

FACULTY SENATE MONTHLY MEETING  
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY  
MARCH 4, 2008

Approved by the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate met on March 4, 2008 and the following senators were in attendance: Paul Schreiber, Gwen Catchings, Bertha Ealey, Udai Kudikyala, Stacy White, Mantra Henderson, Orian Cathey, Elizabeth Evans, Mack Felton, Jerome Green, Mantra Henderson, Mohammad Hoque, Florian Misoc, Emmanuel Ngwang, Vikki Spann, Dorothy Vaughn, and Jim Wilkinson.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The first order of business was the report from the Dr. Schreiber who stated that the faculty Senate met with the President. He also stated that a slightly altered schedule for tenure and promotion is being followed, even though he was told by the AAVP that the schedule was not changed.

#### Faculty Concerns

Online Course Policy Committee: Motion to send a follow up memo on the status of the committee.

The social security numbers are viewable when certain records are activated. A memo will be sent to Dr. Hudson asking for the removal of social security numbers from public records.

#### Committee Reports:

QEP: Dr. Felton reported that an analysis of the *Solicitation of Input Form of Faculty and Staff* was distributed to committee members. The top five topics of interest were: (a) Writing Ability (b) Critical Thinking (c) Reading Comprehension, (d) Oral Communication, and (5) Mathematical Comprehension.

Assessment Committee: Dr. Schreiber reported that assessment is important for SACS. They are putting together resources for faculty.

IHL meeting: Dr. Schreiber read the highlights from his attendance at the IHL meeting.

Academic Support Committee: Mrs. Henderson reported that she has the final schedule and has e-mailed it to the Faculty Senate Reps. This issue is considered closed.

The By-Laws Committee had no report.

Faculty concerns committee: The Faculty Concerns Committee looked at several issues: parking, housing, online course enrollment, and privacy of personal information.

- The committee has proposed that designated parking spaces for faculty be re-evaluated.
- A motion was made to send a memo to Mrs. Byrd relative to housing.

- Relative to athletes missing classes: It was suggested that athletes be advised to take classes during their off semester.

Dr. Misoc discussed the desired characteristics of the President. A document will be e-mailed to FS.

Nearly a month had passed and the letter that was sent to IHL about the MVSU Presidential search had not been received. Dr. Schreiber faxed a copy of the letter to IHL and sent another hard copy.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Distribution of minutes: There is some discrepancy in some departments relative to the distribution of minutes to faculty. Dr. Schreiber reminded faculty senate representatives to distribute minutes to faculty in their departments.
- B. Faculty Senate Budget: A motion was passed authorizing Dr. Schreiber to encumber monies in the budget.
- C. Possible conflicts for 2008-9: Dr. Schreiber proposed that FS must change the way it does business. This past year the faculty senate was not able to conduct business until December. This is an inherent flaw in our system of how and when we elect officers. In addition, the proposed faculty handbook states that the FS President will be given  $\frac{1}{4}$  release time. However our present system of elections makes it unrealistic and this system must be addressed. Dr. Schreiber announced that he would not be President next year, it is important to think about who should be President.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted;

*Bertha Ealey*

Bertha Ealey, Secretary

*Paul Schreiber*

Paul Schreiber, President