

**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
August 27, 2009 (accepted Sept. 3, 2009)**

Senators: Steve Werman, Myra Heinrich, Patti Ward, David Collins, Tracii Friedman, Carlos Elias, Cynthia Chovich, Tyler Anderson, Steven Bradley, Monte Atkinson, Barbara Borst, Wayne Smith, Dillon McMillen (ASG)

Guests: John Marshall, Carol Futhey, Ryan Hendershot

Minutes Secretary: Julie Fredlund

**The meeting was called to order by Steve Werman, Standing Faculty Senate President, at 3:30 p.m. in room 222 of Lowell Heiny Hall.**

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Steven Bradley has agreed to serve as CFAC Representative in place of Marilyn Wounded Head. Faculty Senate voted to approve Bradley as CFAC Representative (unanimous).

John Marshall discussed Mesa State College's efforts to anticipate a potential outbreak of swine flu on campus. His office has been working with Kristi Reuss in Health Sciences, the Mesa County Health Department, and the Colorado Department of Health to develop a plan for prevention and reporting. Marshall noted that (a) prevention entails two vaccinations, and (2) health officials are especially concerned about the increased susceptibility of key populations, particularly individuals under age 24. Students or anyone else with symptoms should call Health Sciences at 248-1129 or 1398. Information is available on both MavZone and the MSC website ([www.mesastate.edu/alerts/h1n1](http://www.mesastate.edu/alerts/h1n1)). Marshall's office hopes to send out a campus-wide informational email in the near future.

Werman relayed a message from Rick Adleman regarding the Distinguished Alumni group. Alumni have decided to add a monetary award to the Distinguished Faculty Award, to be presented at the upcoming banquet. Distinguished Faculty may then present this amount to his/her student or students of choice to offset tuition and fees. Kristi Reuss received the most recent award. Werman plans to write a letter of thanks from Faculty Senate; he will forward a draft to senators via email.

ASG representatives were introduced. Dillon McMillen is serving as ASG representative. Adam Keen was not present but is Student Trustee, which is a new position. Ryan Hendershot was in attendance to discuss the new pay-to-print program.

David Collins (PES) will replace Joe Richards while Richards is on sabbatical this AY. Wayne Smith is replacing Brigitte Sündermann for WCCC. Monte Atkinson is the new Faculty Trustee. Steven Bradley (Fine Arts) will be CFAC Representative. Myra Heinrich (LLMC) is replacing Brenda Wilhelm for the final year of her term. Carlos Elias is the new senator from Fine Arts, as

Josh Butler's term has expired. Tim Hatten will not be returning due to other commitments, and Business has not appointed a new senator.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be a week from today on September 3 (Gallegos Boardroom).

## II. REPORT FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Atkinson reported on the Trustees meeting at MSC on August 13. He was impressed by the business sense and expertise of the Trustees, as well as their commitment to MSC faculty and to the institution itself. He noted at the meeting that our faculty were the only ones in Colorado to receive a salary increase over the last year and thanked them. Trustees responded that faculty should also thank the administration. Atkinson provided a summary of MSC faculty to the Trustees and offered to serve as a liaison.

Building projects were discussed, including completion dates for the five current projects and budget issues. Program reviews were postponed until the September 16 meeting. ASG reported on student issues, and the Board received a tour of the new recreational facilities and field house.

Atkinson welcomes any news from faculty regarding events or accomplishments as well as any faculty concerns.

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion was made, seconded, and passed approve the Faculty Senate minutes from April 30, 2009. (Chovich/Heinrich)

## IV. OLD BUSINESS – YEAR-END REPORTS FOR 08-09

Werman distributed copies of the 08/09 AY Senate report and asked that senators read the summary (first three pages) before next Wednesday and email him comments. Attachments include year-end reports from Academic Policies and from Distance Learning and Technology, as well as the Academic Policies recommendations for an academic dishonesty policy. He noted that these reports and recommendations have yet to be approved by Senate; however, most of the academic dishonesty recommendations have been incorporated into the current Student and Academic Policies Guidebook ([http://www.mesastate.edu/academics/academic\\_integrity.html](http://www.mesastate.edu/academics/academic_integrity.html)) since deadlines for this document have already passed. Faculty should note that the recommendations and posted document do not yet include a timeframe for grade appeals. New procedures for Distinguished Faculty Awards and establishing the pre-tenure review committee, are in place and early Fall deadlines for action are approaching. Atkinson noted that the Trustees were very interested in having an established and posted academic integrity policy.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

A campus-wide email was sent out July 15 regarding the student pay-to-print program instituted on the first day of classes this Fall for all open labs. The program gives students a \$10 free limit plus a charge per page after the \$10. It encourages double-sided printing, as the cost per page for

single-sided copy is significantly higher. The program was primarily aimed at reducing paper and printing waste on campus. However, ASG is concerned that some faculty restrict students to turning in single-sided assignments.

Hendershot stated that ASG is accepting emails regarding the program. The response thus far has been about 50%-50% for and against. He noted that faculty are cutting down on handouts and making use of the H drive to post notes, but this in turn causes students to need to print more. There was also concern that faculty may require students to print out notes. He suggested that faculty look into using the K drive to accept electronic copies of assignments from students. Chovich also suggested that students use laptops in class and scan notes and assignments on the H drive before deciding whether to print. Senators were requested to contact their faculty and encourage them to permit double-sided assignments and optional printing of notes and posted handouts.

The library IT lab reports a significant reduction (75%) in printing over the first two weeks of the term, so the program appears to be effective from a sustainability standpoint. However, it also has the potential to be expensive for students. Hendershot was not sure how the MSC business office handles the associated debt accounting.

Werman distributed copies of the 2009/10 Curriculum Committee schedule as an informational item.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS – NOMINATION/ELECTION OF SENATE OFFICERS

Neither Hatten nor Sündermann returned as senators due to other commitments, and Ward would like to reconsider her nomination due to a heavy teaching load. Werman distributed ballots for Senate officers and stated that he agrees to continue as a nominee for president. It was announced that Fredlund has declined to continue as recording secretary but has agreed to attend the first two meetings. Werman asked that the election process be postponed until the full Senate roster was established, hopefully before the next senate meeting.

It was determined by reference to the bylaws that officers are not required to be tenured, but the consensus was that officers speaking for the Senate and faculty as a whole (e.g. President) should be tenured. It was also clarified that Executive Committee meetings were set up around the availability of officers. Ward nominated Chovich for Vice President, and Chovich accepted. Ward agreed to accept nomination for Secretary contingent upon appointment of a new recording secretary.

## VII. ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Futhey noted that MSC has 700 more students now than at this time last year. She thanked everybody for their patience with construction problems and unfinished teaching spaces.

MSC has requested from the Higher Learning Commission that five programs be available to students entirely through distance education. A position for a multimedia technician has been

requested. She also hopes to eventually implement a mandatory orientation for students in these programs in order to better facilitate learning and minimize problems with technology.

The deadline for International Student Exchange applications for next summer and fall is February 2. We hope to add a faculty exchange program after 18 to 24 months. Information is available on the website ([www.mesastate.edu/academics/isep](http://www.mesastate.edu/academics/isep)) for anyone interested in the program. Futhey hopes to be able to add travel stipends for students eventually.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm. (Anderson)

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Fredlund  
Minutes Secretary