

*Due to the technological issues that occurred on campus in November, the original minutes are now unavailable. These minutes were recreated by the FS Secretary.

MUW FACULTY SENATE

November 13, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Members present: Quorum was established.

1. Call to Order – President Chisolm called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.
2. Listening Session – President Miller
 - a. President Miller discussed the rise in COVID cases in our area and on campus. She encouraged us to continue with masks and other safety procedures.
 - b. President Miller addressed the current situation with athletics. President Miller said that there would be an independent review of the athletic department and that she had been working all week getting it together. President Miller said an announcement would go out next week with information. President Miller said her current priority was the current situation and ensuring a healthy work environment for coaching staff and student athletes.
3. Approval of Minutes –October 2020
 - a. Motion to accept the minutes was made. Motion carried.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Administrative Council Report – Ashley
 - I. Admin. Council meet on November 6th
 - II. In the University Update, President Miller mentioned that COVID cases are on the rise (both nationally and in the state/county), and encouraged members to follow all COVID protocol and continue to mask-up to mitigate the spread. President Miller hoped that everyone was able to participate in the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council’s Unity Project. President Miller noted that MUW’s final census date for fall enrollment (Nov. 1) was reported at 2,704. This is down 107 students from last November. The decrease mostly came from dual credit students and the RN/BSN program.
 - III. Ilika McCarter gave an update and overview about the work of Admission throughout the pandemic. For this fall, admissions participated in 60 recruitment opportunities – eight college fairs, nine drop-offs at high schools, 26 private visits and 17 virtual visits.
 - IV. Carla Lowery provided an update on DegreeWorks. March 2021 is the ‘go-live’ goal for the DegreeWorks program.
 - V. Amanda Powers asked members to encourage students in financial distress to fill out an application for the Student Emergency Fund.
 - VI. Dr. McCoy mentioned that the Campus Health Center is offering free COVID rapid tests.
 - b. Meeting with the President- Ashley
 - c. Expanded President’s Cabinet (did not meet)
 - d. Academic Council –Hunter
 - I. This meeting covered the particulars of the spring schedule.
 - II. It was decided to forgo spring break to minimize risk of potential COVID outbreak on campus afterwards to be consistent with 5 other MS universities.

III. Also, SU calendar accelerated I and II approved with changes to last day to admit for A1 being May 28 not June 30. And A2 being June 29th not June 30.

e. PIE – Nichole (did not meet)

5. Old Business

a. PS 1305 Working Group

The group is currently working on reviewing the W's current policy and comparing it to other IHL institutions. Full discussion on recommendations/suggestions expected in the Spring.

6. New Business

a. Fund A and Fund B Update

i. see Handout

a. \$5,686 left in Fund A and \$1,620 left in Fund B

c. Policy Statements

i. Not in Formal Review

a. PS 1302

b. PS 1303

c. PS 1304

i. New Policy (Equity Diversity and Inclusion Council)

a. Questions and suggested edits were made to the policy. Motion to send these to the diversity officers and wait to vote until senate receives a response on questions. Motion carried. Will vote electronically following responses from diversity officers.

8. Closing Comment/Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: February 12th

Suggested 2020-2021 Dates Remaining: December 11th (if needed), , February 12th , March 12th (falls during Spring Break), April 9th(for installation of new Senators and election of executive committee)