

Faculty Senate Report to the Board of Governors
Lois Shufeldt, Chair
May 12, 2005

- I. **April Session: April 19, April 21, and April 28**

- II. **Announcements**
 - A. **Public Affairs Conference a big success, thanks to Drs. Kathy Pulley and John Strong**
 - B. **West Plains Workshop (April 26)**
 - C. **Dr. Joel Persky (Media, Journalism, & Film Department): neuro-intensive care at Cox South following a significant spinal column injury April 11**

- III. **Candidate Forum and Election of Officers**
 - A. **Drs. Mark Richter, Chair-elect (Chemistry Department)**
 - B. **Rhonda Ridinger, Secretary (Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department)**

- IV. ***Bylaws* Revisions**
 - A. **Amendments (2) to the PEC *Bylaws***
 - B. **Election of Officers—Faculty Senate (2)**
 - C. **Duties of the Officers—Faculty Senate**
 - D. **Actions and Resolutions of the Faculty Senate**
 - E. **Impeachment Clause**

- V. **Reminiscences by Dr. Russell Keeling**
 - A. **Presentation of a Plaque**
 - B. **His thank you:**

I want to thank you and the Faculty Senate for your warm reception and your thoughtfulness in remembering my service as CEO/Acting President. I have fond memories of my association with the faculty senate during that period as well as during other times in my career at SMS. I value those memories because I always loved the academy and consider myself very fortunate to have been able to have a career serving in it. It is a good feeling, indeed, to know that faculty members whom I highly respect feel that I made a contribution.

I wish you well with current challenges and look forward to a bright future for MSU.

- VI. Academic Relations Committee Report (Dr. Reed Olsen, Chair)—**
A. Establishment of Faculty Personnel Management Committee
B. Resolution on University Wide Teaching Evaluation Instrument
- VII. Faculty Concerns Committee Report (Dr. Stephen Jones, Chair)—Academy Proposal Voted Down by the Senate**
- VIII. Report on KOZK (Dr. Arlen Diamond)**
- IX. Report on Time-Limited and Non-tenurable Teaching Faculty (Dr. Kathy Pulley)**
- X. Revised Mission Statement for Center for Assessment and Instructional Support (incorporated our statewide mission in public affairs and the development of educated persons)**
- XI. Resolution Commending President John H. Keiser (presented May 3 at his retirement reception hosted by Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and the Student Government Association)**
- XII. Closing Remarks**
My time before you is at a close. As I reflect upon the past year, it would be easy to conclude that the Faculty Senate has had an unsuccessful year, inasmuch as not a single non-curricular action passed by the Senate has been endorsed either by the Administration or the Board. However, such a short-term evaluation would not do justice to the Senate; it fulfills a role in the University unlike that of any other group. It has served as a trailblazer and visionary, and the issues it has addressed will re-surface in the coming months and years. Serious consideration will be given to the provost model, differential fees, an equitable salary policy, faculty participation on governing boards, sexual orientation in our nondiscrimination statement, among others. I want to thank you for the opportunity to convey faculty views on those issues and in general, to share the faculty perspective with you. I have enjoyed working with you and getting to know some of you on a more personal level. You have been engaged and inquisitive, and I have sincerely appreciated your thoughtful questions. I wish you well as you tackle the challenges that lie ahead.

