

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**Riggle Room**  
**Morehead, KY**  
**April 2, 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 (Excused), Jennifer Dearden, Mattie Decker, Nathan Dishman, Noel Earl, Vanessa Flannery, Michael Fultz, Lynn Geurin, Cyndi Gibbs, Gina Gonzalez, Timothy Hare, Kenneth Henderson, John Hennen, Julia Hypes, Eric Jerde, Rebecca Katz (Excused), Thomas Kiffmeyer, Donna Kizzier, Beverly Klecker, Christine Lange, Jennifer Little, Brian Mason, Rus May, Beverly McCormick, Sam Nataraj, Sean O'Keefe, Steven Ralston (Provost, ex officio), Steven Reid, Gilbert Remillard, Sandra Riegle, Brent Rogers, Chad Rogers (Excused), Robert Royar, (Chair), Sherry Stultz, Kim Sharp, Bo Shi, Joyce Stubbs, Cathy Thomas, Sherry Surmont (Secretary), and Yuqiu You

**Senators Absent Are Underlined Above**

**Visitors:** Dr. Ric Caric (sitting in for Verdie Craig) and Dr. June Grice

**Senate Actions:**

1. **Motion:** To approve 3/26/15 Faculty Senate Minutes (**Senator Abell**)

**Vote:** Passed

2. **Motion:** Resolved, That Rules 1 and 2 of the Faculty Senate Special Rules of Order are amended as follows, effective August 1, 2015

1. Regular meetings of the Faculty Senate shall be called to order at 3:45 PM on the first and third Thursday of each month during the regular academic year. Any Thursday within a given month that the University is not officially in session will not be considered in calculating meeting dates.
2. Two regular summer meetings of the Faculty Senate shall be called to order at 3:45 PM on the third Thursday of June and July

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

**Vote:** Passed

3. **Motion:** Resolved, that the faculty and the Faculty Senate as its representative body are entitled to a demonstration that the administration is indeed working in good faith with the faculty, a demonstration that includes, but is not limited to,
  - recognition of the work faculty has already done to meet administrative demands;
  - prioritization of current and future tasks that includes reasonable time frames for completion;

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- justification for “unfortunate coincidences” in overlapping time frames for administratively defined faculty service work, justifications that address the relationship between and among the tasks that that the administration is asking faculty to complete concurrently; and
- acknowledgement of the fact that Senate is a democratically elected representative body that does speak for the faculty.

Furthermore, the Senate calls upon the administration to

- recognize how many of the problems the institution is currently encountering are the product of manufactured cycles of foreseeable crises, wherein multiple problems are purportedly dealt with all at once, only to be revisited again a few years hence because the quick-fix posed in the past proves inadequate;
- respect the proper role of faculty in the governance of this or any institution of higher learning; and
- seek a genuine dialogue with faculty, staff, and students.

**Vote:** Passed (29 Yes, 4 Abstentions)

**New Business:**

1. Senator Katz and Senator Geurin: Resolution regarding extension of time in reviewing and revising PAc 22 and PAc 26. (Attached)

**Announcements:**

1. Next meeting April 9, 2015 @ 4:10 PM in the Riggle Room.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:00 PM

**Minutes Taken By:** Sherry Surmont, Faculty Senate Secretary

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**Senate Resolution Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminology  
March 25, 2015**

We believe it is unreasonable and irresponsible to prevent an extension of time in reviewing and revising Pac 22 and Pac 26. We propose an extension until December, 31 2015. This will ensure that faculty have an opportunity to digest and continue to revise the two Pacs and that Faculty Senate have time to review AAUP feedback on proposed changes of Pac 22 & 26. This also would give faculty an opportunity to have three months of work during the summer when faculty are not teaching full loads and have sufficient time to devote to the PACs revisions. Subsequently, new faculty forums will be scheduled in the fall semester to address faculty questions and concerns about said revisions. We suggest the following timeline:

Summer: Faculty Senate continues to work on Pac 26

September: Start of feedback and forums process

October: Revisions and vote by Faculty Senate

November: Review by Provost & President

December 3: Review by Board of Regents

Finally, we recognize that communication between administration and faculty has suffered strain over the past 12 months and request that administration, faculty, and staff begin the process of trust-building to more effectively meet our common goals.