

**ROBERT HOLLAND FACULTY SENATE
UNCORRECTED MINUTES OF MEETING ON APRIL 15, 2005**

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate of Mississippi State University held its regular meeting in the Grisham Room of the Mitchell Memorial Library at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2005.

Members absent and excused were Troy Blanchard, John Byrd, Kent Coffey, Pat Donohoe, Greg Dunaway, Allen Greenwood, Bill Hardin, Vince McGrath, Rich Raymond, Peter Ryan, Ray Vaughn, and Peter Wood.

Members absent and unexcused were Paula Donhoney, Randy Little, and PC McLaurin.

The meeting was broadcast real-time over the World Wide Web. The file will be left active for a few weeks and can be reviewed by clicking on the Senate homepage at <http://www.facultysenate.msstate.edu>.

President Mark Goodman called the meeting to order.

President Goodman referred to the minutes of the March 11, 2005, Regular Meeting as distributed. Senator Chamblee moved, Senator Wolverton seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate approve the minutes of March 11, 2005. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

President Goodman welcomed new and returning Senators: Terry Hanson, Tim Chamblee, Randy Little, Dan Reynolds, Peter Ryan, Rich Raymond, Mark Goodman, Bob Wolverton, Peter Wood, Michael Berk, June Garner, Carlen Henington, Ray Vaughn, Bill Smyer, Roy Montgomery, Bill Hardin, and Vince McGrath.

GUESTS

President Goodman introduced guests: Dr. Peter Rabideau, Provost, and Mrs. Frances Coleman, Dean of Libraries.

PETER RABIDEAU, PROVOST

Provost Rabideau provided the following information:

- The IHL Board meeting is scheduled for this upcoming week with committee meetings on Wednesday and the full Board meeting on Thursday. This will be Roy Klumb's last meeting as President. The Chief Academic Officers (CAOs) may have a further look at the exceptions to the 124-hour rule.
- The Office of the Provost has recently received two reports on external reviews of the Honors Program.
- Rabideau also received a report from Ralph Thayer, University of New Orleans, pertaining to the BSIS program.

- MSU sponsored a bus trip to the Delta for new-to-the-University faculty. They visited a K-3 school in Grenada and the Viking Range assembly line.
- Another round of proposals for Learning Communities for the Spring 2006 semester are being solicited.
- Rabideau has recommended to the President that we begin to alternate Mace Bearers at Commencements between the winner of the Undergraduate Alumni Award and the Gresham Award winner.
- President Goodman asked if Rabideau would send the Senate a copy of the BSIS report for our information and he responded that he would.

FRANCES COLEMAN, DEAN OF LIBRARIES

Dean Coleman provided the following information:

- Before beginning her remarks, Coleman distributed packets of information to all Senators.
- Coleman began by discussing one particular handout within the packet and sharing specific facts and data about the MSU Libraries with the Senators.
- *To the Top: Over and Beyond* is the Libraries' theme for this year.
- Coleman wants the Library to be "The Place."
- An update of the Association of Research Libraries' report was also shared.
- The Libraries' budget has remained flat for the past several years.
- The MSU Libraries is a member of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries.
- The Magnolia Project is a state-wide database consortia and a line-item through the Mississippi legislative budget.
- Senator Bridges asked if the index to University photographs and University Archives online. Coleman responded that some of this information is online and progress is continuing on this monumental project.
- Senator Montgomery thanked Dean Coleman for allowing the Senate to use the Grisham Room for their meetings over the past two years.
- President Goodman urged Senators to assist the Library in any way possible as they strive to obtain ARL (Association of Research Libraries) membership.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Goodman gave the following report:

- Goodman has been working with the committee on the non-tenure track promotion document.
- There is ongoing discussion about the University's budget.
- There continues to be discussion about the University's Promotion and Tenure document and possible future changes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Two nominations for President of the Robert Holland Faculty Senate for the 2005-2006 term were received by the designated date, Senator David Nagel and Senator Mark Goodman, therefore there were no nominations taken from the floor. Senator Goodman was elected by a Senate vote of 26-9.

One nomination for Vice-President of the Robert Holland Faculty Senate for the 2005-2006 term was received by the designated date: Senator Peter Wood. President Goodman opened the floor for additional nominations. Senator Henington moved, Senator Little seconded, that the nominations be closed and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate. Senator Deeds moved, Senator Garner seconded, that Peter Wood be elected as Vice-President by acclamation and the Senate passed this motion with a unanimous voice vote.

