

**DAFVM Senate Meeting
Minutes
3:00 pm. March 9, 2023**

DAFVM Faculty Senate Member Attendees: Acharya Adhikari, Pratima; Basu, Priyadarshini (Priya); Camp, Jason; Correa, Sandra; Fred Franca; Gholson, Drew; Hardman, Alisha; Howell, George (Trey); Jack, Skip; Jaffe, Michael; Knight, Tricia; Lemus, Rocky; Mathews, Rahel; Poudel, Krishna; Vance, Carrie

Excused: Stone, Amanda

Absent: Barnes, James; Bekah, Sparks; Fulford, Charles (Taze); Grala, Robert; Grissett-Hartwick, Gretchen; Jeff Wilson; Karunakaran, Ganesh Kumar; Lee, Alison; Lee, JuYoung; Li, Tongyin; Lloyd, Debra Maples, Will; Melanson, Rebecca; Nanduri, Bindu; Popescu, George; Rios, Leyla; Yu, Fei

Call to Order-Meeting called to order by Tricia Knight

Roll Call-Recorded by Dr. Jason Camp

Approval of Minutes

- Without objection minutes from the February 2023 meeting was approved as presented.

Standing Committee Reports:

Office of the Vice President:

- MSU is being represented at the White House by Dr. Derris Devost-Burnett on Campus and Community-Scale Climate Change Solutions. There is a focus on how Extension can play a role as Climate Translators to scale down climate change practices to small farmers.
- The Legislative session is nearing the end and the budget process continues to play out.
- MSU will be hosting a meeting April 11th open to everyone related to Reimagining MSU. Everyone should have received an email. More information: www.msstate.edu/transformation
- Graduation will be held in the Davis Wade Stadium this year.
- New Study Abord pilot program is in the works with the University of Guelph.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences & MAFES: No Report

CFR & FWRC:

- The college will host a reception for graduates this year in conjunction with commencement.
- Why Not Me? Discussion Panel being held in March focused on diversity.

College of Veterinarian Medicine

- No Report

Extension

- ADS Department Head Search will have an announcement soon.
- New Poultry Science Department Head started last month.
- Central Research and Extension Head search will start soon.
- Number of faculty searches are ongoing.
- Dixie Nationals was successful.
- New Agent Orientation was last week.
- MSU hosted the Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers conference with over 400 registered.

Holland Faculty Senate

- No Report

New Business

- Officer Elections are coming up and all members are encouraged to consider serving. Send any nominations to Amanda Stone.
- Please notify Amanda by April 1st of Department elections for new senators.
 - **Information from Bylaws:** "Officers of the Senate shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, who shall be elected electronically after the April meeting. Election to these offices requires a simple majority vote of the Senate membership. These officers shall serve for a period of one year (July 1 through June 30) and shall not be eligible for election to more than two consecutive terms in a three-year period."

Adjourn

- Motion: Trey Howell; 2nd Poudel Rahel