



## **ROBERT HOLLAND FACULTY SENATE**

### **Uncorrected Minutes of August 24, 2018**

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate of Mississippi State University held its regular monthly meeting in the Templeton Room of Mitchell Memorial Library at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 24, 2018.

Members absent and excused were: Kathleen Alley, Jimmy Avery, Jason Barrett, Cecelia Cook, Marina Denny, Charles Freeman, Stacy Haynes, Patty Lathan, Lindon Ratliff, Raja Reddy, and Robert Thompson

Members absent were: Angela Farmer, Lindsey Miller, and Chinling Wang

The meeting was called to order by Senate President, Randy Follett.

President Follett asked for any corrections to the minutes of the April 13, 2018 meeting. Senator Pelaez asked that the portion of the minutes on pages 17 and 18 in which she is mentioned be reviewed for accuracy. President Follett said the minutes will be verified. The minutes were accepted pending review of the two paragraphs involving Senator Pelaez on pages 17 and 18 of the agenda.

President Follett welcomed Susan Brooks representing Staff Council, John Buol representing the Graduate Student Association, and Mayah Emerson representing the Student Association. He said Student Affairs was unable to send a representative due to various activities across campus, but will be represented in future meetings.

## GUESTS

### **Dr. Mark Keenum, University President**

President Keenum began by congratulating the newly seated senators for being selected to represent their respective colleges. He thanked them for their willingness to serve on the Faculty Senate.

President Keenum said the enrollment numbers for this year are up. For the first time in the history of the University there will be over 22,000 students enrolled. The final enrollment numbers are calculated and reported to IHL after the tenth day of classes. For the first time, students will be required to pay something before the start of the semester. President Keenum said there is concern about how this new policy will impact the students and enrollment. He said he believes it will help with retention and the graduation success rate as well as institutional finances. The Vice President for Finance, Don Zant, has done the yeoman's work to institute the new policy.

President Keenum said normally when a school's enrollment keeps increasing the quality decreases. He said Mississippi State is experiencing the opposite effect. The average ACT score last fall was just over 25. This fall's preliminary numbers show an average ACT score of 25.6. President Keenum said he attributes this to the faculty and the great work they do to provide quality instruction and education to the student body.

President Keenum said he was selected to be the chairman of the College Football Playoff Board. People across the nation will see that someone from Mississippi State University was selected to head a very important national board. President Keenum said he spoke with the football team this week. He said he played football through junior college and attended and participated in many football practices. He said he was absolutely amazed by the practice he attended. The coaching staff is doing a tremendous job. Everything was very organized and the players were upbeat. One of the players commented on President Keenum's appointment to the College Football Playoff Board. President Keenum said the very first team to be selected to be number one in the nation by the College Football Playoff Committee was Mississippi State University. MSU held the number one ranking for five weeks. President Keenum said he told the team that he would do his part to help them win the national championship, but they had to do their part too.

President Keenum said the state legislature is in a special session. One of the topics is the creation of a state-wide lottery. The state Supreme Court ruled in favor of sports gambling as well as the collection of internet sales tax. These measures will create additional revenues to the state. The legislature is considering how to allocate the additional revenue. The Governor called the special session to address roads, bridges, and infrastructure. President Keenum said he spoke with many legislators over the summer and told them that the infrastructure is a highly important need in the state, but there are other important needs that would benefit from the funds such as

education. He said he has a bit of concern allocating and obligating these revenues. All of the figures are estimates. If the estimates are inflated, and there is a shortfall for the obligated funds, the difference must come from the general fund. The general fund also supports higher education.

President Keenum said last fiscal year closed with 88 million dollars of revenue over the estimate for the year. The month of July saw revenues 10 million dollars over estimates. The numbers for August are not finalized yet, but historically August is a very good month. President Keenum said he has been hearing positive feedback from state budget analysts and the state economist for the current fiscal year. This will hopefully offset some of the concerns over a potential shortfall for the newly generated funds.

