

Faculty Senate Minutes
March 7, 2013

Call to Order: Chair Chatham called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm; Riggle Room, ADUC

Senators Absent: Donna Everett, Michael Fultz, John Hennen, Thomas Kiffmeyer, Beverly Klecker, Ann Rathbun, David Smith, Joyce Stubbs

Visitors: Jeffrey Liles and Lisa Shemwell sitting in for the Provost; Aaron Gay, Chair Staff Congress

Minutes: The minutes of February 21, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Reports:

Chair's Report:

- Attended the Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL) in Frankfort on February 25, 2013; Bob King (CPE) presented a report on tuition rates
- Chair Chatham has replaced Lesia Lennex on the Reconciliation Committee; making progress on PAC-2
- There will not be an Open Chair segment today

Provost's Report:

- Lisa Shemwell, on behalf of the Provost, provided a report on the damage to Ginger Hall from the electrical fire. Ms. Shemwell also reported on the relocation of the various units housed in that building.
- Jeffrey Liles, on behalf of the Provost, provided a report on "Connect the Dots". The three major areas of "Connect the Dots" are: 1) process improvement 2) enrollment planning and 3) improve communication and collaboration. Mr. Liles presented examples of some of the results of the discussion in the meetings

Regent's Report:

- Regent Morrison attended the BOR retreat on February 25 and 26
- BOR will meet on March 14; spotlight presentation will be on compensation; tenure with promotion will be on the agenda; sabbatical leave; adopt a resolution authorization sale of bonds to renovate Mignon Hall; various reports will be given

General Education Council Report: Senator Royar, on behalf of Senator Rathbun, reported that the GEC has been reviewing SLOs, Exchange Courses and First Year Seminar. Senator McCormick informed the Senators that GEC needs more sections of First Year Seminar and are taking proposals.

Faculty Welfare and Concerns: Chair Chatham requested that Cyndi Gibbs, Chair Faculty Welfare and Concerns, withdraw the resolution on state funding that was to be presented from the FWC committee. Chair Chatham explained that President Andrews and Chair-Elect Rathbun are concerned that since the Legislators are not working on the budget at this time it would be more appropriate to submit the resolution next year. Senator Gibbs asked Chair Chatham to inform the faculty at WKU, who provided the resolution for the MSU Senate to review, of the decision that was made and the rationale for doing so.

FWC met with Michelle Hardin regarding faculty benefits. One of the benefits they are discussing is reinstating the tuition waiver for graduate classes for spouses and dependents. Ms. Hardin will provide a report on the cost to the University of this benefit. FWC also discussed other benefits for faculty who did not take MSU health insurance.

Academic Issues: Academic Issues brought the following resolution for Senate review:

Whereas retention of students is a vital issue for Morehead State University;

Whereas a student who is failing a class may be able to pass the class between midterm and the end of the term with some assistance and advice;

Whereas academic advisors would like to know which of their advisees have received an "E" or "U" at midterm;

Whereas advisors may then contact these students to plan a course of action;

We therefore resolve that academic advisors receive a list of all advisees who have received an "E" or "U" at midterm;

We further resolve that this list include the course the student is failing or not attending;

We also further resolve that this information be sent to the advisor within one week after midterm grades are due.

After discussion, Chair Chatham called for a vote. The resolution passed.

Governance: Chair Royar recommended Steve Hunt fill an interim at-large position for the remainder of this semester on the University Faculty Promotion Committee. Recommendation passed by the Senate. Chair Chatham will notify Brian Reeder, Chair Faculty Promotion Committee, of this approval. Senator Miller asked Chair Chatham to also notify the Dean of the College of Education.

New Business:

A Senator presented a report from their department regarding discussion at their department meeting about the Faculty Compensation Plan that was distributed.

Adjournment: 5:40 p.m.