



ROBERT HOLLAND FACULTY SENATE

Corrected Minutes of April 14, 2023

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate of Mississippi State University held its regular monthly meeting in Bost Auditorium North at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2023.

Members absent and excused were Rachel Allison, Jenna Altomonte, Todd Archer, Iva Ballard, Mike Breazeale, HeeJin Cho, Charles Freeman, Alexis Gregory, Missy Hopper, Cheryl Justice, Rocky Lemus, Todd Mlsna, Andy Perkins, Beth Stokes, Amanda Stone, Tara Sutton, Paul Tseng, Ted Wallace, John Wyatt, and Kimberly Wood.

The meeting was called to order by Senate President Jason Barrett.

President Barrett asked for any corrections to the minutes of the March 10, 2023 meeting. Hearing no corrections, President Barrett asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Senator Paul Spurlin made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes and Senator Rebecca Robichaux-Davis gave the second.

GUESTS

Dr. Mark Keenum, President

Dr. Keenum spoke of the State Legislative budget year and their approval in funding requests for projects of many renovations and plans for improvement at MSU. He said funds were added to our funds to be granted for renovations of Dorman Hall and Bost Extension Building. Dr. Keenum stated they will begin a new Kinesiology Building this summer with a generous financial gift provided by Jim and Tommy Duff to help fund a large portion.

Dr. Keenum said they are receiving funding to help with a new MS Cyber Security Facility being planned for the Gulf Coast.

Dr. Keenum said funding was granted for new equipment for our state chem lab, for our Gulf Coast CVM work done with marine mammals, and our TK Martin Center for a new pilot program with a more expansive early intervention assessment for young children with disabilities of children infant – 3 years of age.

Dr. Keenum added it was a great year overall for our facilities and the programs we are doing. He said our state revenues are up and have more than the legislature had planned by carrying over a billion dollars to next year, so our state is looking very good going into the next fiscal year.

Dr. Keenum said ground has been broken for a new high performance supercomputer center in the Research Park. He added we are ranked #5 in the nation in universities in high performance supercomputers and this strengthens our ability to continue to be a major player in this realm.

Dr. Keenum said he will be meeting with the Board of Trustees soon and presenting our budget to include tuition, housing, fees and dining fees so he will know more of what they will approve after that meeting.

Part of the requests Dr. Keenum will make of the Board is to approve the new dining contract with Aramark. With the Board's approval, MSU is hoping for a new residence hall to be located north of the Old Main Academic Center.

Dr. Keenum will request approval to hire an architect to begin planning for a Presidential Library of Ulysses S. Grant. We have received federal funding to build the Presidential Library and would like it to be located next to the Mill.

Dr. Keenum stated Ballew Hall is receiving a big renovation this summer.

Dr. Keenum stating our Transforming MSU Strategic Plan was presented in Bettersworth Auditorium on April 11th.

Dr. Keenum said May 1st is the last day of classes with commencements beginning May 10th.

Dr. Keenum recognized President Barrett for his leadership for the Robert Holland Faculty Senate and presented him with an engraved cowbell in appreciation.

Senator Kelly asked Dr. Keenum about Al Epstein speaking on campus April 17th as she has received several concerning messages. She asked that given this is a contentious speaker will there be an alternative point of view presented as has been requested and done in the past with other speakers, as it is mostly concern over procedural consistency.

Senator Kelly stated another issue is the speaker sponsorship given the highly partisan nature of Al Epstein's alleged climate denial changes and Mr. Epstein is coming as neither a scientist nor an academic, but one that runs a for-profit think tank and seems more appropriate to be sponsored by a student group rather than the Bagley College of Engineering. She stated there was great deal of concern over the amount of money Bagley College of Engineering was investing in this speaker, how he was vetted and how he was deemed appropriate for this talk. She said there was also concerns about Al Epstein's significant odds with the research on climate change, with a lot of the research produced here at MSU, and his ethno-scientific claims about superiority of Western Culture.

Dr. Keenum replied he does not know how the speaker was vetted but that he was coming and there is genuine support to have him speak. He is very supportive of balance and stated that we are a free speaking campus, and he takes great pride in being ranked one of the highest rankings for free speech. He stated he does not get involved into who the colleges decide to bring in but agreed her points were valid. Senator Kelly stated she had reached out to Bagley College of Engineering and not heard back. Dr. Keenum agreed that would be appropriate as that was who sponsored the speaker.

