

11/13/2007

Meeting opened at 7:00.

October Minutes approved by voice vote.

Old Business

The tolerance resolution was adopted by an e-mail vote. It has been posted online.

http://www.olemiss.edu/orgs/faculty_senate/senateresolution_20071012_1.pdf

New Business

Previous to the meeting Williamson forwarded to the Senate an e-mail outlining his Resolution Concerning IHL Funding Formula. The e-mail and attachment outlined growing inequities in funding between state universities in Mississippi. The resolution reads: The Faculty Senate of the University of Mississippi supports the Chancellor of the University of Mississippi in his efforts to encourage the Institutes of Higher Learning's Board of Trustees to acknowledge and correct these inequities so that the University of Mississippi may pursue its mission with fair allocations of State funding. After some discussion the resolution was adopted.

Ewing proposed a resolution regarding on-campus daycare for staff and faculty. Resolution is referred to University Services Committee.

Chair's Report

*Provost Retirement and Plans for Search

Williamson reported on Provost's upcoming plans for retirement (at that time projected for Aug. 2008) and indicated that the Senate should be involved in any search for a replacement. The Senate discussed.

*Previous to the meeting Williamson forwarded to the Senate an e-mail from Nathan Tublitz and Virginia Shepherd, Co-Chairs, Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA). They were asking the University of Mississippi to join. The Senate discussed.

*Williamson has agreed to co-host a meeting in South Carolina this Spring to try and create an active SEC Faculty Senate Council.

Committee Reports

*Governance

Decision by governance committee to host the visit by Larry Gerber announced. for December 11 to discuss the issue of shared governance at the University of Mississippi. Professor Gerber is First Vice-President of the American Association of University Professors and a former chair of the AAUP Committee on Governance. The purpose of this meeting is to assess and discuss the shared governance "climate" on our campus and to collect ideas for a Statement of Policy on Shared Governance that the Senate is in the process of preparing for the Chancellor.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Thad Cochran National Center for Natural Products Research, Auditorium 1044 and is open to all interested members of the university faculty.

After the session, those wishing to continue the discussion more informally are invited to gather at the home of Senator Elizabeth Payne for wine, cheese, and desserts. Senator Payne lives at 633 Park Drive, Oxford.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00