

DAFVM Faculty Senate Meeting minutes

October 4th 2018

1.30 pm in Bost Room 205

Call to order 1:32: Bindu Nanduri

- Issues with distance connection.

Roster sign-up

Present: Tom Allen, Jason Camp, Taya Marquardt Ezell, Matt Griffin, Simone Hinz, Skip Jack, Caleb Lemley, Charles Fulford (Taze), Jonas King, Anna Linhoss, John Long, Rebecca Melanson, Jay McCurdy, Florencia Meyer, Stephen Meyers, Bindu Nanduri, Brittney Oliver, Donna Peterson, George Popescu, Tricia Knight, Amanda Stone, Josh Maples, Kelley Wamsley, Andrew Stevens,

Excused: David Christiansen, Julie Parker, Jason Street, John Willis, Lifang Yan

Absent: Brent Frey, Mariah Morgan, Wes Neal, Raja Reddy, Keun Seo

Reading of the minutes. September 2018 meeting: Approved 1.40

Standing committee reports:

Director of Extension: Mr. Richard Swann representing Dr. Jackson (now at DREC meeting)

- There are currently 131 faculty with extension appointments.
- The state fair started this week. Personnel representing MSU will be at the fair.
- Community engagement awards are being offered by the Provost office. Friday Oct. 5th is the deadline for nominations. Good representation from all departments is encouraged.
- The Annual Extension Conference is on Oct. 31st. Award nominations have an Oct 12th deadline. Dr. Doug Steele will be the main speaker on the 31st at the Bost center.
- Dr. Bohach adds that Dr. Steele is familiar with Land Grant Universities and Washington D.C and encouraged the faculty to meet him.

Office of the Vice President : Dr. Bohach addresses the DAFVM senate

- Regions Bank Outreach Awards that involve community engagement, outreach and extension, were initiated to ensure our eligibility for national awards. The award is sponsored by the office of the Provost. Consider self-nominations or the nomination of a colleague.
- Input from DAFVM Faculty Senate has led to major changes in policies on campus. This group has been instrumental for the initiation/assistance in many important areas such as: how do we modernize? How do we deal with faculty? How do we deal with extension?
- Dr. Bohach would like to hear from this group with regards to any issues that are relevant to faculty and re-iterated his appreciation of this groups efforts.
- He is glad to support the DAFVM social at the Veranda on December 7th.

Dean of the College: no representatives.

Holland Faculty Senate: Since the senate is yet to meet in Oct, no update from Dr. Barrett.

Chair Report: Since EAC meeting was cancelled, no updates from Dr. Nanduri

New Business:

- Digital Measures (DM) discussion: Dr. Nanduri suggests that we summarize the discussions we had in the senate meetings as a single document and provide it to Dr. Hopper.
- Qualtrics survey? Questions would have to be designed carefully to capture all the elements of DM that do not work optimally.
- Dr. Bohach stated that he was unaware of any issues with DM other than the ones noted by the extension faculty.
- Adoption of DM has been a challenge for research and teaching faculty too. For example, in the way that information is populated, specifically where abstracts and presentations go etc. these issues are problematic when preparing the annual evaluation documentation (i.e. what is/is not in the printout). For example the issue of “double dipping” of a poster that is also presented orally / by a student, or with not being able to modify something that a colleague entered.
- DM should do a better job of describing where each thing should go, or have different boxes to check.
- It is unlikely that DM could be fixed to meet our needs in all domains, research, teaching and extension/service. This could be the reason why other universities dropped DM altogether.
- Dr. Donna Peterson stated the need for tailoring DM to MSU needs. Once we customize, adoption should be easier. You tweak DM until it does or prints out what you want.
- Is there a DM person to go-to? Tracy or Dr. Scott Willard. Dr. Julie Sexton for the extension activities. A short tutorial with real examples, ideas on where to click, etc. would be very useful.
- Dr. Nanduri suggests we generate a google spreadsheet where each can input their comments, where everyone can write down their experiences .Dr. Jack reminded the senate this could be addressed by a standing committee. Drs. Kelley Wamsley and Caleb Lemley volunteered to compile a document with a historical perspective with ideas of what would work with teaching, research and extension. They would include the comments from google document and later circulate the document for DAFVM senators’ input.
- Senate will be touring CVM on November 8th at 1:30 pm. Nanduri to send a reminder and possibly a sign –up sheet to help organize this visit. For now, we will be meeting at the flagpole (Dean’s office entrance).
- As far as ideas for further educating the DAFVM senators about the capabilities and resources of the University as a whole, Dr. Jack suggests that the different programs or divisions give updates, so that we can learn more about what we all do.
- Dr. Andrew Stevens (Parliamentarian) reminded the DAFVM senate president regarding the need for identifying a chairperson for each of the standing committees. Dr. Nanduri sought volunteers for these positions and will send an email request.
- Call for new agenda items from senators was made by Nanduri and deferred for discussion in subsequent meetings.

Motion to adjourn made and approved, adjourn 2:29 pm