Senator Adams asked Dr. Keenum if he could update the senate on the recent dean searches. Dr. Keenum said he has met with 3 finalists from the College of Business candidates and Dr. Shaw is compiling the feedback on the candidates, then they will make a decision.

Dr. Keenum said he has also met with the 3 candidates for the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine and they will announce the candidate selection after the Dean of Business announcement is released.

Dr. Brent Fountain, Faculty Athletic Representative

Dr. Fountain began by congratulating Dr. Jenny Du, Distinguished Professor in Electrical and Computer Engineering in the Bagley College of Engineering who was selected as MSU's SEC Distinguished Professor recipient.

Dr. Fountain stated the SEC also recognizes 4 recipients from each of the 14 member institutions for the Boyd McWhorter Scholar Athlete of the year whose honorees receive a \$10,000 post graduate scholarship to further their academic careers. The Brad C. Davis Community Service award honorees earn \$7,500. Those winners will be announced soon.

Dr. Fountain thanked Senator Robichaux-Davis for her many years of supporting and instructing the LSK 1043 course, Life Skills for the Student Athletes and for being an incredible mentor to many of our current and former athletes.

Dr. Fountain said the Transfer Portal has changed the landscape of college athletics and have more transfers and mid-year transfers than previously. They are recognizing summer is the best time to teach but fall and spring are needed as well. Athletic Academics will explore how they can integrate it to be offered next fall and spring. This change will help to provide a new course for athletes that has stemmed from education around Name, Image & Likeness (NIL).

The Fall 2022 Academic Highlights showed a department GPA of a 03.16, which is the 11th consecutive semester with a departmental GPA of a 3.0 or higher. He said Men's Tennis had the highest overall GPA of all sports and of a Men's team with a 3.67. The Women's Golf had highest GPA of 3.47. Dr. Fountain said 11 of 13 teams and 7 of 7 women's teams earned 3.0 GPA or higher. The football earned their 3rd highest GPA with a 2.77. Dr. Fountain said 53 student-athletes earned Top Dawg honors (4.0 for semester). He added 75 student-athletes had a semester GPA above 3.80 and 256 student-athletes earned Bulldog Honor Roll (3.0 or higher). He said we had 44 fall graduates and 71 athletes were named to SEC Fall Honor Roll.

In discussing APR rates, Dr. Fountain noted the Women's Tennis team had a perfect APR for the 8th year in a row.

Mr. Trey Breckinridge, Interim Chief Technology Transformation Officer

Mr. Breckinridge introduced himself and discussed his new role as CTTO. Mr. Breckinridge said his main focus is leading the Transformational Change of Strategic Initiatives involving information technology and those related activities. He stated he looks forward to modernizing and improving IT related activities. He said those activities could be related to hardware or software and there is a lot of discussion about ERP. Mr. Breckinridge said he will be evaluating and refining business processes in place at MSU that were developed 30 and more years ago that we are still utilizing and building IT around. He said there are opportunities across the university in improving IT collaboration in governments.

Mr. Steve Parrott, Interim Chief Information Officer

Mr. Parrott presented information on the Adobe Creative Cloud Pilot. He said Adobe Creative Cloud was used in the English department in the Fall 2022 with 6 instructors, 296 students and 13 courses. Mr. Parrott said the ground rules were for the instructors not to change the syllabus to talk about Adobe Creative Cloud but the students could use Adobe Creative Cloud as an option for projects and assignments and the students should learn the program without assistance from the instructor.

Some of the student assignments were embedded graphics and videos, annotated exploratory essays, comparative analysis essays and posters. Students communicated it was easy to use and they enjoyed using it.

Instructors stated it was a great asset in the classroom and would continue if it was made available to the students.

Mr. Parrott said they will have this for 2 more years and hope that others will take advantage of using the program.

Mr. Parrot discussed the Faculty Website Environment and said ITS has provided a variety of tools for faculty to build their own websites however some of the faculty are not website developers and find this challenging. He said the websites do not often meet MSU's visual identity standards or web accessibility standard and there is no consistency which has resulted over time that many of the websites are outdated and abandoned.

