

**ROBERT HOLLAND FACULTY SENATE
APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING ON APRIL 28, 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, April 28, 2000.

Members absent and excused were Sylvia Byrd, Jackie Courson, Lorenzo Crowell, LaDonne Delgado, Bill Maslin, Nancy McCarley, PC McLaurin and Evan Nebeker.

There were no members absent and unexcused.

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.

Chair Robert Cooper called the meeting to order.

Chair Cooper introduced the new or re-elected members of the Senate: from Agriculture and Life Sciences - Mike Goatley, Jim Heitz, Robert Rogers and Paul Thaxton; from Arts and Sciences - Lorenzo Crowell, Holmes Hogue, Patricia Lestrade and Clyde Williams; from Business and Industry - Pearson Liddell; from Education - Larry Anderson and Kathy Dooley; from Engineering - Susan Bridges, Stan Bullington and Keith Hodge; from Forest Resources-WFRC - Stephen Schoenholtz; from MCES - Virgin Culver, Ken Hood and PC McLaurin; and from Veterinary Medicine - Bill Maslin.

The minutes of the March 17, 2000, Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

GUESTS

Chair Cooper introduced guests of the Senate: Dr. Nancy Cox, Assistant Director, MAFES Administration; Dr. Dawn Luthe, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Dr. Kirk Arnett, Faculty Representative to the Athletic Council.

DRS. COX AND LUTHE, BIOTECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE

Dr. Cox and Dr. Luthe presented the final report of the Biotechnology Steering Committee. This Committee was formed to study the possibility of having a Biotechnology Institute at Mississippi State University. The reports, recommendations and current status of the Institute can be found at <http://www.mafes.msstate.edu/biotech/>

KIRK ARNETT, FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Dr. Arnett reported that the committee to study the Athletics Department met during the Spring Semester, 2000, and comprised recommendations in four general areas. First, the committee saw a need for more space and more computer equipment. Second, the committee recommended the preparation of a mission statement. Third, the committee suggested that the Department contract with an independent agency to conduct an annual survey to look at the interactions among the tutors and the student athletes as well as a general measure of satisfaction among the athletes with the tutoring service. Fourth, the committee suggested that the tutor not be required to record students' arrivals and departures, but this suggestion met with negative response.

Dr. Arnett also mentioned the Chronicle of Higher Education report of April 5, 2000, pertaining to the gender equity. Of the twelve southeastern conference schools, MSU is the only one that meets the proportionality requirements.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Cooper referred to the Robert Holland Faculty Senate Chair's Report as distributed. He commented on the University of Southern Mississippi's Tuition Resolution; the tuition waiver for spouses of deceased faculty members; the Post-Tenure Review Policy and members of Intellectual Property Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

One nomination for Chair of the Robert Holland Faculty Senate for the 2000-2001 term was received by the designated date: Senator Dan Embree. Senator Doug Marshall moved, Senator Gary Kelly seconded, that nominations cease. The motion passed on a voice vote of the Senate. Senator Embree was elected by a Senate vote of 36-4-0.

Senator Clyde Williams moved, Senator Doug Marshall seconded, to nominate Senator Louis D'Abramo for Vice Chair of the Robert Holland Faculty Senate for the 2000-2001 term. Senator Walter Diehl moved, Senator Dan Embree seconded, to nominate Senator Chris Duncan for Vice Chair. Senator Robert Rogers moved, Senator Rick Travis seconded, that nominations cease. The motion passed on a voice vote of the Senate. Senator D'Abramo was elected by a Senate vote of 32-7-0.

Senator D'Abramo moved, Senator Walter Diehl seconded, to nominate Senator LaDonne Delgado for Secretary of the Robert Holland Faculty Senate for the 2000-2001 term. Senator Jim Heitz moved, Senator Gary Kelly seconded, that nominations cease. The motion passed on a voice vote of the Senate. Senator Delgado was elected by a Senate vote of 39-0-0.

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. He commented on the Traffic Policy Committee's recommendations; the MSU administration's stand on service; the loss of release time and lapsed salaries; and the MSU Campus Image Enhancement possibilities.

REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE DESIGNATES ON UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Employee Benefits Committee -- Senator Tom Fisher reported that (1) PERS is considering a partial lump sum option for members that retired at the minimum age of 63 with 28 years of service and (2) the Employee Life and Health Insurance Plan had a deficit of \$45 million dollars at the end of 1999.

BUSINESS TO BE SENT TO COMMITTEES

Letter from Dr. Lorenzo Crowell regarding Parking -- Senator Virgil Culver moved, Senator Tom Fisher seconded, to refer this issue to committee. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate. Chair Cooper assigned this issue to the University Resources Committee.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Senator Pat Donohoe, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, referred to this Committee's report pertaining to AOP 13.07 - Promotion and Tenure. Senator Donohoe moved, Senator Chris Duncan seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate accept their Committee's recommendations as distributed.

No report.

FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

No report.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

No report.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

No report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Clyde Williams moved, Senator Rachel McCann seconded, to suspend the rule of requiring Faculty Senate reports to be distributed at least three days prior to the meeting in order to address the letter from Dr. Dan Embree regarding post-tenure review and the Proposal for University Core Curriculum at this meeting.

The motion passed on a Senate vote of 36-2-2.

Letter from Dr. Dan Embree regarding post-tenure review - Senator Dan Embree moved, Senator Chris Duncan seconded, to refer this issue to committee. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate. Chair Cooper assigned this issue to the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Proposal for University Core Curriculum - Senator Lou D-Abramo moved, Senator Rachel McCann seconded, to refer this issue to committee. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate. Chair Cooper assigned this issue to the Academic Affairs Committee.

Senator D-Abramo thanked Chair Cooper on behalf of all Senators for his contributions and hard work during the past year as the leader of the Robert Holland Faculty Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Marvin Salin moved, Senator James Heitz seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate.

LaDonne Delgado, Secretary