

**ROBERT HOLLAND FACULTY SENATE
UNCORRECTED MINUTES OF MEETING ON MARCH 1, 2002**

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate of Mississippi State University held a special called meeting in Coskrey Auditorium of Memorial Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2002.

Members absent and excused were Alan Blaine, Stanley Bullington, Lorenzo Crowell, Virgil Culver, Allen Greenwood, Homes Hogue, David Huddleston, Patricia Lestrade, PC McLaurin, Roy Montgomery, Gary Myers, 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 Dan Embree called the meeting to order.

Chair Embree introduced two new members of the Senate. Richard Damms, History Department, is replacing Stan Godbold and Michael Rice, Foreign Languages Department, is replacing Patricia Lestrade while she is on sabbatical.

Chair Embree reminded Senators to please speak into the microphones when speaking to the group and to please cover them when speaking in caucus to a neighboring Senator.

Chair Embree reminded the Senators of a Senate rule which allows each Senator to only speak once until everyone has had the opportunity to speak. He requested that Senators please keep this in mind so that he would not have to enforce it. Chair Embree also asked fellow Senators to remain on "high ground" as the discussion begins on the upcoming business.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution from Walter Diehl, re: Advisory Committee for the President Search -- Senator Diehl moved, Senator Goodman seconded, that the Senate endorse the following resolution:

The IHL Board Presidential Search Committee having refused to permit the MSU faculty to elect its own representatives to the Advisory Committee, the Robert Holland Faculty Senate regrettably calls on the faculty to politely decline to serve on that committee by appointment.

Discussion began with Senator Diehl reading for the record e-mails from Stanley Bullington, Evan Nebeker, David Huddleston, Allen Greenwood and Jan Chambers. Senators present began discussion.

Senator Rogers moved a substitute motion, Senator Marshall seconded, that the Senate endorse the following resolution:

The Mississippi State University Robert Holland Faculty Senate respectfully requests the Mississippi IHL Board to allow at least one half of university faculty representatives to all Presidential Search Campus Advisory Committees to be selected from elected faculty members and incorporate this procedure as board policy.

Senator Rogers's substitute motion failed on a Senate vote of 13-22-1.

Senator Marshall moved a substitute motion, Senator Hodge seconded, that the Senate endorse the following resolution:

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate regrets the IHL Board's decision to not allow the MSU faculty to elect its own representatives to the Advisory Committee.

Senator Cathcart offered a friendly amendment replacing the word "regrets" with "disagrees with." Senator Marshall accepted this amendment and the resolution is now as follows:

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate disagrees with the IHL Board's decision to not allow the MSU faculty to elect its own representatives to the Advisory Committee.

Senator Diehl offered a friendly amendment replacing "IHL Board's" with "MSU Presidential Search Committee's." Senator Marshall accepted this amendment and the resolution is now as follows:

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate disagrees with the MSU Presidential Search Committee's decision to not allow the MSU faculty to elect its own representatives to the Advisory Committee.

Senator Pote offered a friendly amendment adding a second sentence to the resolution so that it would read as follows:

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate disagrees with the MSU Presidential Search Committee's decision to not allow the MSU faculty to elect its own representatives to the Advisory Committee. The MSU Senate requests the Mississippi IHL Board to allow, in the future, that the majority of university faculty representatives to all Presidential Search Campus Advisory Committees be selected from elected faculty members and incorporate this procedure as board policy.

Chair Embree ruled this amendment out-of-order since it was essentially the same as a previously defeated motion.

Senator Marshall withdrew his substitute motion with the agreement of Senator Hodge.

Senator Williams moved a substitute motion, Senator Cathcart seconded, that the Senate endorse the following resolution:

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate disagrees with the IHL Board Search Committee's decision to not allow MSU faculty to elect faculty representatives to the Campus Advisory Committee. The Robert Holland Faculty Senate will elect a committee of its members to study the Presidential search process within the state and elsewhere and to present its findings and recommendations to the Senate and to the IHL Board.

Senator McCann moved, Senator Diehl seconded, that Lou D'Abramo be recognized and allowed to address the Senate. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Senator Light offered a friendly amendment to change "faculty" to "its" preceding the word "representatives" in the first sentence of the motion. This was accepted by Senator Williams and Senator Cathcart so that the resolution now reads as follows:

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate disagrees with the IHL Board Search Committee's decision to not allow MSU faculty to elect its representatives to the Campus Advisory Committee. The Robert Holland Faculty Senate will elect a committee of its members to study the Presidential search process within the state and elsewhere and to present its findings and recommendations to the Senate and to the IHL Board.

Senator Diehl offered a friendly amendment to change “IHL Board Search Committee’s” to “MSU Presidential Search Committee’s” in the first sentence of the motion. This was accepted by Senator Williams and Senator Cathcart so that the resolution now reads as follows:

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate disagrees with the MSU Presidential Search Committee’s decision to not allow MSU faculty to elect its representatives to the Campus Advisory Committee. The Robert Holland Faculty Senate will elect a committee of its members to study the Presidential search process within the state and elsewhere and to present its findings and recommendations to the Senate and to the IHL Board.

The motion passed on a Senate vote of 27-12-0.

Senator Rogers called for question, Senator Wood seconded. The motion failed on a Senate vote of 16-19-0.

Senator William’s substitute motion passed on a Senate vote of 30-6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Follett moved, Senator Thaxton seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Submitted for correction and approval.

LaDonne Delgado, Secretary