

## MUW FACULTY SENATE

November 13, 2015

Members Present: Lee Crouse, Cathy Smith, Ashley Chisolm, Royal Toy, Kimberly Dorsey, Rick Montalto, Nancy Wheeley, Youn Mi Lee, Michael Calvery, Ian Childers, Michelle Harmon, Erin Kempker, Shonda Phelon for Carey McCarter, Steven McCorkle, and Melissa Smith.

President Lee Crouse called the meeting to order at 12:15p.m.

The October Faculty Senate meeting minutes were approved with minor changes. Royal Toy made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by Kimberly Dorsey.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Administrative Council (Lee)

There is still an ongoing conversation and effort to bring back sports. There was talk of a final vote on whether or not to pursue bringing back sports by the end of the semester or at the beginning of next semester.

There will be a lockdown drill on campus, Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. All Colleges should be preparing for this lockdown drill. The drill will be sent via W Alert text messaging.

Title IX information was submitted to be added to the School Dude crisis management app. Please continue to encourage students to download the app on their smartphones.

State revenue projections appear to be lower than anticipated.

#### Academic Council (Lee for Cathy) -

There will be a new form for withdrawal that is to be presented sometime in the next month.

#### Expanded Presidents Cabinet (Ashley for Lee)-

IHL is working to approve Phase 3 of the Library.

#### Monthly Meeting with President (Lee)-

There was a recommended tuition increase of \$330 per student.

**Unfinished Business:**

Faculty Welfare Committee-

The committee crafted two policy statements concerning university housing and has asked that the senators review them. The statements will be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

Faculty Salary Committee-

Royal Toy gave each senator salary comparisons and information to review. W faculty salaries were compared to our peer institutions to see where the W stood in regards to faculty salary.

“The Last Lecture Series” –

Faculty Senate discussed the Mortarboard ‘Last Lecture Series’. There was mention of informing them about applying for a QEP mini-grant.

MS State Faculty Senate Letter – State Flag

Dr. Borsig’s stance on the flag is that if the flag is taken down, the one loses the ability to advocate for change.

President Crouse asked each senator to return to his/her College and determine the general attitude of the College faculty about the state flag debate. President Crouse asked for these results by Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Additionally, there was mention of the 3-part SGA event that focuses on the state flag. The first part included Dr. Rufus Ward giving a history of the flag. The other parts of the event are likely to occur in the Spring 2016 semester.

**New Business:**

Funding Requests:

Fund A: There were three requests under Fund A. There is a remaining balance of \$2500.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>COLLEGE</b>	<b>AMT</b>	<b>CONFERENCE</b>	<b>LVL</b>
Dr. Irene Pintado	EDHS	\$250	143 <sup>rd</sup> Annual APHA Meeting	2
Valentin Bogdan	A&S	\$350	MS Music Teachers State Conf	1
Andrew Luccasen	COBPS	\$350	Southern Economic Assn	1

Fund B: There were three requests under Fund B. The remaining balance is \$1140.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>COLLEGE</b>	<b>AMT</b>
Dr. Irene Pintado	EDHS	\$ 795
Dr. Chad Murphy	EDHS	\$ 715
Steven McCorkle	EDHS	\$800

#### Policy Reviews

##### PS 3102- Use of Tobacco and Simulated Tobacco

The policy was accepted with no recommended changes. A motion was made to accept the policy by Royal Toy and was seconded by Steven McCorkle.

#### **Other:**

Our next meeting will be on December 4<sup>th</sup>. President Lee Crouse adjourned the faculty senate meeting at 12:57p.m.