President Keenum said, throughout the budgeting process, faculty and staff salaries remain the top priority. He said he was pleased to be able to commit roughly 3.5 million dollars for salary increases. In rank promotion salaries were also increased earlier in the year totaling roughly \$800,000. The University was able to provide this with level funding for the year. President Keenum said he was happy with level funding since the previous year's budgets were cut. Late in the budget process, the legislature was saying they would give level funding to higher education. President Keenum made the argument that level funding is not level for the Division of Agriculture. A 2% increase was negotiated for the Division of Agriculture to keep their funding truly level with the University.

President Keenum said every year costs go up due to inflation. The University is always looking to improve cost efficiencies wherever possible. The Faculty Senate has helped pass cost saving measures for MSU. A typical year sees an increase of roughly 4% per year. This equates to between 7 and 8 million dollars. President Keenum said this year's budget did not include an increase in enrollment. The increase experienced will help the budget for the year.

President Keenum said August 3, 2018 will go down as a historic day for Mississippi State University. The Phi Beta Kappa chapter at MSU was awarded in Boston, Massachusetts. Mississippi State has been seeking a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa for nearly forty years. The University has been producing Rhodes, Fulbright, Goldwater, and Truman scholars. The Shackouls Honor College has been doing a tremendous job. These young people deserve to have the honor of being members of Phi Beta Kappa. The first initiation of new members will be held in the spring. Dr. Tom Carskadon has been doing a wonderful job heading the Society of Scholars. He had the pleasure of disbanding the Society of Scholars to make way for the Phi Beta Kappa chapter. President Keenum thanked Dr. Carskadon for his leadership and all that he has done in that regard. Dr. Robert West and the committee worked very hard to bring the Phi Beta Kappa chapter to MSU. President Keenum said he promised the Phi Beta Kappa committee and the president of Phi Beta Kappa that he would establish a permanent endowment of at least a million dollars to support the chapter if selected. To date 1.1 million dollars has been raised for

the endowment and donations are still being accepted. This shows how pleased our alumni and friends are for bringing the chapter to campus.

The University worked with Major General Boyles to reinforce our commitment of support for the military. MSU's financial team worked with Major General Boyles staff to figure out how to provide free tuition to all students in the National Guard. MSU entered into a partnership with the National Guard to allow National Guard students to not pay tuition. President Keenum said he hopes this lays the groundwork for other IHL institutions to enter into similar agreements with the National Guard.

President Keenum said both of Mississippi's Senators were on campus to present a \$100,000 check to the Center for Entrepreneurship. The money has allowed the center to expand to a location in downtown Starkville on Main Street and do the necessary renovations to accommodate our budding entrepreneurs work on their projects.

President Keenum said University fundraising efforts have realized over 100 million dollars for the fifth year in a row. This brings the University closer to the one billion dollar goal by 2020 that was set. To date the campaign has raised 870 million dollars. Since the Infinite Impact campaign began, 617 new endowed scholarships have been added bringing the total to almost 1,700 endowed scholarships. Forty one endowed faculty chair and professorship positions have also been added. Many gifts have been for facilities as well. President Keenum said he looks five years into the future to plan for the needs on campus. In just the last nine years, over a billion dollars has been spent on facilities and infrastructure on campus. The YMCA renovations are now complete and the building houses Student Affairs, the Dean of Students, Finance, Legal, and Arts & Sciences faculty offices. The College View project is coming along and will be completed by next summer. Bids opened yesterday for the new engineering and science complex which will be located on the corner of Morrill St. and Hardy St. President Keenum said he hopes to be opening bids by the first of the year for the new music building. Federal funds were secured to help build a road between Blackjack Rd. and Lee Blvd. There will be several feeder roads that come off of this road connecting to different parts of campus. This road is in the process of being engineered right now. This project is part of a county project to redo Blackjack Rd. and improve along Stone Blvd. Another new road will be built connecting Stone Blvd. and Hardy St. A new surface parking lot will be built as well as a parking garage.

President Keenum said over the summer, Mississippi State's Student Government Association was recognized as the Student Government Association of the year for the Southeastern Conference. They also received the Outstanding Award for Diversity and Inclusion.

Dr. Missy Hopper is now the president for the Phi Kappa Phi honor society. President Keenum said he is very proud of Dr. Hopper for the recognition. Dr. Tim Chamblee and the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness received the National Excellence in Assessment

designation. Mississippi State University is now the only institution in the SEC with that designation.