The new platform is for websites to be built on the ITS Drupal environment that will adhere to our visual identity standards, be ADA compliant and have security updates. There will be a standard template that will make it easy to add content and make changes for consistencies.

Senator Zuckerburg stated many of her students were very excited about Adobe being available, but the expense prevented almost all from purchasing and asked if there was

anything that could be done about the pricing. Mr. Parrott encouraged faculty to speak with their deans to have more discussions.

Senator Grala agreed with the pricing issue and asked how the other SEC schools are handling the issue. Mr. Parrott stated most schools give their students the Adobe Creative Cloud program.

Senator Grala stated Forestry has someone that handles the websites to include all necessary information. Mr. Parrott stated they were wanting all faculty to use the template for consistency across the university and would make it easy should any visual standards change as it would automatically update on each website. Senator Grala asked if it could be linked to the departments and Mr. Parrott answered with a no, as it is the ITS Drupal system but permissions can be given to others to update content.

Senator Rai asked about the Faculty Website noting that the example Mr. Parrott showed appeared to be more Faculty Centered however there are many that are Research Centered. Mr. Parrott answered they do have a research tab in the program but invited Senator Rai to give his feedback and suggestions to improve the template for the research faculty. Senator Rai agreed and will contact Mr. Parrott.

Senator Priddy confirmed there will be customization and would like to join in to give input.

Senator Zuckerburg asked if there was a possibility to negotiate with Adobe for a lower student price. Mr. Parrott stated that is something for higher administration to take up but as of now they are locked in for 3 years – so there are 2 more years.

Dr. Terry Dale Cruse, Associate VP and Head of MSU Meridian Campus

Dr. Cruse stated the Meridian campus has been in Meridian for over 50 years and now consists of 2 campuses, the downtown Riley campus and the College Park Campus near Meridian Jr. College. The Meridian campus has the College of Arts & Sciences, College of Business and College of Education. It was decided Meridian was a good location for meeting the Healthcare needs of the state due to having proximity to 2 major medical centers that would provide clinical opportunities.

Dr. Cruse said MSU began the state's first publicly funded Master of Physician Assistant (PA) program in 2021 with 20 students and have a total this year of 74 students enrolled. There are 30 available slots each year, with over 300 applications last year. The first students are graduating this year.

The Riley Foundation has given MSU approximately \$50 million dollars in the last 2 decades to support the Meridian campus and efforts to grow the workforce in Lauderdale County and have pledged more to support programs like the PA program, that support and undergird the healthcare community.

A 6-month feasibility study was done on the potential to expand healthcare programs in Meridian. The first phase included 5 new programs: Master of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Psychology, Master of Health Services Psychology, Doctor of Education in Educational Design and Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration.

All have gone through university committees of approval and have either been approved by IHL or are being approved this month.

A dean of nursing will be announced soon.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT

President Barrett presented an award of appreciation to Mr. Jason Cory for his 8 years working for the Robert Holland Faculty Senate.

President Barrett also recognized and presented a plaque to Senator Robichaux-Davis for her outstanding service to the Robert Holland Faculty Senate.

President Barrett then gave his report stating it was bittersweet to write because this will be his last official report as President, but it is the turning of the page for a new academic year and a new set of officers for the Robert Holland Faculty Senate.

We have many items to be thankful for from this past year and I truly believe we have many items to be excited about that are ahead of us. The new transformational plan is going to be a new level for MSU, and I am looking forward to its success. I hope you all are able to participate in the announcement and launch this week in Bettersworth Auditorium.

As I say every month, please know that the Holland Faculty Senate is always open and wants to hear from and work with faculty. This is your office so please reach out with any questions and/or comments that we all can address to make MSU a better place.

Reports from Committees on which I serve:

Athletic Council (March 29, 2023) – The Athletic Council met on March 29, 2023, from 1:00-2:00pm at the M-Club. Agenda items included an update on Student-Athlete Development, SAAC, M-Club, Athletic-Academic, Compliance Report, and a Financial Update.

Looking ahead, the Baseball Faculty/Staff Appreciation date is Tuesday May 9th vs. Memphis. Like last year, we will have access to the Rooftop, which we will need to RSVP due to space limitations and GA tickets for other faculty and staff wishing to attend. More information will be coming but go ahead and place this date on your calendars.