No nominations for Secretary of the Robert Holland Faculty Senate for the 2005-2006 term were received by the designated date. President Goodman opened the floor for nominations. Senator Chamblee nominated Senator Jacque Deeds for Secretary. Senator Delgado nominated Senator Carlen Henington. Senator Garner moved, Senator Reichert seconded, that nominations cease and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate. Senator Henington was elected by a Senate vote of 28-17.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

On behalf of Vice-President Wood (who was excused), President Goodman referred to the his report as distributed. Senator Millea asked for more detail about the discussion of post tenure review and President Goodman stated that, not having been present at that meeting, all he was aware of is what Wood has stated in his report.

REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE DESIGNATES ON UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Campus Planning and Development Committee – Senator Deeds stated that nothing new has transpired since the last Senate meeting.

Excellence In Teaching Committee – Senator Deeds stated that there is a concern from this Committee and other sources that the Faculty Awards Program is very poorly attended by anyone not receiving an award. There was also discussion pertaining to the Excellence In Teaching document that was sent to the Senate in December.

Faculty Research Advisory Committee – Senator Henington stated that the most recent scheduled meeting was cancelled.

BUSINESS SENT TO COMMITTEES

None.

BUSINESS TO BE SENT TO COMMITTEES

Letter from Dr. Roy Montgomery, re: Promotion and Tenure – Senator Nagel moved, Senator Reichert seconded, to refer this issue to committee. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. President Goodman assigned this issue to the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Letter from Dr. Michael Berk and Dr. Lou D’Abramo, re: Parking Fee – Senator Myles moved, Senator D’Abramo seconded, to allow Ray Hayes to speak before the Senate. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. Hayes elaborated on the University’s plans for future parking. Senator Berk moved, Senator D’Abramo seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate endorse the following resolution:

In light of insignificant salary adjustments, non-existent merit raises, and continued decreases in employee benefits, the Robert Holland Faculty Senate formally REJECTS the new parking proposal and any other future proposal which continues to negatively impact the salary and benefits of the faculty.

The motion passed on a Senate vote of 27-4-2.

Letter from Dr. Michael Rice, re: AOP 13.06 – Sabbatical – Senator Montgomery moved, Senator Adams-Price seconded, to refer this issue to committee. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. President Goodman assigned this issue to the University Resources Committee.

Letter from Dr. Angi Elsea Bourgeois and Jamie Runnells, re: Faculty Leave – Senator Thaxton moved, Senator Diehl seconded, to refer this to committee. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. President Goodman assigned this issue to the Faculty Affairs Committee.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Senator D’Abramo, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, referred to this Committee’s report on AOP 12.11 – Degree Requirements-Undergraduate. Senator D’Abramo moved, Senator Wolverton seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate approve AOP 12.11 as revised by the Deans Council, Associate Deans Council, and the Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate.

Senator D’Abramo, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, referred to this Committee’s report on AOP 11.13 – Winter Intersession. Senator D’Abramo moved, Senator Chamblee seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate approve AOP 11.13 as revised by the Deans Council, Associate Deans Council, and after review of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate. Call for Question was passed with a unanimous voice vote of the Senate and the original motion failed on a Senate vote of 15-18-2.

ANCILLARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

No report.

CHARTER AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Senator Reichert, Chair of the Charter and Bylaws Committee, referred to this Committee's report on OP 30.02 – Use of Copyrighted Computer Software and Mississippi State University and OP 30.03 – Management of Copyrighted Site Licensed Computer Software at Mississippi State University. Senator Reichert moved, Senator D'Abramo seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate accept the modifications to both OP 30.02 and OP 30.03 as presented.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate.

FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

No report.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Senator Hodge, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, referred to this Committee's report on AOP 12.07 – Undergraduate Academic Misconduct and Honor Code. Senator Hodge moved, Senator Wolverton seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate reject the suggested modifications to AOP 12.07 Undergraduate Academic Misconduct and Honor Code. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate.

Senator Hodge moved, Senator Berk seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate request that a new Mississippi State University academic integrity program, based on the Center of Academic Integrity procedure, be developed under the leadership of Dr. William Kibler, Vice President for Student Affairs. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Garner moved, Senator Reichert seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate.

Submitted for correction and approval.

LaDonne Delgado, Secretary