## MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY Faculty Senate September 7, 2010

Present: Senators Bartnik, Begley, Binfield, Bloomdahl, Coffelt, Farrell, Fawzy, Goggins, Guyer, Herr, Hoover, Kleinhans, Koren, McCreary, Norris, Ortega, Ortmann, Papajeski, Pittman-Munke, Rogers, Schell, Stambaugh, Swisher, Washington, Wattier, A. White, S. White, and Yarali. Dr. Renee Fister was proxy for the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Absent: Senators Blaylock, Bodevin, Busija, Byers, Jung, Locke, Robertson, and Smith.

Guests: Josh Jacobs, President's Office, and Dr. Jay Morgan.

The minutes of April 27, 2010, were approved. President Pittman-Munke welcomed senators and acknowledged Senator Tom Begley's return for his 32<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year of service.

## **REPORTS**

**United Way**—Mr. Aaron Dale, a resource development officer for the local United Way, asked that faculty consider giving during the fall campaign. Fifteen non-profit grant programs are funded through the local agency in building a coalition of resources to the local community. Mr. Dale is a 2005 organizational communications graduate of MSU with a finance minor and recently received his MBA..

Academic Policies—no report.

**Finance**—no report.

Governmental Affairs/COSFL—Vice President Pittman-Munke as COSFL President has been placed on a HB160 working group. She notes that the CPE leadership sees the importance of having faculty input into decision making. She looks forward to working with the university presidents and provosts on discussions of policy.

**Handbook and Personnel**—no report; interim chair White announced a meeting on the third Tuesday.

**Executive**—President Pittman-Munke noted that the president might come to the next meeting to discuss faculty salaries. She addressed myGate issues with registration and holds with the registrar. Ms. Collins noted that an update to Banner will take care of some of the problems for faculty and is willing to discuss any concerns.

A letter will go out to the family of Dr. Arlene Hall on her death this summer. Dr. Hall was a long-time member of the Faculty Senate.

Academic Council—no reports.

**Residential Colleges**—no report.

**Insurance and Benefits Committee**—The committee continues to work on a policy to grant faculty unused sick leave at retirement and was given an update on domestic partner benefits. The committee will look at the establishment of a tuition bank and discuss supplemental tuition credits and reimbursement plans. The next meeting is September 10.

**New business**—Dr. Morgan was recognized and thanked senators for their hospitality and support during his last three years as faculty regent. He expressed his appreciation to the senate leadership and looks forward to working on faculty issues in his new role as associate provost for graduate education and research.

Rules, Elections, and Bylaws—Vice President Koren reported that the committee met on August 17 to discuss and plan for the election of a replacement for Dr. Morgan on the Board. The election must be held as the original with the intent of having a faculty member in place on the Board for its September 17 meeting. Balloting will be September 9-10. Eligibility of candidates and voters has been reviewed with the university attorney and shared with faculty A specific item of spousal employment has revealed that on no occasion has this affected a regent, if otherwise qualified, or a spouse. Last spring, the legislature approved the addition of instructor rank to the list of eligible voters for a faculty regent or trustee. Inconsistencies with our definitions of instructor and lecturer were noted. Comparisons will be made and studied in hopes of granting disenfranchised faculty a voice on the Board. There are no faculty assigned instructor rank at this time for the current faculty regent election.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to an open forum with the faculty regent candidates. Each candidate had been invited by the Rules, Elections, and Bylaws Committee to make brief remarks and field questions from faculty. Candidates were Dr. Kevin Binfield, Dr. Jack Rose, Dr. Peggy Pittman-Munke, and Dr. Mark Wattier. The forum ended at 4:45 p.m.