Next week Alan Alda will be giving a lecture on the importance of how science is communicated. There will be a three day workshop on how to be better effective communicators as well.

John Grisham will be the keynote speaker for the Fall Convocation which will be held next Tuesday. The Maroon Edition began 10 years ago with the selection of “A Painted House” by John Grisham. Mr. Grisham held a program on campus for the selection of his book. President Keenum said he and others were discussing how fitting it would be to select another Grisham book for the tenth anniversary of the Maroon Edition. The book selected for this year is “Calico Joe” by John Grisham. The book was published in 2012. It discusses family and life and revolves around baseball. President Keenum said he believes it is an excellent choice for our freshman and transfer students.

President Keenum said next Saturday will be the first football game of the season against Stephen F. Austin. This will be the first game of the Coach Moorhead era.

Senator Williams said his son is slated to be in the first class of the new partnership school. He asked how the project is progressing. President Keenum replied the project is going well. He said there have been numerous delays due to weather, but the project is on schedule for completion.

Senator Williams said the mayor of Starkville stated MSU was approached with regards to possible annexation and we declined. He asked President Keenum to explain the annexation process. President Keenum replied he applauds the efforts of the mayor to try to expand the benefits which the city provides to the areas growing outside of the current city limits. President Keenum said the possibility was explored and many legal concerns were brought to his attention. It was decided that it would be best to not be under the purview of the city board and their ordinances and codes. Mississippi State already has regulation and oversight.

#### **Mr. Steve Parrott, Chief Information Officer**

Mr. Parrott said the decision has been made to require students to use DUO, the universities two-factor authentication software, effective spring of 2019. An education campaign is underway this fall to prepare the students for the upcoming requirement.

Mr. Parrott said his department is working hard to improve how they communicate internal issues to the rest of the campus. Social media outlets are being explored to help resolve the communication issue.

Mr. Parrott presented a PowerPoint presentation about the new learning management software, Canvas, to the senate. This presentation can be found at the end of these minutes.

Senator Bora asked how compatible Webex and ARC are with Canvas. Mr. Parrott replied ARC and Canvas were both created by Instructure. They are very tightly integrated with each other. Webex will be pulled into Canvas when everything is installed and will therefore be very tightly integrated together.

Senator Savage asked if training will be conducted on the Meridian campus. Mr. Parrott replied training will be conducted on the Meridian campus.

Senator Wipf asked if MyMedia will still be used. Mr. Parrott replied MyMedia will continue to be used. He said the plan is to move away from MyMedia after a period of time if the University continues with ARC.

Senator Wipf asked if video cameras will be installed in lecture rooms. Mr. Parrott replied for the short term ITS was able to add some cabling to the podiums in the technology classrooms to allow the document camera to be tilted up to capture the instructor standing at the podium.

## **REPORT OF THE FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT**

As I approach completing two months on the job, I am glad to report that being the president of senate is just as great of a job as I remember it being a few years back. (Yes, I do actually enjoy this job, which many people find to be somewhat odd...) In preparing this report, I did go back and read through the description of the job once again (always a good idea) and despite the specifics that are given in the handbook, it doesn't mention something that I feel is a tremendously important aspect of this job, which is to be available to listen. If there is anything that any of you, or anyone on the faculty at MSU wants to be heard about, I will be more than happy to listen, and where appropriate, work towards a resolution of any issues identified. As president, I do have some committee service as part of my job:

- Athletic Council
- Executive Council
- Master Plan Development and Advisory Committee (along with the Design Review Committee)
- Diversity Council
- Information Technology Council
- Special Events and Game Day Operations Committee
- Sustainability Committee
- Parking and Traffic Regulation Committee
- Executive Enrollment Management Council
- Alumni Association Board of Directors

Normally, the senate president would also serve on the President's Committee on Planning, but since I am on that committee as a representative of the Bagley College of Engineering, I have

asked Mary Ann Jones to represent Faculty Senate on that committee (as Vice President of senate).

