

**2016-2017 Morehead State University Faculty Senate
Minutes – September 21, 2017
Bert Combs 413**

Call to Order: 3:45 p.m.

Senators: Annie Adams, Ali Ahmadi, Ashraf Aly, Robin Blankenship*, Katy Carlson, Marshall Chapman, Kelly Collinsworth, Jennifer Dearden*, Julia Finch, Gina Gonzalez, Wilson Gonzalez-Espada, Jason Griffith, Janelle Hare*, Timothy Hare*, Thomas Kiffmeyer, Lesia Lennex, David Long, Randy McCoy, Fatma Mohamad, Lee Nabb, Chien-Chih Peng, Jonathan Pidluzny, Roma Prindle, Daryl Privott, Edna Schack, Delar Singh*, Vijay Subramaniam, Sue Tallichet, Cathy Thomas, Rodney Watkins, Suzie White, Wesley White, Barbara Willoughby, Qingzshou Xu, and Nilesh, Joshi.

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

Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes

Motion: To approve August 31, 2017 minutes.

Vote: Passed

Announcements:

- Reminder of Title IX Sexual Misconduct Training deadline on September 29.
- Reminder to distribute the communication reports to your constituents.
- The Diversity Plan sent to the Board of Regents on September 28 for approval.
- Full-time faculty can join KEA at the cost of 595.00 a year in an effort to rally support for pension issues.
- Jason Bailey from the KY Center for Economic Policy will have a presentation about taxes and pension on Oct. 10.
- Pictures of Faculty Senate and Executive Council taken today.

Statement from Senator Adams regarding metrics and P-B Funding

- Brief presentation regarding the performance based funding and items included for calculation. (See the Communication Report 9/21 for more in-depth information.)
- Possible resolution to come from Faculty Senate with proper in depth information from all who are affected.

Regent Report:

- Legislature will be meeting regarding the budget impacts on higher education.
- Pension rates for KERS rate will go up for MSU about 70 percent. KTRS will also increase.
- Special session to be announced by the Governor.
- The university budget will be given to the Governor for next academic year in January.
- Governor wants to make Kentucky a state of manufacturing excellence.
- Metrics that are used during the performance-based funding will include six-year graduation rate among other.
- COSFL (Coalition of Faculty Senate Leadership) has met regarding the performance based funding and pension issues. They have asked the Governor to meet and he has accepted the opportunity to meet with them. Next meeting will be in October.
- Next Board of Regents meeting will be September 28 in the CHER building.

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Provost Report:

- Permanent positions have been frozen other than critical hires because of the unknown factors that may impact the institution.
- Hal Rogers and the NASA leaders along with the Lt. Governor were on campus Sept. 20 for a special meeting regarding grants for the Earth Space Science Center.
- Retention is an emphasis right now.
- Winter session possibly expanding to include repeater courses.
- More ways to offer 4-week courses in the summer are being discussed.
- Enrollment is still being evaluated for Fall 2017.
- FUSE has been hired to help market our graduate programs.
- Credit hours taught by staff will be counted under performance-based funding.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Issues: No report.
- Evaluation Committee: Senator Privott shared Committee Chair Senator Dearden's report in her absence stating that the committee had met and discussed FEPs.
- Faculty Welfare and Concerns: Senator Carlson, Committee Chair, stated that the committee will review PAC 2 that is used for promotion, PAC 3 emeritus status, and PAC 29 & 34 regarding instructor loads.
- Governance: Senator Lennex, Committee Chair, presented the new committee members slate for Senate review. The slate was approved unanimously.
- Issues Committee: Senator Adams shared Committee Chair Senator Tim Hare's report in his absence stating that the committee will be looking at the Faculty Senate Constitution and procedures for insuring that standing committees meet.

New Business:

- None

Meeting Adjourned 5:16 p.m.

Minutes Taken By: Barbara Willoughby, Faculty Senate Secretary

Next Regular Senate Meeting: October 5, 2017