

**DAFVM Senate Meeting  
Minutes  
2:30 pm. November 10, 2022**

**DAFVM Faculty Senate Member Attendees:** Basu, Priyadarshini (Priya), Camp, Jason, Correa, Sandra, Hardman, Alisha, Howell, George (Trey), Knight, Tricia, Lee, JuYoung, Li, Tongyin, Lloyd, Debra, Mathews, Rahel, Poudel, Krishna, Stone, Amanda, Fred Franca, Vance, Carrie, Melanson, Rebecca

**Excused:** Jaffe, Michael, Lemus, Rocky, Nanduri, Bindu

**Absent:** Acharya Adhikari, Pratima, Jeff Wilson, Barnes, James, Fulford, Charles (Taze), Gholson, Drew Grala, Robert, Grissett-Hartwick, Gretchen, Jack, Skip, Karunakaran, Ganesh Kumar, Lee, Alison, Rios, Leyla, Maples, Will, Bekah, Sparks, Popescu, George, Yan, Lifang, Yu, Fei

**Call to Order-**Meeting called to order by Dr. Stone.

**Roll Call-**Recorded by Dr. Jason Camp

**Special Guest:** Jimmy Kight, Foundation presented on the role of the MSU Foundation. (Handout Attached)

**Approval of Minutes**

- Without objection minutes from the October 2022 meeting was approved as presented.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Office of the Vice President: Dr. Keith Coble**

- For the first time since 2017 DAFVM held an administrative retreat.
- The University is focusing on transformational change and preparing to adapt for the future of higher education.
- DAFVM has recently had contacts/visits with Morocco, Canada, and Ireland.
- The search committee to replace Dr. Hoblet is underway.
- Dr. Martin has been appointed the interim Director for Extension.
- Dr. Jackson has transitioned to a role with the University focused on Outreach.
- DAFVM has actively been engaging statewide elected officials to set the stage for the upcoming legislative session.
- DAFVM will be asking to close the gap (average \$13,000 per FTE) in salaries compared to other Southeast Universities.

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences:**

- Dr. Fox assumed Agriculture Economics Department Head November 1
- Dr. Street is now interim Animal and Dairy Science Department Head. The search is underway.
- New Poultry Science Department head will assume role February 1.

- CALS enrolment decreased by 50 students. CFR had an increase of students.
- The college is reviewing the Promotion and Tenure process for each department.
- Dr. Jeff Dean in Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology and Plant Pathology will be leaving the university for a new position.

#### **CFR & FWRC:**

- The college will soon be announcing a major acquisition of land on the Mississippi Gulf Coast that will be apart of the Bulldog Forest. There are plans to build a facility on the property for training/housing.
- A Golf Tournament fundraiser is being held and will lead into advisory committee meetings.
- A survey of 2021 graduates showed that 97% are working full-time or in graduate school.
- A host of new faculty have been hired or will soon start within the college.
- The construction project at the Blackjack Road facility is now complete.

#### **College of Veterinary Medicine**

- In May an Enhanced Clinical Practicum in Large Animal clinics will become part of the core. It will place students in large animal clinics across the Midwest and Southeast.
- Construction on the Flowood facility is on schedule and projected to open in the first quarter of 2023.

#### **Extension**

- Jeff Fore named permanent head of the MSU Delta Research and Extension Center.
- There are several searches in process for agents and faculty.
- Extension Open House will be held December 14<sup>th</sup>
- The 4-H Environmental Specialist interviews are complete.

#### **Holland Faculty Senate**

- Discussion is ongoing about collegiality in the promotion and tenure process.

#### **New Business**

- Dr. Stone has emailed Senators with a survey for input on the DAFVM Symposium. Please complete this as soon as possible.
- Dr. Hardman brought before the Senate concern from her department related to the requirements to be eligible for the Optional Retirement Plan. Dr. Stone will research past DAFVM discussions and requirements for the next meeting.

#### **Adjourn**

- Motion: Krishna Poudel; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Camp.