

**ROBERT HOLLAND FACULTY SENATE
UNCORRECTED MINUTES OF MEETING ON OCTOBER 13, 2000**

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate of Mississippi State University held its regular meeting in the President's Reception Room at the Humphrey Coliseum at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 13, 2000.

Members absent and excused were Virgil Culver, LaDonne Delgado, Kathy Dooley, Randy Follett, Marita Gootee, Keith Hodge, Ken Hood, Gary W. Kelly, Patricia Lestrade, Pearson Liddell, Rachel McCann, PC McLaurin, Evan Nebeker and Robert W. Rogers.

Members absent and unexcused were Pasquale Cinnella and David Huddleston.

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 Dan Embree called the meeting to order.

Senator Duncan moved, Senator Thomas seconded, that the minutes of the September 8, 2000, Regular Meeting be adopted with the correction of the Student Association President's name from *Jenny Reed* to *Jenny Reeves*. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate.

GUESTS

Chair Embree introduced guests of the Senate: President Malcolm Portera and Dr. David Cole, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

MALCOLM PORTERA, PRESIDENT

Dr. Portera provided the following information:

- < Th five-percent budget reduction is becoming a reality. The Governor has stated that there was a twenty-two million dollar shortfall for the month of September 2000.
- < Accreditation activity continues with the appointment of Dr. Leslie Bauman to work with the SACS self study. The Accrediting Team was on campus this week for the College of Veterinary Medicine.
- < Scholars= Day was on campus this past weekend.

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- < Dr. Cole mentioned that Academic Affairs is about \$750,000 short in meeting their commitment toward their \$2.3 million portion of the five-percent budget reduction plan.
- < Campus renovations are progressing according to schedule.
- < Senator Williams asked about the Office of University Council - Had the President thought about whether and/or to what degree the Office of University Council does impede the progress of research and instruction on campus? Portera said he was not aware that this was happening and asked Senator Williams to discuss this with him via e-mail, phone or follow-up visit.
- < Senator Embree mentioned that on the last day that his department could submit an advertisement for a job opening, they had the ad sent back to the department by the Office of Affirmative Action because it did not clearly state that they wanted a PhD in English. His point being that a little common sense and a little trust by the authorities of the department heads and deans would cut down on the red tape. President Portera's response was that he would be glad to sit down and discuss the issue.
- < Senator Crowell asked President Portera about the search for the Vice President for Business Affairs. Portera responded that it is going well. The list is down to two candidates with one interview having been conducted earlier this week and the second candidate's interview scheduled for next week. Afterwards the committee will take a look at all the information and make a recommendation to the President who will then determine whether or not to pursue one of these two candidates or take a closer look at other applicants.
- < President Portera was asked about the Swalm Building -- Are the classrooms completed because they seem to be missing key elements such as places to project media, podia or appropriate tables or desks in the front of the classrooms as opposed to folding outdoor picnic-style tables, and completed internet access? Portera's response was that he has been disappointed with the construction of this facility to the point of threatening a lawsuit and hopes that future projects will use the Hilbun construction project as the model to follow where the work was done on time and within budget.
- < Portera was asked about the budget -- Would it be premature to look forward at the budget to determine how we stand with revenues statewide and whether this five-percent incumbrance will last us the rest of the year? Portera's response was that it is too early at this point in time.
- < Senator Anderson asked about International travel -- Many faculty do not get invitations to travel abroad often, but when they do, it is usually at short notice and

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- < dealing with the red tape sometimes negates their participation. Is there any update on how we as faculty can better extend ourselves to the international audience given these circumstances? Portera's response was that his office will work with faculty on this matter. The Board of Trustees' interest on this matter is changing and this will also require a change in state law which we will try to do in the Spring.
- < Senator Morse asked about the status of the renovation of Montgomery Hall. Portera's response was that the appropriation is done, the dollars are there and the actual work should begin in Summer 2001. The building should stay operational through the Spring 2001 semester.
- < Portera commended Jenny Reeves for her work last week with the student body in terms of a change in behavior associated with football games at MSU.
- < Senator Anderson asked for clarification pertaining to the Band being placed under the Office of the Provost. Are the people responsible for the Band considered faculty? Portera responded that the Band needed special attention due to its number declining to such a small number that it needed a shot in the arm and that is what it is getting. Senator Morse asked if any new positions had been assigned to the Band. Portera responded that he was not aware of any new positions.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Embree began his Robert Holland Faculty Senate Chair's Report by sharing with the Senators his discussion with President Portera pertaining to the Senate's difficulty in obtaining a place to meet. President Portera's office has assisted in straightening out this problem and after today, the Senate will meet in Coskrey Auditorium of Memorial Hall.

Chair Embree reported that the other half of the Lloyd-Ricks Annex, next to the Robert Holland Faculty Senate Office is about to become vacant. It currently houses small offices using partitions which could be torn out making one big room. This could be the permanent meeting space for the Senate with the Senate having full control over its scheduling allowing class use during the rest of the week. This suggestion has been discussed with Gattis Hunt, President Portera and the campus architect and all parties feel this is a possibility. Chair Embree will continue to explore this idea.