Speaking of committees, the assignments for each of the senate's standing committees have been made, and I have gotten agreement from the following senators to serve as chairs of those committees:

Noel Addy (Academic Affairs)  
Cody Coyne (Charter and Bylaws)  
Stacy Haynes (Student Affairs)

Guihong Bi (Ancillary Affairs)  
Kathy Sherman-Morris (Faculty Affairs)  
Laurie Grace (University Resources)

A complete list of all of the committee assignments is posted on the Faculty Senate website, and is in the notebooks that are being distributed to everyone in senate.

The last bit of information regarding committee assignments is the choice of Faculty Senate Designates on University Committees. Many of these positions have been filled, but others are still being worked on, with the hope of getting them all assigned by the time that you hear this report. Once we are in a position to clearly identify those positions that are vacant, I'll be sending out an e-mail asking for volunteers to represent the senate. Please be generous with your time on this, since the basic ideals of shared governance that mandate our representation on these committees is really at stake if we fail to serve on those committees on which we have requested positions.

Next, I wanted to update everyone on our current status with regard to the Academic Operating Policies that are one of the main jobs that we have as a senate. It has been quite a job, but I believe that we are getting very close to fully understanding the status of each of the AOPs that are currently out of date, and where those policies are being held up, if at all. Since our April meeting, AOPs 12.10, 12.29, 13.20, and 13.21 (ones that we sent forward for approval) have been signed and are now current, as well as AOP 13.10 being rescinded (as we recommended). We have received several AOPs to be considered, as will be discussed in the new business section, and Student Affairs still has AOP 12.25 under consideration. I don't have the normal table of "out of date" AOPs quite ready to be included in this report, but am planning to have it ready by the September meeting.

A summary of the 2018 Faculty Senate Spring Roundtable that I was in charge of last spring has also been posted on the website. I really appreciate the participation by administration, senators, and other faculty during this roundtable. I am in hopes that this roundtable has provided some impetus to all of us to improve our communication skills. Please let me know if you have any questions based on the report.

Two very important upcoming events are the Fall Convocation and the Fall Semester General Faculty Meeting. Convocation will be held at the Coliseum next Tuesday, August 28, and I strongly encourage you to attend if at all possible. It is important to show our new students that we as faculty are supporting them in their educational endeavors. I'll be formally welcoming all of them on the behalf of the general faculty, but good attendance of the faculty at that event is an important way to convey the fact that we really do welcome them, and are there to help. The general faculty meeting for this semester is going to be on Thursday, September 6, at 2:00 p.m. in the Bettersworth Auditorium in Lee Hall. I also urge you to attend this event, as well as the one in the spring next year.

Since this report is probably already longer than any report I have ever given to senate, I'm going to summarize the most significant items of business that I have noticed in the various meetings that I have attended since I took office on July 1. As always, if you have questions about anything that is not covered sufficiently, please feel free to ask.

**Game Day and Special Events** – Probably the biggest “new” thing you will see this football season is the metal detectors at each game. This is in response to a mandate by the SEC that requires us to have them by next year, but MSU and Alabama have taken the initiative to be leaders in this area and implement them this year. Obviously, these will slow entry into the stadium somewhat, and you should plan to arrive a bit earlier than usual if you want to see the opening kickoff. In other business, Junction Jane and Junction John are no longer with us, but we are now leasing replacements for these units (which is a much more cost-effective way to handle the situation).

**Information Technology Council** – As you have heard, Canvas has been adopted as the new LMS for the University, and a pilot program is being run this semester in order to get a good understanding of any issues that might exist before it is mandated for all courses using an LMS beginning with the Spring Semester of 2019. From everything that I have seen, this is an excellent decision, and will provide many benefits to the University. (More on this later, including our resulting WebEX license and the ARC tool.) Another big thing that has happened is the cutover to CSPIRE as the service provider for MissiON (the Mississippi Optical Network) connections. This is providing us with a 100GB/sec connection to Internet 2, and will ultimately provide a 400 GB/sec connection. One aspect of the change in providers is that we will be switching to VOIP instead of hard-lines for most telephones, so that will be a big area of activity in the coming months.

