

**ROBERT HOLLAND FACULTY SENATE  
UNCORRECTED MINUTES OF MEETING ON MARCH 23, 2001**

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, March 23, 2001.

Members absent and excused were Susan Bridges, Sylvia Byrd, Linda Cornelious, Mike Goatley, David Huddleston, Rachel McCann, Linda Morse, and Robert Rogers.

Members absent and unexcused were Marita Gootee.

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 Dan Embree called the meeting to order.

Chair Embree referred to the minutes of the February 9, 2000, Regular Meeting as distributed. Senator Salin moved, Senator McLaurin seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate approve the minutes of February 9, 2000. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate.

**GUESTS**

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

**DAVID COLE, PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Dr. Cole provided the following information:

- < Two Deans have resigned. The search process will be set up according to the governance document and interim deans will be appointed. Senator Crowell asked how the interim deans would be selected and Dr. Cole responded that he would select them taking into consideration recommendations made from the College of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences. Senator Embree asked when the new appointments might take effect and Dr. Cole responded next July.

## REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Embree began his Chair's Report by sharing the following remarks:

- < Two new members were welcomed to the Senate: Linda Smith and Kent Payne.
- < Senate members who are finishing their three-year Senate terms are Tom Carskadon, Dan Embree, George Light, Pasquale Cinnella, Patrick Donohoe, David Huddleston, Wayne Kelly, Sue Minchew, and Rick Travis. Some are eligible for re-election.
- < Re-elected to the Senate are Linda Morse and Linda Pote.
- < Senator Jim Heitz has resigned from the Senate and Senator Tom Fisher is retiring from the university.
- < The Spring Senate Roundtable was a success. An e-mail summary of this event will be forthcoming by the end of next week. A third roundtable will be planned for the Fall 2001 semester, and the topic for that session has not yet been decided. Suggestions are welcomed.
- < The Governor of Mississippi came to Starkville and met with several Senators on the evening of March 15. Those attending reported that the session was articulate and helped to clarify the situation with the budget.
- < Several legislators then met with some MSU faculty via teleconference on March 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss their opinions about the budget situation.
- < The Census of the Faculty which the Senate is required to conduct every two years is taking place. It is not yet official, but preliminary numbers look as though there will be no changes in unit representation.
- < Nominations for the election of Senate Officers will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Nominations for the Senate Chair must be submitted in writing five days in advance. If no more than one nomination for Chair is received in writing, then more nominations will be taken from the floor at the next Senate meeting. Nominations for Vice-Chair and Secretary do not have to be in writing or in advance.
- < Senators were given an exchange of letters between Chair Embree and Dr. Cole about the 5-7 year probationary period and how "probationary period" is defined.
- < Senator Marshall asked if a list of eligible Senators for office could be provided via e-mail or hard copy. Chair Embree responded that he would do so.

## REPORT OF THE VICE CHAIR

Vice Chair D'Abramo referred to the Robert Holland Faculty Senate Vice Chair's Report as distributed. He commented on the Special ad hoc committee on weekend traffic and parking (now called the Special Event Traffic and Parking ad hoc committee). Faculty will now have access to fee-paying parking lots near their buildings by asking the Athletic Department via their Dean to provide them with a pass. This is on a first-come-first-serve availability of parking spots. Faculty will have access to some reserved, centrally-located spaces.

Senator Light asked about the status of the Lee Hall parking lot. Vice-Chair D'Abramo responded that he was not sure. Senator Embree asked if use of the parking spaces available for faculty during football games was on the honor system basis; D'Abramo responded, yes.

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

No report.

## **BUSINESS SENT TO COMMITTEES**

**AOP 12.13 - Academic Records** -- Chair Embree assigned this issue to the Academic Affairs Committee.

## **BUSINESS TO BE SENT TO COMMITTEES**

Senator Travis moved, Senator D'Abramo seconded, that the rules be suspended so that the following letters could be sent to committee. The motion passed on a majority hand-count vote of the Senate.

**Letter from Lorenzo Crowell re: Meridian Campus offerings.** Senator Williams moved, Senator Cathcart 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 Academic Affairs Committee.

**Letter from John Harkness re: a sexual preference non discrimination clause be made policy.** Senator Travis moved, Senator Duncan 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 Student Affairs Committee.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Senator Donohoe moved, Senator D'Abramo seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate accept the report from the Academic Affairs Committee. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate.

Senator Donohoe, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, referred to this Committee's report pertaining to a letter received from Dr. George Adebisi asking the Senate to study AOP

13.15 - Evaluation of Teaching Performance. Senator Donohoe moved, Senator Light seconded, that the standard process of AOP review be initiated immediately for AOP 13.15.

Senator D'Abramo offered a friendly amendment to add a phrase to the recommendation making it now read: The Academic Affairs Committee recommends that the standard process of AOP review be initiated immediately for AOP 13.15 and evaluation of distance learning be incorporated into the review. This amendment was accepted.

The motion passed on a Senate vote of 39-0-0.

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Senator Donohoe moved, Senator Kelly seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate accept the report from the Academic Affairs Committee. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote of the Senate.

Senator Donohoe, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, referred to this Committee's report pertaining to a letter received from the Teaching Evaluation Committee requesting that the Faculty Senate endorse their request that the Office of Planning, Evaluation and Instructional Effectiveness report student evaluations of teaching by class rank and class size for at least one semester per year. Senator Donohoe moved, Senator Kelly seconded, that the Robert Holland Faculty Senate endorse the request.

Senator Diehl offered a friendly amendment to add a phrase to the recommendation making it now read: The Academic Affairs Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate endorse the request of the Teaching Evaluation Committee that the Office of Planning, Evaluation and Instructional Effectiveness report student evaluations of teaching by class rank and class size, with no instructor information, for at least one semester per year. This amendment was accepted.

The motion failed on a Senate vote of 14-21-1.

#### **ANCILLARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

No report.

#### **CHARTER AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

No report.

#### **FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

No report.

## **UNIVERSITY RESOURCES**

No report.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Memo from Dr. Altenkirch re: Policy and Procedure Statement on Intellectual Property at MSU** will be discussed at the next Senate meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Submitted for correction and approval.

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LaDonne Delgado, Secretary