

DAFVM Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

November 9th, 2017

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Members present at meeting: Jason Barrett, Ryan Butler, David Christiansen, Marina Denny, Matt Griffin, Simone Hinz, Skip Jack, Anna Linhoss, John Long, Florencia Meyer, Stephen Meyers, Mariah Morgan, Bindu Nanduri, Julie Parker, Donna Peterson, Raja Reddy, Keun Seo, Kurt Showmaker, Eric Stafne, Kelley Wamsley, John Willis, and Bisoodat Macoon

Excused: Caleb Lemley, Jiayu Li, Jay McCurdy, Wes Neal, Brittney Oliver, Charles Sabatia, Scott Samson, Amanda Stone

Absent: Tom Allen, Chuo Li, Jason Street, Lurleen Walters, Brian Williams

- Meeting convened at 1:30 p.m.- Jason Barrett, President
- Minutes from Sept meeting were approved

Dr. Bohach

- Unit is down 10% this year. There are lots of vacant positions.
- Enrollment is up 3,600.
- Research funding: \$402 million throughout universities in MS. MS State bring in \$220 million. The Ag Division brings in over \$100 million (doesn't include the vet school).
- Extension is doing well with representation in every county.
- The technical aspects of agriculture are making agriculture a more interesting field of work

Dr. Moore

- Recent time was spent with legislators who were all DAFVM advocates.

Dr. Willard (for Dr. Hopper)

- Applications are up across the board, throughout the university.
- World Food Prize: MSU submitted for the World Food Prize Youth Institute this fall. Three students and two teachers attended the World Food Prize in October.
- Encouraging international work at MSU.

Mr. Swann (for Dr. Jackson)

- Budget cuts have been absorbed through attrition. A flat budget next year may actually mean a cut to offset other agencies that go over their budgets.

Dr. Denny: Holland Faculty Senate Representative

- Considering revising teaching evaluation instrument.
- CANVAS: new learning management system may replace blackboard.
- Two factor authentication: All faculty are suggested to join.
- Courses are being marked each semester by default.

- Cross listed courses will be manually combined
- MSU research priorities: disparity, mainstream automation, securing futures, economic development

Chair Report (Dr. Barrett)

- EAC meeting (Dr. Peterson)
 - Facilities
 - New 500+200 space parking lots.
 - Poultry Science and Animal Dairy Science builds are beginning.
 - \$2 million in renovations in Stoneville aquaculture center
 - Presentation on export controls
 - Electronic safety and security

New Business (Dr. Barrett)

- Faculty knowledge of budgets/annual report (Dr. Bohach): reviewed DAFVM annual report. DAFVM grants and contracts received has increased by more than 100% 2013-2016.
- Floor was opened for discussion
 - On-campus parking discussion regarding new buildings by the vet school. Discussion about efficiency and reliability of the bus system

Next meeting: December 7th, 2017 3:30 at the Veranda

Meeting adjourned at 2:50.