**Master Plan Development and Advisory Committee** – Progress is being made on several fronts with regard to construction on campus, including the Partnership School, the Collegeview Development, the Meat Sciences Building, the Animal and Dairy Sciences Building, the Poultry Science Building, the Engineering and Science Building, the new Music Education and

Performance Facility and the Catalpa Creek Confluence Project. I'm sorry if I missed anyone's favorite construction project, but promise to have a more detailed summary next time.

**Executive Council** – As mentioned earlier, there have been several AOPs signed this summer. I haven't yet made it to one of these meetings, since one was cancelled, and the other one was during a class I was teaching. We do have our next meeting on August 27.

Once again, I want to thank all of you for your service to the University, and your vote of confidence in me when you elected me to this position. I am on Faculty Senate in order to serve the University, particularly in terms of representing the general faculty, and am honored to be able to do so as president of the senate.

## **REPORT OF THE FACULTY SENATE VICE PRESIDENT**

Academic Deans Council:

The following AOPs were considered at the August 6, 2018 Academic Dean's Council:

- AOP 12.11: Degree Requirements- Undergraduate – passed as presented
- AOP 12.18: Academic Amnesty for Graduate Students – passed as presented
- AOP 12.21: Veterans' Academic Status – passed as presented
- AOP 12.23: Cooperative Education Program – tabled
- AOP 13.05: Faculty Grievance Procedures – tabled
- AOP 13.07: Academic Promotion and Tenure – passed with amendment; changed (shown below) to (see Faculty Handbook with link) in the first sentence of the second Policy/Procedure paragraph
- AOP 13.24: Annual Faculty Review Process – passed as presented

Regina Young-Hyatt and Tracey Baham presented on the Division of Student Affairs' continuing work on providing students with a volunteer service record with their transcript. The "Co-Curricular Transcript" would include a document outlining the student's engagement with extracurricular activities while at MSU. They provided examples from other universities who are currently providing this information for students. The information would be reported through the current OrgSync software, which is used to record student's volunteer activities. Student Affairs verifies entries so students would not be able to "pad" their co-curricular transcript.

Dr. Young-Hyatt was asked if departments or colleges could use OrgSync to keep track of their events and she said yes. If anyone on campus wants to use the OrgSync software they should contact the Student Affairs and they will provide software training. Reports for events are available from Student Affairs.

OrgSync has been purchased by Campus Labs and will be updated and a new platform, Engage, will be forthcoming. The new software will provide additional features. This fall student employment/ career readiness will be included.

Community Engagement Committee (CEC):

No report

Committee on Campus Access:

No report

Textbook Committee:

No report

President's Committee on Planning:

No report

## **FACULTY DESIGNATES ON UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES**

### **Associate Deans Council**

**July 11, 2018**

#### **Announcements**

Fall Convocation is scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> and MSU Alumni John Grisham is the keynote speaker

The Office of the Provost is encouraging faculty issue credit for attendance

All new students, and all freshman are to attend

#### **Graduate Student Amnesty**

A program is being reviewed to encourage past graduate students in good academic standing but have not finalized all requirements to be given an opportunity to complete their degree

The Office of Graduate Studies will be working on an initiative that will involve collecting information that identifies potentially eligible past graduate students (since 2008-2017)

Deans, Associate Deans, Departments can decide if they are interested in implementing the Option. Some programs may have strategic time lines involved or research programs may have progressed significantly during the interim period when a student was away from campus.

Senator Wipf asked if the students would be required to pay for the semesters in which they were not registered. Secretary Coyne replied that the continuous enrollment fees would be waived for the students.

Senator Sebba asked if the students would have to re-take any classes or take additional classes to use the amnesty. Secretary Coyne replied no additional courses would be required above the degree requirements.

Senator Sebba asked if there would be an entrance exam administered to the students seeking amnesty. Secretary Coyne replied the topic of an entrance exam was not discussed.

Graduate School Application Process

Currently graduate students are charged a new application fee if they are already in a major.

