

**MUW
FACULTY SENATE**

December 11, 2016
Cromwell 240

Members Present: Lee Crouse, Cathy Smith, Ashley Chisolm, Royal Toy, Andrew Luccasen for Kimberly Dorsey, Xiaoxia Li (via Skype), Nancy Wheelley, Michael Calvery, Ian Childers, Tammy Bolton, Michelle Harmon, Erin Kempker, Lorraine Gaddis for Carey McCarter, Steven McCorkle, Melissa Smith

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

Royal Toy made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes from the meeting were approved.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Council Report – Cathy (for Lee)

All faculty and staff are invited to attend Wassail Fest at the W on Friday, December 4th. W faculty/staff may enter beginning at 7p.m. The event does not open to the public until 8p.m. We hope to see you all there!

There was a reminder that December commencement is next Friday, December 11th.

Expanded Presidents Cabinet (from Nov 20 notes)

Dr. Tom Richardson reported The W's 174 candidates for December graduation were approved.

Ms. Miller reported that the IHL legislative liaisons discussed the social business challenge. Additionally, other general legislation including sole source procurement, Mission Mississippi, guns on campus, and the state flag were topics of discussion.

Monthly Meeting with President – Lee

In regard to the potential return to athletics at the W, there are no plans on a university committee vote. Anyone with concerns about athletics, please bring them to the attention of President Crouse for review by the University Priorities Committee.

Within the next week, expects a revised state budget to be handed down via the Legislature. Revenues are down and the university may receive a 1-2% midyear cut.

Everyone is invited to check out the new article about tuition. The article can be accessed at <http://web3.muw.edu/news/3136-tuition-increase-to-enhance-scholarships-academic-program-growth-at-the-w>

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Unfinished Business:

Faculty Welfare Committee

Senators reviewed the policy statements drafted by the faculty welfare committee concerning university housing. Faculty Senate voted to support the policy statements as amended.

Faculty Salary – Dr. Royal Toy

A letter for the Provost will be composed concerning faculty salaries and presented at the February meeting for review.

State Flag

The SGA President will be invited to an early spring Faculty Senate meeting to voice the SGA stance on the state flag and provide information about the student government sponsored events concerning the flag on campus. After discussion of the individual college surveys concerning the flag, it was decided that a subcommittee would be created. The subcommittee will craft a university-wide faculty survey concerning the state flag to be sent out early in the spring semester. There will be one representative from each College on the subcommittee.

New Business:

Funding Requests: There were two Fund A requests that were received. A level one request from Dr. Monica Riley and a level two request from Wesley H. Garrett, Esq., were approved. There were no Fund B requests at this time.

Policy Reviews:

PS 3301: Allocation and Use of Information Technology Resources- Royal Toy made a motion to approve the changes and Ian Childers seconded the motion.

Other:

Our next meeting will take place on February 12, 2016. President Lee Crouse adjourned the faculty senate meeting at 1:20p.m.