

**2016-2017 Morehead State University Faculty Senate
Minutes – September 1, 2016
Breckinridge 302**

Call to Order: 3:46 p.m.

Senators: Lola Aagaard, Annie Adams, Ali Ahmadi, Ashraf Aly, Ann Andaloro, Royal Berglee (Regent, ex officio), Robert Boram, Amy Brown, Ric Caric, Katy Carlson, Hans Chapman, Marshall Chapman, Ophelia Chapman, Timothy Conner, Chris Cottingham, Martha Decker, Nathan Dishman, Mike Dobranski (Chair), Julia Finch, Lynn Geurin, Cyndi Gibbs, Gina Gonzalez, Wilson Gonzalez-Espada, Jason Griffith, Thomas Kiffmeyer, Lee Sanghyun, Greg McBrayer, Sam Nataraj, Sean O’Keefe, Roma Prindle,* Steven Ralston (Provost, ex officio),* Sandra Riegle, Edna Schack, Kim Sharp, Vijay Subramaniam, Sherry Surmont (Secretary), Sue Tallichet, Cathy Thomas, Suzi White, Wesley White

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

Visitors: Dr. Scott McBride proxy for Provost Ralston

Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes

Motion: To Approve 8/18/2016 Faculty Senate Minutes

Vote: Passed

Announcements:

- Senator Adams reminded everyone that an AAUP representative, Howard Bunsis, will be visiting campus on September 16th in Breckinridge at 3:00 p.m. The topic of the presentation will be “Breaking Down University Budgets”.
- Senator Riegle informed the Senate that she and Senator Adams met with the VP of Student Success, Dr. Jason Bentley, and the Associate VP, Dr. John Ernst, to start a discussion about how faculty can help improve student retention.
- Chair Dobranski announced that the Executive Council will be meeting with the presidential search consultant Tuesday, September 20th, 11:10 – 11:40 a.m.

Old Business – PAC 26

Senator Adams gave an update on PAC 26. She, Senator Carlson, and former Senator Remillard drafted a faculty response to the proposed PAC 26 revision. They also expressed the resistance to having “consolidation” and “reorganization” as reasons to terminate faculty. Please see the attachment to the September 1st Communications Report to review the response.

Regent’s Report

Regent Berglee continued the conversation about the proposed revision of PAC 26, the highlights of his report include:

- He shared with the Senate and previously shared with the Board that the current and revised PAC are in violation of state statute. The statute states, “No president or faculty member can be removed except for incompetency, neglect or refusal to perform duties, or immoral conduct.”
- At the September 30th BoR meeting, the board will be voting on the revised PAC 26.

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Governance

Senator Cottingham presented a slate of candidates to fill committee vacancies.

Motion: To approve the following: Tim Hare (CCAHSS) for Faculty Promotions, Kimberly Peterson (COS) for University Tenure, Annie Adams (CCAHSS) for University Graduate, Kurt Gibbs (COS) for Student Disciplinary, and Itza Zavala-Garrett (CCAHSS) for Excellence in Teaching (**Senator Cottingham on behalf of Governance**)

Vote: Passed

Senator Cottingham informed the Senate of two vacancies on the Planning Committee; a representative from the COB and a Senator Representative from the COS. He also announced the upcoming formation of a new committee, Diversity and Inclusion.

Academic Issues

Senator Riegle announced that her committee will continue to work on the student retention issue. They will also begin to explore the sudden policy change involving the Learning Management System and answer the question, “Is MSU contracted by BlackBoard to use certain vendors?”

Evaluations

Senator Tallichet stated her committee has formulated a survey to help determine what criteria the faculty would like to have in the new President. She asked the Senators to distribute the surveys to their colleagues and have the surveys returned to the committee no later than September 9th.

Faculty Welfare and Concerns

Senator Carlson informed the Senate her committee will meet with Provost and his team to discuss prep work for revising PACs, September 12th.

Issues

Chair-elect McBrayer announced his committee will be working on four issues:

- Budgets; headed by Senator Adams.
- A wish list of where faculty would like to see the University in five years; headed by Senator Brown.
- Getting faculty representation on the President’s Cabinet; headed by Senator Caric.
- Establishing a University Ombudsman; headed by Senator Sharp.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:02 p.m.

Minutes Taken By: Sherry Surmont, Faculty Senate Secretary

Next Regular Senate Meeting: September 15, 2016 @ 3:45 p.m.