A proposal has been developed to eliminate the double charge process

Department Head Tuition Waiver Incentivizing Codes

Incentive Codes

Access waiver code needs to be provide

Application fee ID Code

Change in major ID Code

Unidentified issues ID Code

Graduate Student Tuition

GRAs receive 100% full tuition support

GTA's received 70% tuition support

A proposal is being developed for GTAs to received 100% full tuition support

The Graduate School would like to received concerns and objections to the tentative proposal

Co-Current Transcripts (Comprehensive Experiential and Applied Learning Record Format)

Represents an academic transcript format that combines curricular and experiential learning transcripts

Examples: leadership experiences, research skills and capabilities, internships, service

Adoption would distinguish MSU from the rest of SEC universities

Complete 2 Compete initiative has been highly successful (100 students will graduate in August)

MSU will graduate more C2C students than all other state academic institution of higher learning

Shared College Needs Initiative was reviewed

YMCA building renovation has resulted in the construction of a very impressive building

### **AOP Reviews**

AOP 12.12 - Credit and Grades (unfinished sections)

Tabled

AOP 13.24- Annual Faculty Review Process

Request to remove signature page

Remaining Faculty Senate revisions were approved

## **Associate Deans Council**

**August 8, 2018**

### Announcements

Non-Resident Tuition Waiver Option

Provost Office has available a waiver only for international students (n =40 per college)

Reporting student attendance and progress grades is becoming increasingly more and more important

Banner is essentially the only way of acquiring the necessary data

MSU is transitioning from Blackboard → Canvas

Data is only accessible if it is uploaded / MyCourses data can be uploaded into Banner

Question: could ITS have canvas automatically upload data to Lee Hall for reporting purposes..??

All classrooms with >60 seating have scanners for attendance

A request was issued to identify other important classrooms that need a scanner device installed

Faculty Orientation was held August 14, 2018 at the Mill Convention Center

A total of 95 new tenure track / clinical track / extension track / instructors attended

Approximately 40 faculty registered for the Teaching Academy on August 15, 2018

Annual Faculty Review Seminar is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Managing Time/Quality of Life presentation by Dr. Donna Reeves is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Office of the Graduate School Policy and Procedure Manual: Under review by ADC for revisions

A bench-marking process will be implemented during the review/revision process

Manual length is 37 pages with a significant amount of redundancy  
Graduate students must be enrolled with 15-hrs to acquire financial aid support  
Not all students have the same extenuating circumstances to warrant the same waivers  
Advisor Training Day: September 4, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Giles Room of the Library  
Lapsed Graduate Student Amnesty Initiative Launch  
Graduate students must have been enrolled at one time between 2008 and 2017  
The number of Master degree students that qualify for the initiative is quite high.  
Student degree programs without research requirement are much easier to include and manage  
A time-line completion period of 2-years is being encouraged...but exceptions may be employed  
There are currently 600 admitted students not registered (30% response rate)  
It might be beneficial to determine which students are on the verge of "timing out" right now....

#### Future Agenda

Visiting Research Scholars Process and Procedure (especially during summer months)  
Student Housing and Herbert Hall situation and experience  
Master Programs without PhD Option: Initiative for 20 programs with such a scenario in place  
ITS Review of automatic change of major (Dickerson at August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting)  
Degree Letters for student graduates addressed to future employers  
Currently can only state that a department has submitted necessary graduation documentation  
Some institutions award degrees immediately after completion of academic requirements  
ARC will provide a Canvas demonstration in Old Main (Susan Seal presenter)  
Full spectrum of Social Science and Art classes need to be recommended to science/Ag major students

## **Faculty Research Advisory Committee (FRAC)**

June 2018

Research Awards Program 2018

Ralph E. Powe Research Excellence Award

Priorities for Strategic Investment in Research

Research Topics for Strategic Investment

Strategic Investments to Support Research Priorities

#### Research Data Software Survey to Determine Intensity of Utilization

Research Data Tools (currently not under a site license for the MSU community)

- NVivo (quantitative data analysis)
- MAXQDA (quantitative data analysis)
- R (open source statistical computing and graphics)
- SAS (analytical, business intelligence, data management)
- SPSS (statistical analysis)
- Tableau (open source data visualization)

Data Collection/Analysis

- Qualtrics
- GeoSpatial
- ArcGis
- ECognition
- Envi

- Erdas
- Others
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Vice President Jones asked how faculty could suggest that something be added to the list.

Secretary Coyne replied the Office of Research & Economic Development could be contacted to suggest changes.

