

DAFVM faculty Senate Meeting Notes
September 13, 2018
1.30 pm in Bost Room 205

Call to order 1:30: Bindu Nanduri

Roll Call

Present: George Hopper, Reuben Moore, Jason Camp, Jason Barrett, Simone Hinz, Caleb Lemley, Taya Marquardt Ezell, Skip Jack, Jonas King, John Long, Rebecca Melanson, Jay McCurdy, Florencia Meyer, Stephen Meyers, Mariah Morgan, Bindu Nanduri, Wes Neal, Brittney Oliver, Julie Parker, Donna Peterson, George Popescu, Raja Reddy, Keun Seo, Andrew Stevens, Amanda Stone, John Willis, Paula Threadgill

Excused: Tom Allen, Matt Griffin, Tricia Knight, Anna Linhoss, Kelley Wamsley, Lifang Yan, Brent Frey

Absent: David Christiansen, Charles Fulford (Taze), Josh Maples,

Reading of the minutes August 2018 meeting: Approved

Senate Picture was taken by Kevin Hudson, Ag Communications

Standing committee reports

Office of the Vice President: Dr Moore addresses the senate

- Negotiation of the Farm Bill continues.
- Poultry, Animal & Dairy Science complex now has a 400 day contract, with a completion date of October 2019. There will be 75 parking spaces, 2 classrooms of 65 and 95 seats.
- New Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for access access to doors and buildings. The CALS/MAFES website has the new SOP.
- New policy on animal zones on campus has been approved. Hoping to have better control of access into the north farm areas. Particularly directed to people with dogs without leash.
- Thanked the DAFVM senate for what they do.

Director of Extension: Dr. Threadgill (representing Dr. Jackson)

- Thanked the DAFVM senate for what they do.
- We still have about 28 counties with only 1 agent. Hoping to get funding to be able to raise those numbers. Collaboration among agents keeps the work going.
- Dr. Buys received a 1 million CDC grant for a 5-year period to provide obesity education programs in 5 counties in the Delta.

- MS 4H foundation decided to move all of their assets to the MSU foundation. This is a good thing for MSU-ES.

Dean of the College: Dr. Hopper addresses the DAFVM senate

- Enrollment at 10 days of classes (no official numbers yet) revealed more than 22,000 students university wide for the 1st time ever, which is 300+ more students than last year.
- CALS holds a record 2,500 of those students. CFR holds 600. CVM has changed the way they count Vet Tech students, so numbers cannot be assessed yet.
- The increased numbers overall are due to the interesting programs that we offer, the curriculum and progressive teaching. In addition, we are recruiting increasingly better prepared students (as measured by ACT scores).
- Please share with all our colleagues. CALS is proud of all of us.
- Dean's advisory council for CALS/MAFES 9 members will be in town to give advice and listen closely to our success and concerns, and to provide help moving forward.

Holland Faculty Senate: Dr. Jason Barrett

- Student enrollment is over 22,000.
- New policy requires students to pay at the beginning of the semester to help student retention without incurring in debt.
- We now have a 25.6 average ACT scores for incoming students, which reflects the recruitment of more academically-minded students.
- Sports gambling was approved in the state legislature. It should generate revenue stream of ~\$ 88 million. July alone resulted in a \$10 million increase.
- Phi Beta Kappa has been awarded a chapter on campus, after more than 40 years. Restricted to Arts & Sciences. The question was asked as to what options our [CALS/CWFR/CVM] students have. Dr. Barrett said he would find out. Gamma Sigma Delta exists for Ag students.
- Fundraising has exceeded \$100 million dollars for the 5th year in a row. Hoping to reach \$1 billion by 2020.
- GAME DAY: metal detectors are the new thing, mandated by SEC as of 2019, but MSU implemented them early.
- CANVAS will be mandatory starting spring 2019.
- C Spire is the new client for optical networks connection on campus.
- Graduate student amnesty - graduate students will be allowed to return to complete their research and write their dissertation (current policy allows 6 years to complete dissertation after passing comps). The new policy would (open the window to more than 9.5 years).
- Big push state-wide to push people to complete their degrees. About 100 students have completed their BS at MSU, only one from Ole Miss.

Chair Report: Dr. Nanduri

- Attended first extension advisory committee, very informative.
- Outlook on budget looked positive and there is a surplus of ~\$90 million. Extension has requested \$3 million more in their budget.

- Much discussion about priority program plans. Usually goes to extension programs. Only 20/195 of the programs had an impact statement. It is advised that faculty seek help to write impact statements.
- Building extension development teams to discuss the development of programs around the state. Should meet at least twice a year followed by an annual report highlighting the impact that these groups are managing.
- Update on tech and communication: about \$250,000 are spent annually on printing brochures, etc. They want to have an online system to create electronic media, and have a consistent profile across the division. Contact Ag Communications to generate a card or electronic communications. The idea is to have a centralized resource center for cards/brochures/announcement templates. Particularly useful for extension but can be used by all.
- We have had ~\$25 millions of grants & contract.
- Oct 30-31st. Is the Extension Annual Conference. Keynote speaker will be Doug Steele (ex-extension director in Texas A&M)

Update on agenda items: Nanduri.

- Standing committees: Dr. Nanduri assigned all/most senators to the committee that they wanted. Thanks to Andrew Stevens. He was nominated by the chair and endorsed by the senate to serve as the Parliamentarian. As of now, the committees do not have a chair. When addressing any issue, the expectation for each standing committee is to seek assistance from senators representing Extension, MAFES, Off-Campus, and the Colleges, if necessary.
- Dr. Wes Burger will meet the senate February 2018 to tell us about the grant writing workshop as well as faculty mentoring.
- Ronald Mc. Laughlin agreed to give a tour of CVM and facilities November 8th in groups of 10 people. Will be arranged closer to the date.
- Non-formal teaching evaluation is still in the Provost's office. We have to wait.
- Please talk to your department head and faculty about the Digital measures as they complete their annual evaluations. Let the DAFVM senate if we can help in any way. DM is working really well for extension agents that have split appointments. Mostly negative feedback in regards to non-formal education. Some colleges do not use it DM at all (e.g. CVM, Bagley)
- Dr. Sexton has offered to address issues and concerns about DM and to do training as needed.
- Question arose concerning the parking lot and development of area across from Thompson Hall that has not occurred.

Motion to adjourn made and approved, adjourn 2:34 pm.