

MUW Faculty Senate Agenda  
April 12, 2024  
Hybrid: Fant Active Learning Classroom & Zoom

Present:

In-person: Melissa Smith, Jianwen Crump, Elizabeth Fountain, Chanley Rainey, Jared Quist, Ghanshyam Heda,

Via Zoom: Andrew Nguyen, Ashley Chisolm, Bronwyn Teague, Chad Murphy, Kristy Alpe, Leslie Stratyner, Lestonio Yarbrough, Rose Ford, Susan Hurley, Lindsay Kemp, Lynsey Baker

Absent: Stephen Meek, Kris Lee (Leslie Stratyner proxy for election), Carol Dowdy, Shana Lenoir (Lynsey Baker proxy for regular business)

1. Call to Order - 12:15 p.m. by Holly Krogh
2. New Senator Introductions  
Introduced proxy guests for current senators and current senators attending via Zoom and in-person.
3. Approval of February minutes – minutes were approved by the faculty senators.
4. Reports
  - a. Administrative Council (see meeting materials)
  - b. Academic Council (see meeting materials from February and March meetings)
  - c. Planning & Institutional Effectiveness (PIE) Council- faculty and staff satisfaction survey was discussed
  - d. Monthly Meeting with President Miller (email sent 3/20/2023)  
Next meeting with President Miller is schedule for next week.
  - e. University Faculty Senate Associations of Mississippi- Met IHL board, refer to additional letter.  
-In reference to parental leave, faculty senate presidents will collaborate to work with legislatures.  
-Faculty salaries- ad hoc committee initiated, requesting for IHL institutions to represent, Dorothy Berglund has currently agreed to be MUW representation on the committee.
  - f. Fund A and Faculty Foundation Funds (i.e., Fund B)-  
-Fund A: \$8000 at beginning of the year, \$2400 remaining, with 3 applications that have requested approval at \$350/each, anticipated \$1350 remaining.  
-Fund B: \$3000 at start of the year, with \$1275 remaining with 1 application left to review.  
-Discussion to increase annual limit for funding. Max currently at \$350 for faculty, with \$8000 yearly maximum.  
Committee recommended approval for up to 700\$ for funding, but must be a second event/conference.

Motion to approve recommendation above: Chanley Rainey  
Second Motion- Melissa Smith  
All faculty in favor of recommendation.

5. Old Business

- a. Academic Calendar  
2024-2025 calendar approved and posted for upcoming fiscal academic year.  
Feedback shared by various departments regarding faculty feedback.

6. New Business

- a. Fund A
  - i. remainder and 2023-2024 annual limit (see item 4f page 2)
  - ii. approval of application from Lestonio Yarbrough (Vice President and member of Executive Committee)  
Anticipate electronic vote following committee decision.
- b. Campus recognition (Bronwyn Teague)  
Letter of recognition for Karen Clay to be written by Holly Krogh  
Motion- Chanley Rainey  
Second- Jared Quist  
All faculty in favor of recommendation.  
Motion amended to include letter of recognition sent to faculty, staff, and President Miller.  
All faculty in favor of recommendation.
- c. Policy Statements for Review
  - i. PS 3504: Undergraduate Research Advisory Committee  
Recommendation: Committee to serve as an advisory board to support undergraduate research.  
Motion- Melissa Smith  
Second- Jianwen Crump  
All faculty in favor of recommendation.
  - ii. PS 3515: Academic Council  
Recommendation: Review to change to every five years.  
Motion- Chanley Rainey  
Second- Lestonio Yarbrough  
All faculty in favor of recommendation.
  - iii. New Policy: Women's College Advisory Committee  
pending IHL approval-  
Recommendation: include affiliate faculty representation  
Motion- Chanley Rainey  
Second- Leslie Stratyner  
All faculty in favor of recommendation.
  - iv. PS 3540: General Education Curriculum Committee  
Recommendation: Approve with recommendation to revisit quorum threshold, increase requirement for quorum with approving existing policy  
Motion- Chanley Rainey  
Second- Jared Quist  
All faculty in favor of recommendation.

- v. PS 3508: Undergraduate Curriculum Council  
Approved.  
Motion- Chanley Rainey  
Second- Elizabeth Fountain  
All in favor of approval.
- 7. 2024-2025 Executive Committee Election  
President  
Nomination- Chad Murphy (accepted nomination)  
Secret ballot by 2024-2025 senators elected Chad Murphy for President.  
Vice President  
Nomination- Kristy Alpe (accepted nomination)  
Secret ballot by 2024-2025 senators elected Kristy for Vice President.  
Secretary  
Self-nomination- Chanley Rainey  
Secret ballot by 2024-2025 senators elected Chanley for secretary.
- 8. Other- none
- 9. Closing Comment/Adjourn – President Krogh thanked senators and proxies for attending and serving today. Outgoing senators were commended for their work during this fiscal year.  
The next meeting is set for September 13, 2024.  
The meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely,  
Lynsey Baker  
Lynsey Baker, MSN, RN  
Faculty Senate Proxy for Shana Lenoir