MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate Regular Meeting October 4, 2011

Present: Senators Begley, Bloomdahl, Byers, Campbell, Coffelt, Fawzy, Goggins, Guyer, Herr, Hoover, Humphreys, Jung, Koren, Messer, Mitchell, Naber, Patterson, Pittman-Munke, Robertson, Rogers, Simon, Weir, A. White, S. White, Yarali, and Zingrone. Guests: Dr. Jay Morgan and Dr. Bonnie Higginson, Office of the Provost.

Absent: Senators Binfield, Bodevin, Busija, Ortega, Ortmann, Papajeski, Smith, Stambaugh

Proxy: Renee Fister for Senator Porter, and William Calderhead for Senator Washington

The meeting was called to order by President Pittman-Munke at 3:33 p.m.

The minutes of September 6, 2011, were motioned to be approved by Senator Robertson, seconded by Senator Guyer, and were approved by unanimous decision.

REPORTS

Winter Term—Dr. Jay Morgan reported that for winter term, Murray State University is offering 31 web courses, accessible to over 550 students, with the courses varying. He stated that the class registration schedule for students would be November 7-11, 2011. Dr. Morgan also updated senators on the upcoming SACS deadlines for meetings and audits, stating that the Readiness Audits would be due to the SACS office on December 1, 2011. Other deadlines noted were September 10, 2013, when the Full Compliance Certification would be due to SACSCOC, Spring 2014, when the On-Site Review Team will visit Murray State University campus, and December 2014, the Determination of Reaffirmation at the annual SACSCOC meeting. He also asked senators to notify the SACS office if there were problems with policies and to make corrections if needed.

Board of Regents—Regent Rose notified senators that the Board of Regents will hold a meeting on October 14, 2011, to approve of the Bond Sale for the construction of a new facility in Paducah. Regent Rose also mentioned that in attending the Trustee's Conference, he was able to talk with many other universities' Faculty Senate members, as well as hear a number of different speakers on a variety of different topics related to higher education.

Academic Policies—Senator Zingrone reported on Academic Policies for Senator Papajeski, reporting that the myGate survey for plus/minus grading was waiting for a launch date. Dr. Renee Fister questioned what would be done with the results of the survey. Senator Zingrone reported that the data would be assessed and appropriate action would be determined after that.

Finance—Committee did not meet due to lack of members and a senator representative of the Finance department. President Pittman-Munke called for volunteers for the committee, and

Senator Messer volunteered his services. Senator Weir then reported that the committee will be looking at faculty compensation in their upcoming meetings. He stated that the committee would be looking at data and for issues to present to the Executive Committee and to President Dunn at a later date.

Governmental Affairs/COSFL—No report from Governmental Affairs. President Pittman-Munke reported that Western Kentucky University has been manipulating their regent selections by limiting the regent terms to 2 terms total, with each term consisting of 2 years of service. She further reported that the Staff Congress at WKU supported this decision, while the faculty did not. She state that COSFL passed a resolution to say that the Faculty Senates in Kentucky were not in favor of the decision and to support the faculty resolution. Also, President Pittman-Munke reported COSFL giving a \$50 donation to Terry Irons, the past president of COSFL.

Handbook and Personnel— Committee did not meet due to lack of members. President Pittman-Munke called for volunteers, and Vice President Koren and Senator Patterson volunteered their services.

Rules, Elections, and Bylaws— Committee did not meet due to lack of members. President Pittman-Munke called for volunteers, and Senators Bloomdahl, Coffelt, and Rogers offered their services. Vice President Koren stated that the committee would be working on Administrative Evaluations for the future Presidential Evaluation, indicating these needed to be done by the end of the semester.

Executive—President Pittman-Munke requested that Helen Roulston be added to the November Agenda to be recognized for her years of service at Murray State University. She reported that the Faculty and Staff Leadership Council requested that the Staff Merit Raise Policy be looked at by Academic Policies and for the committee to work on a University-Wide Merit Raise Policy. She suggested the best way to do this would be to send out a survey to all faculties and to look at information on Murray State's current policy.

President Pittman-Munke also reported that their would be a customer service training for staff members of Murray State, with the training being optional for faculty members. She reported that the FSLC was also concerned with the loss/expiration of vacation days due to scheduling constraints causing a lack/loss of vacation days, and that there needs to be more outreach between the College of Education and K12. Furthermore, she reported that at present, there are 26 faculty searches to appropriate faculty for Murray State University, and that President Dunn has decided that the university will acquire staff as needed.

President Pittman-Munke also suggested that Faculty Senate should give their full support to SGA in exchange for mutual support, and reminded senators to sign up for a committee if they had not done so already. Finally, she reminded senators of the New Senator Orientation on October 11, 2011, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the Mississippi Room of the Curris Center.

Academic Council

Undergraduate Studies—No report.

Graduate Studies—No report.

Library and Academic Support—No report.

Residential Colleges—No Report.

Insurance and Benefits Committee—No report.

International Studies Advisory Council—No report.

New business—Senator Messer notified the senate about Hispanic Heritage week, indicating that it was a promotional week administrated by the Office of Multicultural Affairs to draw Hispanic students to MSU. He asked senators to notify students of the upcoming week in hopes of having a good turnout.

Dr. Renee Fister made senators aware of the inaccessibility of the SPSS and SAS software in any facility other than Murray State's campus. She asked the senate to find out how to access this software from a home setting and make the process available via Roundabout Murray. President Pittman-Munke suggested inviting Linda Miller or Riza Marjadi to the next senate meeting to address questions regarding the inaccessibility.

The motion was made to adjourn at 4:27 p.m.