The next Athletic Council meeting is set for April 12, 2023.

Executive Council (March 27, 2023) – There were six policies that were presented. Only five policies were voted on and passed. OP 62.06 was tabled until the April 2023 meeting to make

sure consistent language existed between MSU and the Foundation. There were four Operating Policies and two Academic Operating Policies discussed and voted on. I will list them below.

OP and AOP Review and Approval

OP 60.405 Separation of Employment

OP 70.09 Financial Conflict of Interest in Sponsored Activities

OP 80.13 Cost Share

OP 62.06 Endowment Earnings Spending (Tabled)

AOP 10.15 Substantive Changes

AOP 12.32 Refund and Course Credit

Executive Enrollment Management Committee – This meeting was scheduled for March 14, 2023, but was not held for lack of agenda items. The next scheduled meeting is April 11, 2023.

Faculty/Staff Housing Appeals Committee (April 2023) – We had no appeals come before the committee in March or the beginning of April.

Inclusive Excellence Leadership Council – Has not met this Spring semester.

IT Council (March 7, 2023) – IT Council met on March 7, 2023, and on April 4, 2023.

The MoneyMate Accounts and system will be sunset, and you may have already seen communication come out from IT about this. There are currently only a few units on campus that still use and accept MoneyMate.

A new E-Procurement Tool is being launched. It will handle electronic vendor onboarding, procurement to purchase. JAGAR is the name, and we will be in a 10-year contract.

Faculty/Lab website platform which will enable a professional page for each faculty member.

The next scheduled meeting for the IT Council is May 2, 2023.

Master Plan Development and Advisory Committee – The next scheduled meeting is April 13, 2023.

Parking and Traffic Regulation Committee – There was no meeting held on March 23, 2023, due to lack of agenda items.

President's Committee on Planning – Has not met for Spring 2023.

Special Events and Game Day Operations Committee (April 5, 2023) – There was a meeting held on April 5, 2023, to discuss items related to the upcoming Super Bulldog Weekend. The bulk of the committee's discussion revolved around expanding the Dudy Noble Field perimeter to accommodate the anticipated crowd for the series. Also, there are street closures needed adjacent to the baseball field to accommodate the crowd entrance and exit.

Sustainability Committee – There has been no meeting of this committee for Spring 2023 semester.

Design Review Committee – The April 6, 2023, committee meeting was not held due to a lack of agenda items.

The next scheduled meeting for the Design Review Committee is May 4, 2023.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY SENATE VICE PRESIDENT

Academic Deans Council

The March 15th meeting of Academic Deans Council was cancelled.

Committee on Campus Access

The Campus Access Committee met on April 3rd, 2023. Repairs are beginning to get underway with the elevators in Rice and Howell. Carpenter should begin soon after.

Attention was brought to the committee about braille signage in various buildings on campus. These include Allen Hall and Simrall Hall, along with others. The committee is looking into bids for such signage. One estimate for Allen Hall was about \$97000.

Bedenbaugh Lab Building currently has no ADA access (exterior nor interior) and no ADA restrooms. DAFVM has received a grant to begin renovations to the building, but it will not cover the exterior water proofing and ADA access. Grants covering some of this updating.

Herzer Building currently has no ADA restrooms in the building. The building is generally ADA accessible (elevator was added a few years ago). The committee is looking into cost for updates to this as well.

Master Plan Development and Advisory Committee

The March meeting scheduled for March 9th was also cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is on April 13th.

Undergraduate Research and Creative Discovery Committee

The URCD met on March 24th, 2023. As previously mentioned, the committee listing is updated and included on the Mississippi State Standing Committees page online. The Research Learning Agreement is also posted on the website (www.urcd.msstate.edu) under the “For Faculty” link and then under “Mentor Resources”. This tool would be very useful for those of you who are actively involved in mentoring students and documenting your work together with students for our new QEP. There is also an example filled out online.

Research week is going on this week. The undergraduate research symposium wraps up Friday with presentations, performances, and poster. I hope everyone has a chance to go by and see the research our students are doing on our campus. This year has the highest number of submissions in several years with many of the submissions coming from engineering and biology.

