

**2015-2016 Morehead State University Faculty Senate
Minutes – February 4, 2016
Riggle Room**

Call to Order: 3:45 p.m.

Senators: Annie Adams (Chair), Sanjeev Adhikari, Aly, Ashraf, Royal Berglee (Regent, ex officio), Katy Carlson, Hans Chapman, Ophelia Chapman, Tim Conner*, Chris Cottingham, Jennifer Dearden, Nathan Dishman, Mike Dobranski, Anthony Dotson, Lynn Geurin, Cyndi Gibbs, Gina Gonzalez, Janell Hare, Timothy Hare, John Hennen, Eric Jerde, Thomas Kiffmeyer, Gary LaFleur, Jennifer Little, Rus May, Gregory McBrayer, Beverly McCormick, Elizabeth McLaren, Ron Morrison, Sam Nataraj, Steven Ralston (Provost, ex officio), Steven Reid, Gilbert Remillard, Sandra Riegle, Brent Rogers*, Chad Rogers*, Roma Prindle, Kim Sharp, Bo Shi*, Tim Simpson, Joyce Stubbs, Sherry Surmont (Secretary), Sue Tallichet, Cathy Thomas, Michele Walters, Wesley White

*Senators Absent Are Underlined Above and an * Denotes an Excused Absence*

Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes

Motion: To approve 1/21/2016 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Vote: Passed

Announcements

Chair Adams made announcements on the following topics:

- The “Path Forward” survey on Blackboard will be open another two weeks. Closing date will be 2/18/16.
- The Executive Council has discovered Senator elections have not always followed the criteria outlined in the Constitution, so moving forward, the department chair will receive a reminder email in March that will list the Senator vacancies and the qualifications a faculty member must have to be elected Senator.
- The President sent out an email about forming a “Budget Planning and Advisory Task Force.” The task force will be made up of the President, Provost, Cabinet, Deans, Chair Adams, the Staff Congress Chair, Craig Dennis, and possibly a SGA representative. Chair Adams asked the Senate for suggestions for ways to get the most faculty feedback concerning these budget issues. These suggestions included:
 - Forming a discussion board on Blackboard
 - Setting aside time during the next Faculty Senate meeting
 - Facilitating faculty-only forums

Provost Report

The main topic of the Provost’s report was Governor Bevin’s proposed higher education budget cuts, a reduction for MSU’s budget of 4.5 % in this current fiscal year (2015-2016) and 9% in the next fiscal year (2016-2017). The legislature will not address this proposal until April.

The Provost attended a regular scheduled CPE meeting last week; there were two topics of discussion:

- How to attract more transfer students.
- The proposed budget cuts and what to do.
 - There is intense lobbying on every level and on every side
 - Schools are creating webpages similar to MSU’s “Fund the Solution”

The Provost reiterated Chair Adams’ announcement about the “Budget Planning and Advisory Task Force”.

The task force will meet all day, Friday, February 4th. The following is what the Provost would like to see from the task force:

- Options to reduce the budget.
- Efforts to share information from the meeting with colleagues.
- Fora to gather feedback.

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- There will be a page on the portal to encourage campus involvement. Minutes from task force meetings will be posted on the page. There will also be a discussion board to gather campus feedback.

Other topics the Provost reported on were:

- Ellucian is on campus working on updating our infrastructure.
- Fuse Ideas is the vendor chosen to handle our external webpages. Some of the areas they will be looking at are:
 - How we spend our media dollars
 - How we build out brand
 - Increasing our google analytics
- The College to Career initiative is headed by Dr. John Ernst and Julia Hawkins. This group will be:
 - Doing inventory across campus of what is currently being done to prepare students as freshmen for what happens after graduation.
 - Who are doing internships?
 - Who are doing co-ops?
 - Generating a report after completion of the inventory.
 - Looking at what sister institutions are doing (Best Practice). An example of one institution has an alternative transcript of high impact learning, which includes:
 - Study abroad
 - Internship
 - Co-ops
 - Leadership opportunities
 - Making their recommendations.
 - Implementing solutions.

