

## **Faculty Senate Minutes November 19, 2009**

### **Call to Order:**

Call to order: 4:12 pm, Riggle Room, ADUC

Senators Absent: Sarah Hawkins, Latonya Hesterberg, Stephanie Johnson, Steven Parkansky, Brent Rogers, Pam Ryan, Rodney Stanley

Visitors: Charles Patrick

Minutes: Senator Chatham asked that the minutes of November 5, 2009 be revised to read "Center for Critical Thinking", in the first line, third bullet under Governance. The minutes were approved as revised.

### **Committee Review:**

Academic Policies: No report

Communications: Working on updating the web page and archiving past Senate materials

Evaluation: No Report

Fiscal Affairs: Will present a Resolution on Administrative Collaboration

Governance: Will present members for Standing Committees; General Education Council committee description; Updated TEC committee description

Professional Policies: No report

### **Reports:**

Provost's Report:

- Charles Patrick provided the results of a survey Senators and faculty were asked to complete regarding computer competency levels for students.
- The feedback form for the six proposals received for QEP is still available online for review and comment at <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/qep/> until Monday, November 30, 2009.

Regent's Report:

- Board of Regents met November 19, 2009.
- Financial audit was very good.
- Met with Dr. John Moore regarding the President's review
- Chair Lovely will release a statement regarding the President's review
- Strategic planning workgroups are drafting goals
- Beth Patrick provided a report regarding faculty compensation

General Education Report:

- Looking at student computer competency
- Identify current Gen Ed courses that can serve as distribution courses for next year
- November 20 deadline for courses
- First Year Seminar Subcommittee prepared the Type II proposal, with assessments of the SLO's and the scoring rubrics for the First Year Seminar
- Common theme, "Fact or Fiction" and the common reading, *un Spun: finding facts in a world of [disinformation]*, by Brooks Jackson and Kathleen Hall Jamieson
- Developed process for faculty to submit First Year Seminar topics

- Senator McCormick moved to approve the membership of the First Year Seminar Subcommittee as follows: Yvonne Baldwin, Beverly McCormick, Timothy Hare, Cyndi Gibbs, Robert Boram, Edna Schack, Lora Pace, Ann Rathbun, and Phil Krummrich. Senator Macintosh seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- A First Year Seminar Subcommittee description and requirements for membership will be approved by the Senate at a later date.
- The Senate will need to develop a plan for how the First Year Seminar theme and book will be selected in the future.
- Constitution Committee has completed their review of the Senate Constitution and are drafting a revised document to present to the Senate members after the New Year.

#### Chair's Report:

- Chair Berglee asked the members if the Senate should constitute a panel to review faculty issues with the bookstore. After discussion, Senator Chatham moved to refer the bookstore issue to an Ad-hoc committee of three faculty to be selected by the chair. Senator Irons seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **Senate Actions:**

##### Governance:

- The Governance committee recommended Wayne Willis to replace Robert Boram, At-Large member, who resigned from the University Promotion Committee. Recommendation approved.
- The Governance committee recommended Tom Kmetz to replace Clara Potter (who retired from the University) as Library representative on the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee. Recommendation approved.
- The Governance committee brought the following changes to the General Education Council Committee Description for a first reading: to allow the Faculty Senate Chair-elect to be a voting member; and add the Dean of Library Services or his or her designee as a voting member (requested by the Dean of Library Services). After discussion, Senator Irons moved to suspend the rules and go to a second reading. Senator Macintosh seconded the motion. Motion passed. Senator Irons moved to approve the General Education Council Committee Description as revised. Senator Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The Governance committee brought the Teacher Education Council (TEC) Committee Description for a second reading. One revision was made since the first reading: Line 78, Chair (or his or her designee) of the Faculty Senate. Chair Berglee asked for questions or discussion. There was no discussion. The Teacher Education Council (TEC) Committee Description passed as revised.

##### Fiscal Affairs:

- The Fiscal Affairs committee brought forth a Resolution "that the Morehead State University Faculty Senate welcomes the commitment to shared governance expressed by the President, and is committed to active, timely, and substantial involvement in the decision-making process" for a first reading.

##### Academic Policies:

- Senator Irons presented a Proposal from the Academic Policies Committee regarding general education requirements for Associate Degree Programs for a second reading. Senator Irons provided details of the proposal. A question and answer session followed. Senator Rathbun expressed a concern that if KCTCS reduces the number of hours

required for an Associate Degree in Respiratory Care, will Morehead State then be requiring more hours for an Associate Degree in Respiratory Care than KCTCS and how the change would affect accreditation for programs. The Provost stated that exceptions for accreditation requirements will always be supported. The proposal was approved.

New Business:

- There was discussion about a forum for written communication between Senators and faculty.

Adjournment: 5:20 pm