

**2016-2017 Morehead State University Faculty Senate  
Minutes – February 2, 2017  
Breckinridge 302**

Call to Order: 3:45 p.m.

**Senators:** Lola Aagaard, Annie Adams, Ali Ahmadi, Ashraf Aly \*, Ann Andaloro, Royal Berglee (Regent, ex officio) , Robert Boram, Amy Brown, Ric Caric, Katy Carlson, Hans Chapman, Marshall Chapman, Ophelia Chapman, Timothy Conner, Chris Cottingham, Martha Decker \*, Nathan Dishman, Mike Dobranski (Chair), Julia Finch, Lynn Geurin, Cyndi Gibbs\*, Gina Gonzalez, Wilson Gonzalez-Espada, Jason Griffith, Thomas Kiffmeyer, Sanghyun Lee, Greg McBrayer, Fatma Mohamed, Sam Nataraj, Sean O’Keefe \*, Chien-Chih Peng, Roma Prindle, Steven Ralston (Provost, ex officio), Sandra Riegle, Edna Schack, Kim Sharp, Vijay Subramaniam, Sue Tallichet, Cathy Thomas, Suzi White, and Wesley White \*

**Senators Absent Are Underlined Above and an \* Denotes an Excused Absence**

**Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve December and January minutes with changes to January minutes.

**Vote:** Passed

**Announcements:**

- PAC-26
  - Committee has met and are working on changes but unsure of changes due to the budget.
  - Will be meeting again next week and then thereafter every other week.
- “State of the Institution” document update
  - Will move ahead with new president and our faculty views.
  - Staff Congress has asked to have faculty report for review.
- TAB
  - Still have vacancy and need new representative.
- MSU Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA)
  - New organization created and be working with Faculty Senate.

**Old Business:**

- Statement on Filling Interim Positions
  - Such language suggestions were suggested for removal:
    - Majority to be removed
    - Athletes to be removed

**Motion:** To remove second paragraph and change language by Senator Aagaard

**Seconded:** Senator White

**1<sup>st</sup> Motion** to remove second paragraph

**Vote:** Passed

**2<sup>nd</sup> Motion** to input specific verb age.

**Vote:** Passed

**Provost Report:**

- Five proposals for new programs.

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- Dean McBride will be leaving the University.
- Budget talks continue.
- Provost is working towards a way to bridge the gap between Deans, Department Chairs, and Provost Office.
- Seeking Commencement Speaker.
- Earth Space Science awarded a \$300,000 grant.

**Regent Report:**

- Presidential candidate information has been emailed to all faculty and staff on campus.

**Faculty Senate Committee Reports:**

- Governance Committee proposed filling vacancy of Faculty Rights and Responsibilities with Lisa Lennox and the University Graduate Committee vacancies with Jody Fernandez and Janet Ratliff.

**Motion:** to approve the appointments of the previous mentioned.

**Vote by Slate:** Passed

- Academic Issues Committee
  - Survey student retention
  - Due diligence with IRB
- Evaluations Committee
  - Are we making progress survey
- Faculty Welfare and Concerns Committee
  - No report
- Senate Committee Issues
  - Staff to write on State of Institution report.

**Other business:**

Scott Nyles will be attending Faculty Senate in two weeks to report on what Staff Congress is working on currently.

Senator Sharp suggested inviting SGA president so they have a balance of information of the State of MSU.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 5:15 p.m.

**Minutes Taken By:** Barbara Willoughby, Faculty Senate Secretary

**Next Regular Senate Meeting:** February 16, 2017 @ 3:45 p.m.