

### Voting members present:

Debra Allen  
Severine Groh  
Jesse Kelley  
Gwendolyn Meador  
Jeff Smithpeters  
Eyad Youssef

Jana Donahue  
David Hebert  
Hyejin Kim  
Michaela Merryday  
Timothy Watkins  
Franco Zengaro

Leslie Fadiga-Stewart  
Christopher Jurgenson  
Eckward McKnight  
Bret Pimentel  
Virginia Webb

### 01) Meeting called to order @ 3:35pm by President Fadiga-Stewart

### 02) Minutes: Approved

Minutes: 01/21/16 approved. Motion by Senators Allen and Pimentel.

### 03) President's report

- Next office hours with President LaForge: 2/12
- DSU has to deal with a 1.9% budget cut which may prevent improvements and repairs on campus.
- New enrollment figures taking into account the new purge process are available.
- Title IX policy: we are waiting for the final feedback from the Cabinet. Training will then be provided for training for faculty, staff and students.
- Faculty senate resolution on language review for termination / dismissal policies was not welcomed in Academic Council. Senator Smithpeters already attended one Academic Council meeting to answer some concerns, and will attend the next Academic Council meeting (2/25) again along with Senator Pimentel to defend the resolution.
- A statement of Ethics will be added to the faculty contracts. President Fadiga-Stewart will send a copy of this statement to FS.
- Registrar Becky Finley is going to send the annual FERPA notice.
- Only cords referring to honor society will be accepted at graduation.

### 04) University Entities

**Report from Graduate Council** – No report.

**Report from BPAC** - The advisory board has met this week and reports the success of the Broadway shows: "Annie" sold out and "Mamma Mia" (2/18) is close to sold out. Next on the agenda: Spring film series (2/21), Boddytraffic (3/1), and Grammy opening events (3/5 to 3/8)

### 05) Faculty Senate Committees

**Committee on University Service** - Next meeting will be held on Monday 02/29/16 @ 1:30pm in Caylor 136 to discuss the organization of a faculty-senate sponsored event for students and a code of ethics for faculty.

**Committee on University Standing Committees** - No report

**Committee on Elections** – The 1<sup>st</sup> phase for the elections of the 2016-2019 senators has been completed.

**Committee on General Academic Affairs** – Suggestions were received regarding the deadline to drop a course. The committee hopes to present a new resolution in March.

### 06) Old business

1. **Flag survey results** – 72 responses were received (~ 42% participation). In favor of the redesign of the Mississippi flag: 75%. In favor of leaving the current flag flying: 37.5%. In favor of taking the current Mississippi flag down: 54.5%. President Fadiga-Stewart will communicate

these results to the Faculty Senate presidents of the other public higher education institutions of Mississippi. The SGA president is drafting a letter on behalf of students.

2. **Adjuncts office hours** – Senators should seek feedback from their departments/divisions about the following questions. 1) Should adjuncts hold office hours? 2) Since many adjuncts teach online courses and may not be on campus, where should adjuncts hold office hours, if any? 3) How many weekly hours should be held weekly given that adjuncts often do not hold a full course load?

#### 07) New Business

1. **Working committee to study virtual office hours** – The faculty senate resolution on virtual office hours was examined in Academic Council and raised several concerns. Specifically, Academic Council needs more information about 1) the type of technology needed, 2) whether the virtual office hours should substitute or should be added to the 10 weekly office hours held by faculty, and 3) how virtual office hours may affect advising. Academic Council requested the formation of a working committee to study these questions. The committee includes a dean (Dean Breaux), two senators (Senators Smithpeters and Youssef), two representatives for OIT (Dr. House and OIT Chief Information Officer Edwin Craft), and a Department/Division chair (not yet chosen). The committee has not met yet.
1. **Commencement ceremonies locations and days/times** –Senators are encouraged to send their departments/divisions feedback regarding 1) separation of undergraduate and graduate ceremonies, and 2) BPAC or Coliseum as locations for the ceremony(ies), to President Fadiga-Stewart before 2/25, since this question will be addressed in Academic Council on 2/25.
2. **Recruitment activities for faculty** – The admission office has asked the chairs to request their faculty to make recruiting phone calls to students. Some chairs have chosen to assume the responsibility of making all the phone calls but in other departments, faculty were required to make these phone calls. Faculty would prefer being able to volunteer rather than being expected to participate in these types of recruitment efforts since often these may have to be done from home in order to contact students.

2. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 5:25pm.

#### Next meetings

Executive Committee Meeting Date:  
April Senate Meeting Date:

3:30 PM - Thursday, 04/07/2016- Faculty Lounge  
3:30 PM – Thursday, 04/21/2016 – 302A Union