

**DAFVM Senate Meeting
Minutes
1:30 pm. April 14, 2022**

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DAFVM Faculty Senate Attendees: Barickman, Casey; Basu, Priya Camp, Jason; Correa, Sandra; Grala, Robert; Hardman, Alisha; Howell, Trey; Jaffe, Michael; Knight, Patricia; Lee, Allison; Lee, JuYoung; Lemley, Caleb; Lemus, Rocky; Maples, Will; Matthews, Rahel; Melanson, Rebecca; Nanduri, Bindu; Stone, Amanda; Street, Jason; Vance, Carrie; Yan, Lifang Yu, Fei

Excused: Li, Tongyin

Absent: Acharya Adhikari, Pratima; Barnes, James; Fulford, Charles; Gholson, Drew; Grissett-Hartwick, Gretchen; Jack, Skip; Karunakaran, Ganesh; Lloyd, Debra; Morgan, Mariah; Popescu, George; Siegert, Courtney; Stone, Amanda;

Call to Order at 1:34

Roll Call-Record via sign-in sheet and Webex

Reading and approval of minutes from March 10, 2022

Motion-Dr. Bindu Nanduri

2nd-Dr. Trey Howell

-Minutes approved as revised with Dr Sandra Correa marked as an excused absence.

Standing Committee Reports:

Office of the Vice President: Dr. Keith Coble

- Administration worked very hard during the legislative session. All separately budgeted units received at least a 5.5% increase although it has not been signed by the Governor yet. A significant raise pool is anticipated.
- Asked for \$200 M in ARPA funding. Received \$25 M this year and next. Details are being finalized. DAFVM is expected to receive funds from this pool.
- Inflation as impacted building projects. The remodeling costs for Dorman Hall are much higher than expected.
- Earmarks are back. A livestock judging arena will be funded.

-Dr. Leslie Burger is the new VP Office intern. It is anticipated that this will be done annually beginning in the fall.

Dean, CALS/Director, MAFES: represented by Dr. Darrell Sparks

- Just hosted the MS Youth Institute. About 20 high schoolers participated. It was good to have students back. Would like to build numbers back to pre-Covid levels.
- Had a demonstration of the electronic P & T submission system this morning. It was very productive. The current plan is for CALS to use this for the cycle beginning July 1, 2022. The applicant will be able to upload their CV, application, and any desired supplemental material. The file is not required to be generated from Digital Measures.
- Course evaluations, with the ability for faculty to add questions, came out this week. Can add up to three additional questions. Additional questions need to be in place by April 20.
- Faculty Town Halls about new faculty ranks are being held. Encourage everyone to participate. Would like a resounding vote.
- It is awards season. CALS was well-represented in the Graduate Student Hall of Fame. Spirit of State Awards were announced. CALS breakfast is this weekend. Three people will be recognized. The CALS/MAFES Awards Luncheon is next Thursday.
- USRP proposal deadline has been extended to April 19 at 5 p.m.

Questions:

Dr. Grala-Does the electronic P & T process go the Provost level?

Dr. Sparks-It goes to the Dean level and will then be off-loaded in the appropriate direction. Other colleges are expected to go online in two years.

Dr. Brown-Faculty can generate the promotion document in Digital Measures, but faculty will want to clean it up.

Dean, CFR & FWRC: Dr. Wes Burger

- Pleased with the budget.
- The new faculty positions are a positive and benefit faculty and students. Encourage faculty to vote and express their opinion.
- Graduation is May 13. CFR and FWRC will host an 11 a.m. reception.
- CFR/FWRC is in the process of filling vacant positions and will be at almost full capacity.
- Dr. Steve Bullard began in March.
- Dr. Steve Demaris is MSU's SEC Faculty Excellence Award recipient.
- Next week is Earth Week. Speakers are being hosted on multiple days.

Dean, CVM: represented by Dr. Joey Burt

- Will know if offers to potential new vet school and VMT students are accepted in the next few days. Expected to accept 112 DVM and 35-40 VMT.
- Job market remains very strong.
- Animal Emergency and Referral Center in Flowood is moving forward. Positions are being filled. It is anticipated to be complete in February 2023.

Director, Extension Service: Dr. Gary Jackson

- Have completed new Extension faculty orientation. 18 faculty were registered. Program planning was a focus.
- FY 23 Program Planning calendar was sent out. Templates are available.
- Have made many new hires. However, several vacancies remain. As many as 13 positions may be in the works.
- Have had a number of visits from state leaders.
- Minor protection policy. Any Extension employee working with youth younger than 18 will have to undergo a background check every 3 years. Extension will pay for the employee checks. List will be going out to unit heads.

Holland Faculty Senate: Dr. Amanda Stone

- No report.

Extension Advisory Council: Dr. Robert Grala

- Dr. Jackson covered most information in his comments.

Faculty Housing Appeals Committee: Dr. Robert Grala

- No requests.

Report of the Chair and Vice Chair

- Emails regarding the standing committee chair nominations (Ancillary Affairs and Resources Committees) have been sent. Chairs have been elected.
- An email regarding nominations for the chair of the Digital Measures Task Force has been sent to senators. The chair has been elected.
- An email soliciting input on Digital Measures has been sent to senators. Feedback has been received.
- An email seeking volunteers to serve on the Nominations Committee has been sent to senators. A nomination has been received but more volunteers are needed.

- Town Hall discussion sessions in Betterworth Auditorium regarding the proposal for additional faculty ranks:
DAFVM-already held
College of Arts and Sciences, University Libraries, MSU-Meridian Campus-already held
College of Architecture, Art and Design, College of Business, College of Education, Bagley College of Engineering-April 19, 10 a.m.
- Special meeting of the general faculty to discuss amending the Faculty Charter to include additional professional ranks will be held April 28 at 2 p.m. in Betterworth Auditorium
- Voting on including additional professional ranks in the Faculty Charter will occur for a period of three days after the General Faculty meeting.

Unfinished Business

- Transfer comments on Digital Measures to the chair of the Digital Measures Task Force. Charge the task force with relaying comments to Digital Measures university representatives and identifying the best ways for improving the use of Digital Measures. The task force chair will report on the progress during subsequent DAFVM Faculty Senate meetings.
- Representatives were asked to share any additional comments. It was suggested that better ways to engage with faculty members are needed.

Motion was made to refer Digital Measures comments to the Digital Measures Task Force and charge the Task Force to share comments with Dr. Baham and report back to the DAFVM Faculty Senate.

Motion: Dr. Jason Camp
2nd: Dr. Michael Jaffe

Motion passed.

New Business

- Officer elections for 2022-2023. Nominations were solicited and can also be made via email. Voting will be done via Qualtrics. Candidates will be asked to provide a short bio. The process will be completed in May.
- Dr. Coble is supportive of an end-of-year social. Details will follow

Floor is Open - Senator Updates

None

Important Dates

Next meeting is May 12, 2022

Adjourn

Motion-Dr. Bindu Nanduri

2nd-Dr. Trey Howell

Meeting adjourned 2:49 p.m.