2006-2007 Faculty Senate Minutes  
Special Session May 2, 2006

A special session of the Faculty Senate was held on May 2, 2006. Meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Robinson at 12:15 p.m., in the Marjorie Barrick Museum due to the air conditioning outage in the MSU.


Single Meeting Proxies: Matthew Wright for Peter Bayer; Jason Vaughn for Jennifer Fabbi; Wolf Bein for Samir Moujaes; Sandra Nadelson for Roseann Colosimo.

Absent: Ralph Buechler, Cyndi Giorgis, Carolyn Hensley, George Pales, Alan Schlottmann, Jennifer Smith, Shannon Sumpter, Denise Tanata, Jennifer Thompson, and Ron Wilburn.

Opening remarks by Chair Robinson welcomed any new senators attending for the first time. Chair Robinson recognized HR Director Sam Connally and thanked him for assisting with the HR-search voting data results entered by the Senators related to the Presidential Search. Although the Search consulting firm did a reasonably good job, the ten finalists included no females, and only one Hispanic, and one African-American candidate. However, the ten finalists are of good quality. The final four were the ones who received the most votes. Gupta has withdrawn. Krislov got the most votes. He is community oriented and has a claim to fame of having argued an affirmative action case and won. General Lennox is viewed as a good team builder with excellent connections with Congress and grant institutes. Although some thought the General would not fit, Regent Dorothy Gallagher, who previous had not been in favor of him, now voted for him. It was pointed out that Krislov does not have a Ph.D., and therefore would not be tenurable. Also, arguably does not have an academic career. Chair Robinson said these issues can be addressed after hire. One Senator was impressed with his experience and passion to fund raise. His background is in engineering and has come up through the ranks. All applicants are available to start on July 1st.

Re Domestic Partners Benefits per Senator Richards, the BOR has already come out in favor of it. However, there is probably not going to be much that the new president can do about it. In his letter of interest, the General is the only one who has experience running a major institution. Ashley has a research background, but did not mention team building. Krislov emphasizes ethics in his letter of interest.

Senator Aizley moved that it would be a good idea to contact any available references for the candidates through colleagues. Senator Richards seconded the motion. It was encouraged that anyone not connected with the search should try to call any friends and colleagues who may be able to give insight to these candidates’ personalities and professional careers.

**Sense of the Senate passed this date:**

Senator Thistle moved and it was seconded by Senator Daneshvary that the Search Committee be requested to bring in at least two candidates for return visit to campus for interview. The Sense of the Senate was passed unanimously.

**Action Items:** None

**General Information:**

Summer School pay will be changing in the future. More will be forthcoming in the fall semester.

All faculty are encouraged to attend the Board of Regents meeting scheduled at 9 a.m. on May 3rd in the Si Redd Room to watch the candidates answer questions, 1 hour each. Agenda is on the BOR website.

**New Business:** No new business

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m. Next special meeting is scheduled for May 9th, 2006, in MSU 201 at 12:15 p.m.