Speaking on research, the Research Achievement Awards have their nominations due to ORED by 5pm on April 28th. You can find all the information about these awards on the ORED website (www.research.msstate.edu).

The committee discussed the creation of a group of Research Ambassadors to assist and mentor new undergraduate researchers. These ambassadors would be graduate or undergraduate students who have previously completed research and can answer questions for incoming student researchers on general questions. These ambassadors would be from across university (not just the Honors College) and from all backgrounds. The committee would like to aim for a Fall 2023 start. There would be some type of onboarding training, possibly with the library doing some training with them. We discussed also posting video/testimonials to the URCD website. At the next meeting, we will be discussing this onboarding process for this group of ambassadors.

Update on IT Council (In place of President Barrett)

IT Council met on April 4th, 2023. Minutes were approved from March meeting.

Steve Parrott gave the CIO Report. CliftonLarsonAllen is beginning their financial audit. MSU is usually one of the first universities in the state to have the audit done.

MoneyMate and MoneyMate Plus services will no longer be available after the close of business on Friday, June 30, 2023. While ITS has supported these services for many years, the usage for them has dramatically declined resulting in these services no longer being a viable option. Anyone who has an existing MoneyMate balance is encouraged to spend their remaining balance by June 30. After June 30, 2023, any remaining MoneyMate balance will be transferred to individual's Banner account. Only the MSU units that are currently accepting MoneyMate payments for such items as printing, supplies, and services will continue to accept payments using your MSU ID card. There are five units still doing this process.

Jaggaer eProcurement Presentation – Bids on contracts are basically done on paper right now. Jaggaer is a digital procurement software platform that will take much of the process and standardize it. There will be vendor onboarding where the vendors would upload and update services and sale items, and bids will be taken electronically. Right now, units may purchase the same types of items across campus but pay various amounts due to units not talking. This platform will allow for all units to see prices from a variety of vendors. Payments can be tracked easier, and employees can spend more time on more important purchases or issues. This will start in a few weeks, with full implementation by April 2024. This platform is used by the majority of R1 institutions, and it has the potential to save millions of dollars over the next several years.

Administrator by Request – The updates for DUO required login to MSU owned computers is rolling out. College of Arts & Sciences is being done right now. College of Business and College of Education has been completed. This should be completed by June 30, 2023.

Senator Rai asked about ADA compliance regarding a student in a wheelchair having difficulty in navigating campus with the uneven payments. Vice President Banik stated the Campus Access Committee has been looking at different places around campus and asked if anyone notice an

area of uneven sidewalks and pavements to communicate with him so he can forward to the committee. Another major issue they will address is the brick sidewalk in front of McCool to the Union where the brick is settling.

FACULTY DESIGNATES ON UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

No Reports

BUSINESS TO BE SENT TO COMMITTEE

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs

1. AOP 12.20 Undergraduate Course Grade Forgiveness and Repeating a Course

Senator Robichaux-Davis stated the AOP 12.20 was modified to include AOP 12.36. She said the committee made edits and language for consistency as it originally said students may not receive course grade forgiveness under this policy if an “XF” or “F” grade was received as a sanction for academic misconduct. The committee felt that it should not matter what grade was received but if it was because of academic misconduct the student should not receive course grade forgiveness.

Senator Rai had a spacing edit.

The change from 8 credits to 9 credits was questioned, specifically whether it means that a student can receive forgiveness on 3 courses of 3 credits each. Senator Robichaux-Davis confirmed that is what was meant.

The motion to accept the report on AOP 12.20 Undergraduate Course Grade Forgiveness and Repeating a Course passed.

2. AOP 12.36: REPEATING A COURSE

Senator Robichaux-Davis stated AOP 12.36 is brought forward to be rescinded as it was incorporated into AOP 12.20.

The motion to rescind AOP 12.36: Repeating a Course passed.

Ancillary Affairs

1. Faculty Confidence Survey

Senator Priddy reported the committee was tasked with reviewing the Faculty Confidence Survey. The committee reviewed the 2022 survey and re-evaluated and updated recommending changes for each section as listed in red in the agenda documents.

Senator Spurlin questioned the wording in the 2nd recommendation of “I regularly interact with this administrator as part of my assigned duties” being worded differently instead of “interact” as the evaluation of those truly affected by the administrator is not discounted. Senator Priddy stated they are open to ideas.

