MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate
Regular Meeting
January 24, 2012

Present: Senators Begley, Bloomdahl, Byers, Campbell, Coffelt, Naber, Goggins, Guyer, Herr, Hoover, Humphreys, Jung, Vice President Koren, Messer, Ortmann, Papajeski, President Pittman-Munke, Robertson, Regent Rose, Lt. Col. Simon, Washington, A. White, S. White, Yarali, and Zingrone.

Absent: Senators Binfield (excused), Busija, Fawzy, Mitchell, Ortega, Rogers, Smith, and Weir

Guests and Proxies: Dr. Bonnie Higginson, Office of the Provost, Dr. Jay Morgan, Office of the Provost, Dr. Josh Jacobs, Office of the President, Brandi King as proxy for Senator Patterson, Rob Donnelly as proxy for Senator Porter.

The partial minutes of December 6, 2011, were approved. The continuation of the December 6, 2011 Regular Meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm. Senator S. White made the motion to table the Old Business and New Business portions of the December 6, 2011 Regular Meeting and adjourn. This was seconded by Senator Coffelt, and passed by a majority vote. The meeting of December 6, 2011 was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

The meeting of January 24, 2012 was called to order at 3:36 pm by President Pittman-Munke.

REPORTS

Update on SACSCOC--- Dr. Jay Morgan, Office of the Provost, updated senators on important highlights found in the Readiness Audits. These included faculty metric shortages, MSU mission statement visibility issues, updating policies and procedures, campus-wide FERPA training, the need for synchronization with all handbooks and manuals, the implementation of 'Tegrity', the need for a policy mall, administrative evaluations, and student evaluations of faculty. He also let senators know that the SACS Office is beginning to collect faculty qualification data, especially among those faculties who teach graduate level courses. Also, he mentioned that the MSU Bulletin is moving to a one year publication that is a combination of the Undergraduate and Graduate Bulletins. Finally, he publicly thanked President Dunn for making the indirect cost formula for awarded grants for the campus more faculty-friendly.

Board of Regents— Regent Rose updated senators about last month's Board of Regents meeting, as well as commenting that the newer, faculty-friendly indirect cost formula for awarded grants was a positive move and a good incentive for faculty to do more research. He also told senators that the official enrollment for the fall semester was 10,623, which was a 2% increase from the previous fall semester, where enrollment was at 10,416. He updated senators on the Annual Audit Report, commenting that there was no material weaknesses noted, and that there was a slight financial increase. He also noted that the CPE is attempting to implement Pikeville University as a public institution. After mentioning this, Dr. Pittman-Munke suggested that Murray State University should stay out of Pikeville University politics as much as possible, to which Regent Rose agreed.

Academic Policies—No Report

Finance—No Report

Governmental Affairs/COSFL— Senator Guyer updated the senate on several bills that are in the preliminary stages of being proposed to the state. This includes HB 38, which would require annual safety inspections of vehicles owned by PSE institutions, HB 39, which would create the Kentucky Commission on Public Health within the Public Health Leadership Institute at University of Kentucky, SB 38, which would amend the KRS relating to career and technical education, and SB 45, which would create a new section of KRS 164 that would specify governance responsibilities of Board of Trustees and Board of Regents of PSE institutions. She also made mention that SB 111 had been introduced, which would add one non-voting student member to Board of Regents of PSE institutions.

President Pittman-Munke reported that COSFL will meet February 22, 2012, and that if senators have questions they want to address to CPE during this meeting, please send those to the Faculty Senate email address. Also, she informed senators that they still need two members in order to start a Murray State Chapter of AAUP.

Handbook and Personnel—Senator S. White informed the senate that the Handbook and Personnel Committee has not met, but that the Intellectual Property Committee has plans to look into and potentially change the Intellectual Property, Copyright, and Patent Policies in the Faculty Handbook.

Senator S. White also made note that after his recent visit to the eye doctor, the MSU Anthem insurance is no longer paying for refraction during a standard eye exam. He stated that while some doctors will itemize each portion of the exam, others will not, and to check with your doctor to see if this will be added extra onto your exam bill. He also suggested that the Insurance and Benefits Committee potentially look into the matter, to which Senator Washington agreed.

Rules, Elections, and Bylaws— Vice President Koren said though the committee had not physically met, they had been corresponding via email to discuss the best way to do Administrative Evaluations. They are planning the survey for the last week in February 2012, with no more than 3 polls per faculty member, depending on the school or college they are part of. Vice President Koren noted that there had been complications with programming and setting up the survey, but that there should be a total of 4 questions per poll, and that the same questions would be administered for each administrative level. He also requested that if senators had any suggestions for questions, please submit them to him.

Executive— President Pittman-Munke reported that she had not yet met with President Dunn to discuss salary issues yet. She also reported that not only has Governor Patton stepped down as chair of the CPE board, but also that CPE will be restructuring and shifting responsibilities to cover for the reduced budget adjustments, which may or may not include lay-offs.

Regent Rose then noted that at the December Board of Regents meeting, the demolition of Ordway Hall was discussed. He reported that in a 6 month time frame, the building will be demolished if they cannot get the 10 million dollars to renovate it.

Academic Council—

Undergraduate Studies— Senator Hoover reported that there have been at least a dozen new classes coming in for approval.

Graduate Studies— No Report

Library and Academic Support— No Report

Residential Colleges—No report.

Insurance and Benefits Committee— Senator Washington reported that the committee has been looking into a new description as to what constitutes “child” on the employee tuition waiver.

International Studies Advisory Council---No Report

Old Business--- Rob Donnelly, proxy for Senator Porter, motioned to accept the changes to the Faculty EEO Appeal Process, where Senator Washington seconded the motion. During the discussion, Senator Goggins asked which committee the Faculty EEO Appeal Process came out of, to which President Pittman-Munke stated that it was the Executive Committee. Senator Coffelt asked where the process was located, to which President Pittman-Munke stated that it was on the EEOC webpage of the Murray State University website. Senator Herr then called for the question to vote, and with 23 votes for and 1 opposed, the changes to the Faculty EEO Appeal Process were approved.

Senator Herr then made the motion to enter into a closed session, to which Senator Bloomdahl seconded. The closed session was approved by a majority vote.

Senator Robertson made the motion to resume back to open session, to which Senator Herr seconded, and was passed with a majority vote.

New Business--- No Report

Adjournment Time: The motion was made by Senator S. White to adjourn, was seconded, and approved by unanimous decision at 4:45 pm.