Old Business: Discussion of stipulated version of PAC-22

The stipulation to the approval of the PAC was the rejection of the proposed time frames (20 and 30 days) involving the “Notice of Intent.” That language has been replaced with the original time frames (10 and 15 days) that were agreed upon by the reconciliation committee. The discussion amongst the senate was lengthy and ultimately led to the following resolution.

Motion: To resolve that, in the interest of fairness, the dates for the accused to respond to a Notice of Intent should be lengthened to 20 business days in line 144 and 30 business days in line 157 of the administration’s version of PAC-22. These lengthened time frames match what is articulated in the Senate-approved version of PAC-22. **(Senator Sharp)**

Vote: Passed (Yes 31, No 0)

At the Provost’s request, there will be a justification statement attached to the resolution.

Reports:

Governance:

The Research, Creative and Productions committee will be losing Senator J. Hare from its membership and will need to replace that vacancy with someone for the College of Science.

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Motion: To elect Senator Dotson to fill the vacancy on the RCP committee (**Senator Simpson on behalf of the Governance Committee**)

Vote: (Passed)

The Governance committee has produced a Faculty Standing and Advisory Committees interest survey, the survey will open February 15th and have a two-week window. The governance committee will be following the actual membership rules starting this fall.

Evaluations:

The committee will be re-creating the “Are we making progress” survey to be conducted this spring. Senator McBrayer asks if anyone has a more recent copy of the survey please forward it to him. The committee plans to have Administrator voice during the production of the new survey. The committee is going to take the feedback from today’s discussion and consider all options.

Issues:

The Issues subcommittee's meeting with Beth Patrick has been scheduled. It will be Tuesday, February 9, 10am - 12pm in the 202 HM Conference Room.

(The following reports were emailed to the senate.)

Faculty Welfare & Concerns:

The committee is looking at PAc-10, this policy is outdated, and it still talks about correspondence courses but has nothing to say about intersession or the new winter session.

Academic Issues:

The committee has gone back to its review of FEPs and is currently looking into the support available to faculty via Disability Services. If you or anyone you know has any issues or concerns regarding student accommodations for disabilities, please contact Senator Tallichet.

Regent:

There has been no action by the MSU Board of Regents since the last Faculty Senate meeting. The BOR will meet for the first time this calendar year on February 9th. This will be a work session, which will not take action on business activity. The main topic of this session will be the budget and financial outlook for the university. The first Quarterly Meeting will be held on March 18th, which will include an Audit Committee meeting followed by the full business meeting. The agenda for each meeting is usually available a few days before the meeting date and are usually posted to the portal.

It is understood that the main topic of the upcoming BOR sessions will be the KY budget situation and the impact it may have for higher education and Morehead State. We all have received the messages regarding the budget from President Andrews. The proposed state budget will follow the process that will provide a final outcome to work with. President Andrews and his team are working on this at the state level. At our university level, work will also be taking place to prepare and address the final budget outcome. The president’s advisory task force will be meeting to address this. Various forums have been proposed to share the information with the university.

My recommendation is to keep up the good work as faculty in supporting our programs and our students. In past years, the budget season has increased our stress levels based upon speculation and the unknown factors. Though

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this continues to be the case this year, we need to keep our focus and share our concerns, ideas, and questions with those involved. The Faculty Senate has various committees to address university issues. I applaud the faculty in the senate for their willingness to be a part of this process. Please communicate your ideas or concerns to your senate representatives and the Executive Council. Faculty Senate members will be listed as part of the president's

advisory task force. I share my colleagues concerns regarding workload-creep and neglect that often gets reported during times of budget shortfalls. We need faculty input and assistance to address these important budget matters. Let me know of any concerns or issues that I can help with

Meeting Adjourned: 5:35 p.m.

Next meeting: February 18, 2016 – Riggle Room (ADUC)

Minutes Taken By: Sherry Surmont, Faculty Senate Secretary