

**ROBERT HOLLAND FACULTY SENATE  
APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING ON FEBRUARY 11, 2000**

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate of Mississippi State University held its regular meeting in Coskrey Auditorium of Memorial Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 11, 2000.

Members absent and excused were Thomas Cathcart, Linda Cornelious, Armando De la Cruz, Randy Follett, David Huddleston, Evan Nebeker, Stephen Schoenholtz, Dick Still, and Rick Travis.

Members absent and unexcused were Chris Duncan, Nancy McCarley, and John Perry.

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.msstate.edu/Org/FS/faculty\\_senate.html](http://www.msstate.edu/Org/FS/faculty_senate.html).

Chair Robert Cooper called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the December 10, 1999, Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

**GUESTS**

Chair Cooper introduced guests of the Senate: President Malcolm Portera; Dr. David Cole, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Dr. Kirk Arnett, Faculty Representative to the Athletic Council.

**MALCOLM PORTERA, PRESIDENT**

Dr. Portera provided the following information:

- < The Mississippi Board of Trustees will be holding its meeting on campus at the Engineering Research Center next week starting on Wednesday afternoon through Thursday morning.
- < On the sixth floor of Allen Hall, the Reception Area has been combined for the President and Provost Offices.
- < Post Tenure Review Committee has met and Dan Embree has been elected as the chair of the Committee.

## **KIRK ARNETT, FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ATHLETIC COUNCIL**

Dr. Arnett, chair of the Faculty Athletic Council distributed a handout and followed up with remarks pertaining to each section.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Cooper referred to the Robert Holland Faculty Senate Chair's Report as distributed.

Chair Cooper commented on the situation pertaining to Round-Abouts. The decision has been made to have no round-abouts anywhere on campus.

Chair Cooper also mentioned the IHL meeting to be held on campus next week particularly noting the Academic and Student Affairs Committee which will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30pm in Room 30 of the Engineering Research Center. One of the topics for discussion will be post tenure review. This will be an open public meeting.

## **DAN EMBREE, POST TENURE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The Committee has met once and seems to be of one mind and is assuming that they will produce a benign policy which will not affect tenure. The Committee suspects that the Board's motivation for this post tenure review process is that universities are hiding their dead wood. This process cannot be stopped but the Committee hopes to ensure that post-tenure review is aimed at development rather than termination.

Chair Cooper added one last comment pertaining to the post tenure review. All of the faculty senate representatives from the other universities felt that whatever policies were to be developed would be remedial and not punitive in nature.

### **REPORT OF THE VICE CHAIR**

Vice Chair D-Abramo distributed his report to the Senators just prior to the start of the meeting and referred to it as distributed.

## **REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE DESIGNATES ON UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES**

**Employee Benefits Committee** -- Senator Fisher referred to the Committee's report as distributed.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Senator Patrick Donohoe, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, referred to this Committee's report pertaining to AOP 13.21 (Faculty Release Time for Specified Committee Chairs). Senator Donohoe moved, Senator Wolverton seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate accept their committee's recommendations as distributed.

Senator Embree moved to strike the last sentence of the second recommendation which reads "The Faculty Senate also recommends that the Provost investigate whether monies from the Schillig Scholarship fund can be used to support the release time of the Schillig Scholars Faculty Mentor." Senator Carskadon seconded. Motion failed on a Senate vote of 6-31-0.

The original motion passed on a Senate vote of 37-1-0.

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Senator Patrick Donohoe, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, referred to this Committee's report pertaining to AOP 10.01 (Academic Operating Policy and Procedure Manual for Mississippi State University). Senator Donohoe moved, Senator Wolverton seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate accept their committee's recommendations as distributed.

The motion passed on a Senate vote of 37-0-0.

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## **ANCILLARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Senator Linda Morse, Chair of the Ancillary Affairs Committee, referred to this Committee's report pertaining to AOP 11.04 (Combined Undergraduate/Graduate Courses). Senator Morse moved, Senator Wolverton seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate accept their committee's recommendations as distributed.

The motion passed on a Senate vote of 38-0-0.

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## **CHARTER AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

Senator David Shaw, Chair of the Charter and Bylaws Committee, referred to this Committee's report pertaining to AOP 11.02 (Special Non-Degree Classification (Non-Traditional) for Undergraduate Students). Senator Shaw moved, Senator Salin seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate accept their committee's recommendations as distributed.

The motion passed on a Senate vote of 37-0-0.

**FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

No report.

**STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

No report.

**UNIVERSITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

No report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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LaDonne Delgado, Secretary