Senator Rai agreed it would be a challenge and suggested to have an option asking, “if the decisions the administrators make impacts you” and if so then your opinion should be counted.

Senator Pelaez shared the concerns of the wording stating all the big conflicts the Senate and University have had in the last years have come from IHL who has taken a decision and imposed it and would excuse them as they could say they do not regularly interact with us, so their opinion is not important.

Senator Pelaez also has concerns with IHL Board in regards to the responses being displayed to the person’s supervising administrators as IHL does not have supervisors or administrators and what would their procedure be to share those concerns.

Senator Pelaez also stated under the Department Unit head section, to also do the Annual Review to give feedback as well as the 3rd year review.

Vice President Banik responded to the question the committee had regarding do instructors/lecturers/adjuncts also receive this survey by stating instructors do as they are faculty however lecturer and adjunct are not technically faculty.

Vice President Banik also questioned the legality of reviewing the IHL Board. Senator Priddy stated they would follow up with Legal Counsel.

Senator Grala commented “as part of my assigned duties” can be subjective as interacting with your dean and department head but not necessarily upper-level administration.

Senator Williams, Committee Member, stated possibly changing the wording to “Do you feel your level of interaction with this administrator makes a review problematic” or include a qualifier of some kind that you as a faculty member can self-select if you want to give a review. Senator Priddy stated the whole idea came from faculty not feeling they knew enough to be able to effectively evaluate the administrator.

Senator Williams made a motion to strike the first line of the interaction statement that follows each evaluated level that states “I regularly interact with this administrator as part of my assigned duties” and add “I prefer not to evaluate this administrator”. Senator Spurlin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Barrett asked that with the motion that just passed for correction from Senator Williams, the motion for the overall acceptance of the recommendation of the committee’s report signify by raising hands. The motion passed.

Charter & Bylaws

1. Letter of Request: Representation of Faculty Senate for Unrepresented Faculty

Senator Spurlin recommended the Senate appoint a special committee to address the issues of unrepresented faculty brought forth by the Shackouls Honors College and by Dr. Shaw for any faculty not currently being directly represented on faculty senate.

President Barrett asked for discussion or comments from the Charter & Bylaws committee's recommendation. Seeing none, he asked all of those in support of this recommendation to signify by raising hands.

The motion passed.

Faculty Affairs - No Report

Student Affairs

1. Letter of Request: Faculty Award Process

Senator Haynes presented a report and stated there is no specific recommendation in terms of change, but sharing the information compiled.

President Barrett stated this was a request coming from a faculty member so the recommendation would be the information that is given to be sent back to the faculty member that made the request.

President Barrett asked for all of those in support of sending the findings back to the requesting faculty member to signify by raising hands.

The motion passed.

University Resources - No Report

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Ad Hoc Committee: Faculty Handbook Holistic Review

Senator Spurlin stated that language correction is the only change.

In asking for questions or discussion, Senator Baker made a motion for an amendment in Section V, Promotion and Tenure, page 79, line 303 to add after "Effectiveness in teaching" in parentheses "Formal and Nonformal" to encompass Extension and Outreach as well. The motion was seconded by Senator Williams.

Discussion followed by the use of formal and nonformal beginning with Senator Pelaez asking what was meant by nonformal and Senator Baker replying that it would be education to stakeholders outside of MSU as in certification programs, Extension, Outreach or other evaluated teaching.

Senator Rai raised concerns as he also questioned formal and nonformal teaching and would it be better to have something such as classroom and non-classroom. Senator Fincher added Continuing Education may be a possible term as is outside of MSU as in certification programs, Extension, Outreach or other evaluated teaching as Senator Baker stated.

Senator Baker stated Formal/Non-formal was suggested to encompass potential outreach outside of the Division of Ag, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine where there is an Extension appointment as the Transformational Plan expands to include outreach across the university. President Barrett added in Extension they see the use of Formal/Nonformal very often.

Senator Haynes added since the new Annual Review form uses the language of Formal/Nonformal could we duplicate that same language so it will be the same across both documents. Senator Williams suggested it should be left as ambiguous as it can. Senator Pelaez stated if someone gives an informal class it is not the same as other systematic teaching. Senator Haynes stated the document is just listing things it could be and not that it has to be all of them.