Senator Zuckerman asked if the Office of Student Success would cover the cost of additional card readers if they are requested.

Secretary Coyne replied he is under the impression the cost of the scanners would be covered.

## **University Access Committee**

July 2, 2018

Sidewalks and building access sites and parking lots have been reviewed

High priority sidewalks have been identified for re-construction

C.P. Coyne

Robert Holland Faculty Senate Secretary

Charter and Bylaws Chairman

## **BUSINESS TO BE SENT TO COMMITTEES**

1. AOP 10.12 Additional Course Fees (University Resources)
2. AOP 10.14 The Adoption and Sale of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials (Student Affairs)
3. AOP 10.15 Substantive Changes (Ancillary Affairs)
4. AOP 11.05 Requirements for Shortened-Format Courses (Academic Affairs)
5. AOP 34.01 Special Teaching Programs (Recommended Rescind) (Academic Affairs)

Senator Davis made a motion to send the items to their respective committee. Senator Williams seconded the motion.

Claudia Holland asked if it is possible to have outside representation on one of the committees. President Follett replied if someone wants to provide input to a committee, they should contact the appropriate committee chair.

The motion to send the items to the indicated committees passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Academic Affairs**

**No Report**

**Ancillary Affairs**

## **1. Videotaping of Lectures**

Vice President Jones, on behalf of the Ancillary Affairs Committee, presented the report on the videotaping of lectures.

Hearing no discussion, Vice President Jones said the report would be forwarded to the Center for Teaching and Learning to add to the sample syllabi.

**Charter & Bylaws**                      **No Report**

**Faculty Affairs**                        **No Report**

**Student Affairs**                        **No Report**

**University Resources**                **No Report**

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PENDING BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Senator Sebba made a motion to adjourn. Senator Grace seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous voice vote. President Follett closed the August meeting of the Robert Holland Faculty Senate at 3:46 p.m.

Submitted for correction and approval.

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Cody Coyne, Secretary

Jason Cory, Administrative Assistant II



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## Introduction

- Last year, ITAC invited Canvas to campus to conducted demos
- Approximately 150 faculty & support staff attended the sessions
- Surveys were conducted and nearly 100% of all attendees were in favor of the switch
- Students highly favored a move to Canvas
- Canvas was purchased in late March 2018



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## Pilot

- **66** faculty members representing
  - Entire campus
  - Distance and Face to Face
  - Wide levels of experience
- **151** courses
- **3709** students
- Piloters attended 6 hours of training in June and July
- Canvas was on hand for 1<sup>st</sup> day of June training
- Functionality unavailable during the pilot
  - Plagiarism Detection
  - Collaboration tool



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## Cloud

- Dependent on Canvas for updates
- They determine the schedule
  - Production – every 3 weeks
  - Test – every 3 weeks
  - Beta - every Saturday
- Beta (New Features) appear and become available for use




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## Canvas Pilot Observations

- Piloters have caught on more quickly during training
- Piloters have needed less training
- Piloters have had fewer questions
- Piloters seem more excited about using the LMS

*“A great session today! Your passion is contagious.”*  
- Carol White, New Faculty  
Educational Leadership



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## Pilot Results – Faculty

- *“The system is very intuitive to use. I also think the students will find this to be true, as well. The Canvas guides and Canvas community have been exceptionally helpful. I’ve had each and every problem resolved using these resources. It was relatively easy to move my old test banks from myCourses and so far, all questions have transferred properly. I am very excited about the tools that are embedded in Canvas such as Arc, Google Drive etc. “*
  - Christa Haney, Geosciences



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## Faculty Thoughts

- *"I've used both Blackboard and Canvas before. In my opinion, Canvas is much more intuitive and user-friendly than Blackboard. Setting things up makes more sense in Canvas than in Blackboard. Plus, with Canvas, it is easier to grade assignments on your tablet than with Blackboard."*

• Michele Medina, New Faculty Management and Information Systems



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## Timeline

- **Fall 2018** - Piloters will use Canvas
- **September 2018** – Hands-on training begins
- **Early November 2018** -Spring 2019 courses will be loaded
- **January 2019** –**ALL** Academic Courses in Canvas
- **Spring 2019** – **ALL** active Blackboard External Courses should request a Canvas course
- **June 30, 2019** – **ALL** courses must be off Blackboard



