

November 2024 Senate Regular Meeting Minutes

Approved at the 12/3/2024 Regular

request be brought to the Senate's attention at msu.faculty senate@murraystate.edu.

3. Senator Busby noted that the handbook committee is continuing to explore remote instruction guidelines, and that their focus is shifting from inclement weather to a broader consideration of remote instruction.
 - v. Rules, Elections, and Bylaws – Faculty Senate Vice President, Heidi Ortega
 1. Vice President Ortega shared that the committee is preparing for nominations for the regent's teaching award as well as the 2025 faculty regent election.
 - vi. Executive – Faculty Senate President, David Roach
 1. Vote: FSM 24-25-2 --- Summer Compensation
 - a. Senator Terracina-Hartman made a friendly amendment to remove the hyphen between timely-manner. Adopted with unanimous consent. Senator Bourke made a friendly amendment to correct a grammar concern with an apostrophe (members' instead of member's). Adopted with unanimous consent. Senator Horton introduced an amendment to replace "long-term" with "for all stakeholders." Seconded by President Roach. Vote for amendment: 23 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.
 - b. Senator Guse commented that he did not realize that without summer teaching there is a significant overall budget gap. He expressed that we need to work on this gap, as he does not believe it is healthy to rely on voluntary off-contract summer instruction to balance the budget. Senator Pizzo expressed agreement and indicated that faculty has significant leverage with this issue. Senator Reeves expressed that she believes we need to find more effective ways of running the university and that the current budget mode is not sustainable.
 - c. Final vote: 26 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions. The resolution passed.
- X. Other University Committees
- i. Faculty and Staff Insurance and Benefits Committee

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