



Faculty Senate

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MEMORANDUM TO: RP&A Committee

FROM: Joshua Schlegel, Secretary, General Faculty

DATE: September 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Draft Minutes for the RP&A Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 3:30 PM
Curtis Laws-Wilson Library, Room 202

1. Call to Order, 3:30 PM M. Bruening
2. Introductions & Expectations M. Bruening
 - a. All members in attendance introduced themselves
 - b. Most of the work is done setting the agenda for the next Faculty Senate meeting. If a committee has anything to bring to Faculty Senate, make sure to bring it to RP&A to get it on the agenda. If you have a motion, bring it (completed) to RP&A so that it is on the agenda when that gets sent out to the faculty.
 - c. Please send any slides you have to Joshua Schlegel (schlegelj@mst.edu) by the Monday before the Faculty Senate meeting so that he has time to put the slides together prior to the meeting. Use the standard S&T PowerPoint template available at <https://brand.mst.edu/digital-templates/powerpoint/>
3. Reports from Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Freedom and Standards – None L. Jiang
 - b. Administrative Review – None K. Erickson
 - c. Budgetary Affairs B. Lea
 - i. The committee meets two weeks before the Faculty Senate meetings on Wednesday. If there are referral items, please send them to the committee chair prior to the meeting. Most members are new, so have patience. The goal is to improve campus climate by improving transparency and accountability to build trust.
 - ii. The committee will set topics and publish them to campus, collect input on emerging issues in both bottom-up and top-down approaches.
 - iii. Upcoming meetings, topics, etc. should all be set by the next RP&A meeting. They will be addressing the recent announcement regarding the 10% 'tax.'
 - d. Campus Curricula – None P. DeWitt
 - e. Facilities Planning – None M. Zawodniok
 - f. Effective Teaching – None J. Schramm
 - g. Environmental Health and Safety - None *
 - h. Honorary Degrees – None J. Myers
 - i. Information Technology and Computing – None D. Stutts
 - j. Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer – None G. Chen
 - k. Library and Learning Resources – None M. Bruening



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- I. Personnel – None
- m. Public Occasions – None
- n. Student Affairs – None
- o. Student Awards and Financial Aid – None
- p. Tenure Policy – None
- 4. Scheduling
 - a. The next R&A meetings are scheduled for October 15 and November 12, tentatively.
- 5. Public Occasions Committee
 - a. No one elected to the committee is eligible to be the chair, how should this be addressed?
 - b. Proposal to allow one of the Associate NTT faculty on the committee to serve as chair. The proposal was approved unanimously.
- 6. President's Report
 - a. Presentation at Faculty Senate will be very similar to the one from General Faculty. The Chancellor's focus on retention, specifically teaching and advising quality. Faculty role in the strategic plan. Shared government definitions. TikTok policy. Accommodations regarding Title II changes and services in Canvas. Research misconduct CRR changes.
 - b. Consent agenda idea to streamline faculty meetings (P. Runnion). Put event dates, CCC motion, etc. into a separate consent agenda. Add approval of the consent agenda as a line item in the Faculty Senate agenda. Senators can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and added to the meeting agenda for additional discussion. There was general approval from RP&A. D. Westenberg will discuss it at the September Faculty Senate meeting, and we will start this process at the October Faculty Senate meeting.
 - c. Question about the Graduate Student Bill of Rights. This is only something on campus right now, but D. Westenberg may bring it up at the next IFC meeting to see what other campuses may be doing.
 - d. D. Westenberg plans to meet with AAUP to see how we can partner to make sure everyone is working in the same direction.
 - e. Questions (ITCC Committee Chair)
 - i. Lots of complaints/issues because system IT policy is to remove someone's email immediately when they retire. Some retirees are still advising students or serving on committees. You can keep your email for \$200/year. What does RP&A think?
 - 1. D. Westenberg: Why do you need a month's break before becoming Emeritus? He is looking into Emeritus process, but not a lot of clarity from administration. How can we push back on this?
 - 2. P. Runnion: Is this a campus or system level policy? Probably an IFC discussion in October. Three separate issues: faculty who leave for another university but are still advising students, faculty who retire but are not Emeritus, and faculty who retire and are Emeritus. Need a method for handling all of these situations.

D. Westenberg

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3. D. Westenberg will bring it up with C. Nelson on the Personnel Committee.
 4. Suggestion is to err on the side of generosity given other issues and the potential disruption this will cause. University should have a better policy on this.
 - ii. Do we have the provost's evaluation results?
 1. Reported in the June Faculty Senate meeting and can be found in the slides online.
7. Strategic Plan Faculty Liaisons M. Bruening
 - a. Area 1: Academic Freedom and Standards Chair
 - b. Area 2: Student Affairs Chair
 - c. Area 3: CCC Chair
 - d. Area 4: IP and Tech Transfer Chair
 - e. Area 5: Department Chairs (D. Duvernell)
 - f. Area 6: Faculty Senate President
 - g. Area 7: Tenure Policy Chair
 - h. Area 8: Budgetary Affairs Chair
8. Public Affairs Motion M. Bruening
 - a. Set a date for Homecoming next year.
 - b. Proposal to add a motion to set October 4, 2025 as Homecoming for 2025 to the Faculty Senate agenda. Approved unanimously.
9. EHS and Security Committee M. Bruening
 - a. Hasn't ever been populated, despite being added to the bylaws. Any department can nominate a representative, no Faculty Senate vote required. Do we want to encourage departments to nominate someone? Approved (unanimously) to solicit membership from departments.
10. Agenda for September 19, 2024, Faculty Senate Meeting
 - a. See attached for the agenda
 - b. Do we want the provost to give a report? Some discussion, result is that D. Westenberg will ask Provost if we can/should add a 'Questions for the Provost' item to Faculty Senate meeting agendas moving forward.
 - c. Fred Stone has expressed willingness to provide an update on construction progress during the October meeting
11. Unfinished Business M. Bruening
 - a. None
12. New Business M. Bruening
 - a. Faculty Lounge D. Westenberg
 - i. We now have control of the old Student Success Center space in Toomey Hall (198, 196, and 298). D. Westenberg is coordinating to convert this. The space is very large and all open. Some discussion about ensuring that the staircase remains accessible,



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which is an important egress for second floor. There are tables and chairs and so on. Going to have a welcome event in early October. Working to find out how people can use it and what they will need. Planning to include coffee, water, vending machines, etc. Will be open to faculty and staff once it opens, if Toomey is open.

b. CFO and ITCC Meetings

D. Stutts

- i. CFO is an ex-officio member of the committee. Doesn't need to attend meetings if they don't want to but can't complain if they miss something important.

13. Announcements

M. Bruening

- a. None

14. Adjourn (4:36 PM)

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua Schlegel
Secretary | Faculty Senate