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Minutes November 6, 2018

Senators attending: Ms. Shannon Bowden, Mrs. Tasmine Moore, Dr. Cassie Turnipseed, Mr. Christopher Lanclos, Dr. Jongochi Kim, Ms. Yamika Williams, Dr. Tadesse Mengistu, Dr. Kethireddy, Dr. Trent, Dr. Venturini (stand in for Dr. Lacy).

Guest speakers: Dr. Sharon Freeman and Dr. Kenneth Done

Not attending: Dr. Moses Newsome (excused), Dr. Alfred Boyd (excused), Dr. Ed Morse (excused), Dr. Micah Rueber (excused), Dr. Cobbs (excused), and Dr. Benedict Atakpu (excused)

I. Call to order: Ms. Bowden called the meeting to order.

A. Motion to approve agenda- Mrs. Moore. Dr. Kethireddy seconded. Motion approved

B. Motion to approve minutes as read with changes –Dr. Trent Motion approved

II. University Strategic Plan: Ms. Bowden opened the meeting up with presenter, Dr. Sharon Freeman

A. Dr. Freeman spoke about the University Strategic Plan and add clarity to the University Mission

1. The Strategic plan have mission statement components that each department should use to link their mission.
2. The support units of the strategic plan is used to connect the outcome of the mission statement to departments.

B. Dr. Freeman mentioned that “one goal, one team, and one valley” each symbolizes something different. “One goal” symbolizes student success, “One team” symbolizes community working together and “One Valley” symbolizes faculty, staff, and students.

- C. Dr. Freeman mentioned that with the Strategic Plan, the committee are looking for quantitative measurements in helping them define their target for the next five years.
- D. These quantitative measurements will help build relations and understand key performance indicators within the strategic goals and plans for the upcoming years.

Questions about the Strategic Plan and Goals of MVSU

- A. How do we get this one goal and one team?
- B. What is the direction Valley is taking to meet student success?
- C. Where and what is the target that faculty and staff have to set?

Concerns about the Strategic Plan and Goals of MVSU

- A. Mississippi Valley “One Team” and “One Goal” is not stated clearly
- B. There is no support when it comes to “One Team” from MVSU.

III. **Online and Distance Education:** Guest speaker, Dr. Done

- Dr. Done spoke on the policy of course enrollment.
 - The committee determines the course capacity for online students.
 - Online course policy is 30 students per course load.
 - Sections are split in two when the course load exceeds 40 students.
 - Additional policies will be put in place regarding online enrollment

Questions and concerns about course enrollment

- Not enough input from faculty on enrollment policies
- Each department should have some involvement in the process involving policy development of online enrollment.
- The committee should re-evaluate the department policy for online enrollment.
- When will the blackboard system be changed or phased out?

VI. Up From the Cotton Patch- Revisited: Presented by Dr. Venturini

- A. Dr. Venturini spoke about his contributions to assist Dr. Turnipseed in re-visiting “Up From the Cotton Patch”. Dr. Venturini mentioned that he will be working with past and current faculty on the history of Valley due to his number of years employed at MVSU.
- B. Dr. Turnipseed mentioned all input and suggestions are welcome.

V. Faculty Concerns:

- 1. Not enough training for online enrollment.
- 2. Contracts like Thomson are hurting MVSU financially
- 3. Faculty should be given release time from office hours when they are working on research and journal writing.
- 4. Ms. Lacy is now Dr. Lacy

VI: Other Business/Announcements:

- 1. Ms. Bowden would like for each department to find out what membership each department belong to.
- 2. A petition is circulating to have the Math & Science building renamed after Dr. Bland
- 3. All winter sessions will be online. There will be no face to face courses being taught.
- 4. Motion to adjourn at 12:00 by Ms. Bowden and seconded by Dr. Trent
- 5. Minutes submitted by Mrs. Tasmine Moore