Senator Rai stated page 80, line 336 seems to be enough description to leave the wording as Senator Baker requested.

Senator Baker withdrew the motion.

President Barrett said based on the recommendations given by Senator Spurlin and the committee, he asked for those in favor of the Special Committee Report, Ad Hoc: Faculty Handbook Holistic Review, to signify by raising hands.

The motion passed.

PENDING BUSINESS

1. Letter of Request: Study to Strengthen Shared Governance

Senator Robichaux-Davis made a motion to take the Letter of Request: Study to Strengthen Shared Governance off the table. Senator Haynes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Senator Spurlin presented the report of the Charter & Bylaws Committee for the Letter of Request: Study to Strengthen Shared Governance.

President Barrett asked for those in favor of the committee's report to signify by raising hands. The motion passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. President

President Barrett, as the Elections Officer, announced the nomination of Senator Banik for the office of President. With no other nominations from the floor, President Barrett asked for a hand vote.

Senator Banik was announced as President for the upcoming Senate year.

2. Vice President

President Barrett, as the Elections Officer, announced the nomination of Senator Breazeale for the office of Vice President. President Barrett asked if there were nominations from the floor.

A motion was made by Senator Baker to nominate Senator Grala for Vice President. Senator Jaffee seconded the motion. Senator Grala's nomination packet was distributed. President Barrett stated each candidate had prepared a one-page statement to address the Senate. President Barrett read the statement from Senator Breazeale in his absence. Senator Grala read his prepared statement.

A vote by ballot was taken.

Senator Breazeale was announced as Vice-President for the upcoming Senate year.

3. Secretary

President Barrett, as the Elections Officer, announced the nomination of Senator Haynes for Secretary. With no other nominations from the floor, President Barrett asked for a hand vote.

Senator Haynes was announced as Secretary for the upcoming Senate year.

President Barrett ended his tenure as President by reading a parting letter to the Senate.

Greetings,

I wanted to draft this letter so that I could get all of my collective thoughts penned in an effort to sufficiently show my appreciation. First, I want to thank Dr. Keenum, Dr. Shaw, Dr. Fountain, and Dr. Dunne for their availability and time over the past year to meet with me and to give me feedback and continual support. Their desire to see the university progress and move forward has definitely been witnessed over the last few years.

I would like to extend thanks and appreciation to the executive committee; Mr. Robert Banik and Dr. Beth Stokes for their work towards the actions and impact of the Senate and of their support for me. The committees and committee chairs that have served and been called upon to take up items tasked to this Senate; Dr. Robichaux-Davis with Academic Affairs, Dr. Beth Stokes with Ancillary Affairs, Dr. Paul Spurlin with Charter and Bylaws, Dr. Mike Breazeale with Faculty Affairs, Dr. Stacy Haynes with Student Affairs, and Dr. Andy Perkins with University Resources. I must thank Mr. Jason Cory and Ms. Dinah Jenkins as they fielded my calls, emails, and requests over the past year and for always working with me on my questions and ideas.

I appreciate the ability to get to work with and get to know each of you over the year as we have been serving as Senators.

To the new members of the Senate, I appreciate you for committing to the next three years on the Senate. I promise that you will get out of this what you put into it. The Senate as a formal compilation of people is designed to be a very deliberative body and I challenge you to pursue deliberation in all that you do and actions you take. You have been elected by your colleagues to represent them so please do not ever forget that. This is an awesome responsibility and one that I know you will take very seriously.

To those that are leaving the Senate, thank you so much for your service over the last three years and know that your presence and impact have made a difference to the university. You should feel confident that the seeds you have planted will bear much fruit in time.

Finally, it has been my pleasure to serve as the Senate President for the 2022-2023 academic year and it has been an incredible honor. I will continue to watch the advancements of the Robert Holland Faculty Senate and I feel confident that you all will fulfill any obligation and task set before you.

Sincerely,



Jason R. Barrett
President 2022-2023
Robert Holland Faculty Senate

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Banik made a motion to adjourn. Senator Grala seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted for correction and approval.

Beth Stokes, Secretary
Dinah Jenkins, Administrative Assistant II