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## Faculty Thoughts

- [Kent Marett](#), Management Information Systems



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## Technology Suite

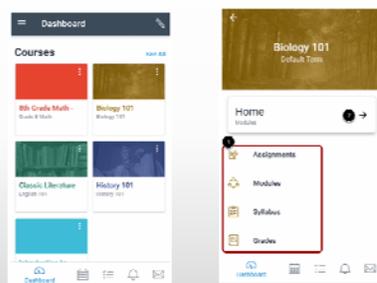
- ARC
- WebEx – coming soon
- Plagiarism Detection – announcement in September



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## Canvas Mobile



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## Differences from BB

- Assignments create grade book columns
- Content goes in modules not folders
- Course navigation menu cannot be customized



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## Benefits of Canvas

- Easy to use interface
- Easier to build content - RCE
- Speedgrader
- Full functioning mobile app
- More flexibility to integrate tools
- Full integrated calendar tool
- Students have experience using Canvas in K12 schools and Community Colleges
- Design with the end users in mind

## Benefits of Canvas - Support

- Canvas Community
  - <https://community.canvaslms.com/>



## Hands-on Training

- For early access into a Devel course
- Hand-ons training in McArthur Lab A begins September 12, 2018
- Register at [its.msstate.edu](https://its.msstate.edu)



## CDE Packing for Canvas

- October 25 and November 8
- Memorial Hall
- More information to follow



## CTL Sessions

- Register at [ctl.msstate.edu](https://ctl.msstate.edu)
- **August 30**, Canvas vs. Blackboard: What's New and What's Gone
- **September 13**, Canvas LTIs and Other Neat Products (Arc, WebEx)
- **October 25**, What We Learned: a panel discussion of Canvas Pilot Group Members



## Training Offerings

- Getting Started with Canvas
- Coming soon
  - Assignments & Grade Center
  - Rubrics
  - Modules
  - Quizzing
  - Arc
  - WebEx
  - HTML & Accessibility

## Canvas Corner

- Most Fridays
- McArthur Lab A
- Come and Go
- One on one help
- Beginning October 5, 2018
- Watch for a postcard with times

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## myState – Fall 2018

Click here to access all Canvas courses

Access Canvas

Click on individual Canvas course to access

Canvas Course Name  
BIS-1523-01-201820 Web Development I (Fall 2018)

Click here to access all Blackboard courses (myCourses)

Access myCourses

Click on individual Blackboard course to access

| Course Name  | Course ID          |
|--|--------------------|
| Intro to Algorithms (Fall 2018) (unavailable in myCourses)   | CSE-4932-01-201830 |
| Intro to Software Eng (Fall 2018) (unavailable in myCourses) | CSE-4214-03-201830 |
| Intro to Software Eng (Fall 2018) (unavailable in myCourses) | CSE-4214-01-201830 |
| Operating Systems I (Fall 2018) (unavailable in myCourses)   | CSE-4722-01-201830 |
| Prog Languages (Fall 2018) (unavailable in myCourses)        | CSE-4713-01-201830 |



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## Faculty Video

- [John Forde](#)



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## What Can I Do in Blackboard Now?

- Clean up Blackboard files (e.g. remove previous syllabus)
- Check that your videos still exist
- Clean out quizzes and quiz pools
- Begin thinking about new organization of materials and content
- Examine content and assessment to determine if it is still up to date and relevant



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## What to Do Next

- Come to Getting Started
- Request Devel Canvas Course
- Move content into Canvas

**•DON'T Procrastinate**



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## First Day of Classes



Strawderman, Lesley | Owen, Tina  
Canvas feedback

You replied to this message on 8/23/2018 5:29 AM.

Just wanted to let you know that I've done the following in Canvas so far:

1. Posted my syllabus and student materials
2. Put students in lab groups "during" class today
3. Each group submitted their first lab assignment via canvas during class
4. AND I've already graded their assignments

So far so good! And the students took to Canvas like a duck to water.

Lesley



## Questions

