

**Faculty Senate Minutes
Riggle Room
Morehead, KY
January 15, 2015**

Call to Order: 4:10 p.m.

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

Senators Absent Are Underlined Above

Senate Actions:

Motion: To approve 12/4/2014 Faculty Senate Minutes (**Senator Abell**)

Vote: Passed

Motion: To propose to substitute the emailed version of Excellence in Teaching Committee description to replace the version that was voted on 11/20/2015. (**Senator Chatham on behalf of the Governance Committee**)

Vote: Passed

Motion: Be It Resolved, that the Faculty Senate recommends the dissolution of the following inactive University Standing Committees:

1. University Academic Program Review Committee
2. Campus Environment Team/Affirmative Action Committee
3. Wellness Committee

(**Senator Chatham on behalf of the Governance Committee**)

Motion: To propose the motion on committee dissolution be returned to the governance committee until the February 5, 2015 meeting. The purpose is to have them state the reasons for dissolution (i.e. "this" committee no longer meets and its activities are handled by "such and such" committee). (**Senator Jerde**) (**2nd Senator Emrich**)

Vote: Tabled

Motion: Proposed an amendment to the Excellence in Teaching: University Standing Committee description:

Line 31: replace "Distinguished Teaching Award" with "Distinguished Teacher Award".

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Line 32: replace “those appointed by Faculty Senate” with “all other members appointed by Faculty Senate”. (**Senator Remillard**)

Vote: Passed

Motion: Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate supports Aramark employees to become unionized. (**Senator Hennen**)

Vote: Passed (37 yes, 2 no, and 2 blank)

Announcements/New Business

1. PAc 27 will return to the FS floor.
2. PAc 22 and PAc 26 will be the topic in the next few FS meetings.

Reports:

Chair Royar

1. Amendments and proposals for resolutions are to be written and turned into the FS Secretary.

Provost

1. Academic Self Study
 - a. On track to be released in February through the portal.
 - b. There will be two process & procedural open forums in February.
2. AVPSS candidates are being brought on campus in the next few weeks.
3. SACS 5th year committee is meeting.
4. Spring retention in comparison to last year is down 2%.
 - a. 2013-2014 Fall to Spring retention was 84%
 - b. 2014-2015 Fall to Spring retention was 82%
5. Open House is coming up and faculty is strongly encouraged to be involved.

Regent

1. December Regent meeting was routine/standard.
2. Audit report was favorable.
3. Tuition will raise 3% 2015-2016 academic year.

Issues

1. Presented a shared governance power point presentation

Meeting Adjourned: 5:55 PM

Minutes Taken By: Sherry Surmont, Faculty Senate Secretary