

Faculty Senate Minutes
Riggle Room
Morehead, KY
October 16, 2014

Call to Order: 4:10 p.m.

Senators: Ritta Abell, Annie Adams, Royal Berglee (Regent, ex officio), David Butz, Katy Carlson (excused absence), Ophelia Chapman, Doug Chatham, Timothy Conner, Marcia Cooper, Verdie Craig, Jennifer Dearden (excused absence), Mattie Decker, Nathan Dishman, Christine Emrich, Vanessa Flannery, Michael Fultz, Lynn Geurin, Cyndi Gibbs (excused absence), Gina Gonzalez, Timothy Hare (excused absence), Kenneth Henderson, John Hennen (excused absence), Julia Hypes, Eric Jerde, Nilesh Joshi, Rebecca Katz, Thomas Kiffmeyer, Donna Kizzier, Jennifer Little, Brian Mason (excused absence), Rus May, Beverly McCormick, Lee Nabb, Sam Nataraj, Sean O’Keefe, Steven Ralston (Provost, ex officio), Steven Reid, Gilbert Remillard, Sandra Riegle, Brent Rogers, Chad Rogers (excused absence), Robert Royar (Chair, excused absence), Kim Sharp, Bo Shi, Joyce Stubbs, Sherry Surmont (Secretary, excused absence), and Yuqiu You.

Senators Absent Are Underlined Above

Welcome of special guests: Chair – elect, Christine Emrich, introduced: President Andrews; CFO / VP Beth Patrick; and, Executive Director of Budgets and Financial Planning, Teresa Lindgren.

Senate Actions:

Motion: To Approve 10/2/14 Faculty Senate Minutes (Senator Michael Fultz)

Vote: Approved

Motion: To suspend “Special Rule of Order #6” for the current meeting, to allow the Senate to remain in session for as much time as may be required (Senator Eric Jerde).

Second: Senator Doug Chatham

Vote: Approved

Reports:

President Andrews provided objectives for the Senate Budget Workshop:

- 1) Educate the Senate on the university budget;
- 2) Inform the Senate on MSU’s present financial status;

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3) Answer Senators' questions about the budget and financial concerns.

CFO / VP Beth Patrick

Budget overview discussion:

- What is a budget?
- How the budget is planned in order to meet state (CPE) and institutional (ASPIRE) goals
- Budget calendar
- Special budget terminology (i.e., restricted v. unrestricted funds; recurring v. non-recurring revenues; educational and general)
- Budget methods (i.e., incremental / base-plus; formula; performance, resource-centered-management; zero-based; and hybrid)
- State appropriations (i.e., Medicaid, k – 12 education, post-secondary education, criminal justice system, human services); post-secondary education comprises 24% of the state appropriation for FY 2015.
- The break – down of the FY 2015 budget: \$153.2 million (54.9% on personnel)
- Changes to scholarship structure (i.e., have enacted the KEES X2; altered the Commonwealth Scholarship); fewer FTFR this year, but the net revenue is a little higher due to decrease in discounted tuition pricing.
- 10 year change in the MSU personnel roster (which only includes full-time faculty, staff, and administrators): +43 people. In '04 MSU employed 992; in '14 MSU employed 1035.
- The “Preferred Future” for MSU:
 - Increase academic quality
 - Develop and maintain relevant 21st century programs
 - Continue with the employee compensation plans (faculty and staff)
 - Maximize net tuition revenue by minimizing the over – awarding of scholarships
 - Maintain a 75 – 25 cost share for health insurance

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- Implement aggressive course schedule plan.

Provost Ralston

- Considering the future of the regional centers
- Thinking about innovative ways to deliver our courses to the regional centers via new technologies
- Examining potential “reductions in force” strategies:
 - Re-organization
 - Combine resources
 - Improve academic quality
 - Departments to find innovative “pathways for improved” academics
- Not committed to allowing faculty to see all APNA data; faculty encouraged to focus on their own departments and programs.

Announcement

- Senator Mattie Decker introduced her colleague, June Grice, who announced that Professor Emeritus Jay Flippin had passed away on 10-16-14.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:45 p.m.

Minutes Taken By: Kimberlee Sharp, Senate Communications Officer