Chair Embree and President Portera agreed that the meetings/meals shared by the President and the Faculty Senate to discuss the Budget were successful in that there was a frank exchange of points-of-view, and thoughts, suggestions, etc. were freely discussed. Both feel that future similar meetings/meals may be possible.

Chair Embree mentioned his discussion with President Portera pertaining to faculty representation on budgetary councils as specified in the Governance Document. As it

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currently stands, both parties are disagreeing about how this should be handled. Chair Embree advises the Senate not to make a war over this issue but to continue to bring their concerns before the President periodically.

In looking forward to the SACS Study, Chair Embree has urged President Portera to grant the staff organization the right to have elected representation. Currently it is an appointed body.

Vice President of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Charles Lee, has stopped the search for an Executive Associate Dean partly due to questions being raised from various bodies (i.e., Faculty Senate, Ag. Senate). Chair Embree communicated to Dr. Lee our appreciation in his taking into consideration our concerns when making this decision.

There has been only one MSU Executive Council meeting since the Robert Holland Faculty Senate last met and, as always, those minutes are on the University web site at <http://msuinfo.ur.msstate.edu/executive/>

REPORT OF THE VICE CHAIR

Vice Chair DeAramo referred to the Robert Holland Faculty Senate Vice Chairs Report as distributed. He commented on questions pertaining to the MSU Band. Supervision has been temporarily transferred to the Office of Academic Affairs due to conflicts between the two individuals in charge of certain aspects of the Band. Plans are to return the supervision of the Band back to the College of Education once these conflicts have been resolved which should be very soon.

Vice Chair DeAramo thanked the Senate for their enthusiasm in volunteering to participate and in nominating other participants in the upcoming Round-table. Decisions will be made soon pertaining to the final participants.

REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE DESIGNATES ON UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

No reports.

BUSINESS SENT TO COMMITTEES

AOP 12.09 - Class Attendance -- Chair Embree assigned this issue to the Student Affairs Committee.

AOP 13.14 - Grade Appeal and Academic Review Board -- Chair Embree assigned this issue to the Academic Affairs Committee.

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BUSINESS TO BE SENT TO COMMITTEES

Review of the Affirmative Action Compliance Program -- Senator Smyer moved, Senator Crowell seconded, to refer this issue to committee. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate. Chair Embree assigned this issue to the Ancillary Affairs Committee.

Proposed HRM Policy #60-117 -- Senator Crowell moved, Senator Marshall seconded, to refer this issue to committee. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate. Chair Embree assigned this issue to the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Letter from Dr. Paul Grimes re: Sanderson Center Hours of Operation -- Senator Bryant moved, Senator Crowell seconded, to suspend the rules and bring this matter before the Senate immediately.

The motion passed on a Senate vote of 35-0-0.

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Senator Pat Donohoe, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, referred to this Committee's report pertaining to proposal from the UCCC on the University Core Curriculum (UCC). Senator Donohoe moved, Senator Bryant seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate endorses the University Core Curriculum proposal from the University Committee on Courses and Curricula.

The motion passed on a Senate vote of 34-1-0.

ANCILLARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Senator Linda Morse, Chair of the Ancillary Affairs Committee, referred to this Committee's report pertaining to AOP 12.12 - Credit, Grades, and Academic Standing. Senator Morse moved, Senator Byrd seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate accept AOP 12.12 - Credit, Grades, and Academic Standing.

The motion passed on a Senate vote of 34-0-0.

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CHARTER AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

No report.

FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Senator Clyde Williams, Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, referred to this Committee's report pertaining to a 4-25-00 letter and draft post tenure review policy from Dan Embree, chair, on behalf of the Post-Tenure Review Committee. Senator Williams moved, Senator Travis seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate endorse the Post Tenure Review Policy as amended by the Committee's recommendations.

Senator Williams accepted a friendly amendment from Senator Embree to change bullet 2. to read @The revised document be submitted to a vote of the General Faculty.@

Senator Heitz called for question; Senator Travis seconded. This motion passed on a Senate vote of 27-3-1.

The original motion passed on a Senate vote of 33-1-0.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Senator Chris Duncan, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, referred to this Committee's report pertaining to AOP 12.05 - Tuition Remission Policy/Procedure for Undergraduate Students who are Sons and Daughters of MSU Faculty and/or Staff. Senator Duncan moved, Senator Heitz seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate concur in the rescission of AOP 12.05.

The motion passed on a Senate vote of 34-0-0.

Senator Chris Duncan, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, referred to this Committee's report pertaining to AOP 12.29 - Freshman Entrance Requirements. Senator Duncan moved,

Senator Marshall seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate accept AOP 12.29 with a minor editorial change: there should be a blank line between items 5 and 6.

The motion passed on a Senate vote of 34-0-0.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

No report.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Crowell moved, Senator D-Abramo seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate.

Submitted for correction and approval.

LaDonne Delgado, Secretary

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