fall semester yet. Their first meeting is scheduled for September 25th.

Unfinished Business:

Faculty Welfare Committee:

Dr. Erin Kempker discussed that the Faculty Welfare committee met in the spring and summer to discuss the mission of university housing. The committee said that the housing policies for university housing are not well known (including things such as a pet policy). The committee wishes to develop a policy statement that clearly identifies the primary goal of university housing as a retention tool for keeping faculty members.

New Business:

Funding Requests:

Fund A had a balance of \$4,300. There were two Level 1 requests (\$350) from faculty members.

There were no requests made under Fund B, which had a current balance of \$4,200.

Initiative 42- Patsy Brumfield

It was decided that Mrs. Brumfield, a proponent of Initiative 42, would be invited to speak with faculty senate at the October 9th meeting.

MSU Faculty Senate/ State Flag

The MS State Faculty Senate asked if we would like to co-author a letter to the legislature about changing the state flag. Senators recommended that we suggest inviting all IHL colleges to participate in the letter.

Hearing Panel Pool

We need six volunteers for the hearing panel pool. (3 female, 3 male). Senators were asked to return to their colleges and seek volunteers.

Policy Statements: (Quorum was lost so there was only discussion on the statements. President Lee Crouse was to send a vote via e-mail to faculty members to approve, approve with recommended changes, or disapprove).

PS 5204: Administration of Sponsored Programs

PS 3538: Planning and Institutional Effectiveness

Other:

Our next meeting will be on October 9th. Vice-President Cathy Smith adjourned the faculty senate meeting at 1:43p.m.