

**2016-2017 Morehead State University Faculty Senate
Minutes – October 5, 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 September 21, 2017 minutes.

Vote: Approval with amended changes.

Announcements:

- Faculty Senate blackboard updated with communications report.
- Diversity Plan approved by BOR (See under <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/diversity/>)
- Jason Bailey from the KY Center for Economic Policy to speak on Oct. 10 regarding tax and pension reforms at Rodburn Elementary at 6pm
- Chair Tallichet has emailed Dr. Couch with remainder of Faculty Senate meeting dates for a possible time to meet regarding retention strategies
- Faculty Senate is waiting on further information regarding athletic update and changing Divisions

Statement Regarding recent event:

- Brief statement from Faculty Senate regarding the recent vandalism event involving MSU students. The event is being investigated as a hate crime. The statement was brought to the Senate from Executive Council for further input and amending.
 - Call to question by Senator Prindle

Motion: To approve statement with minor edits

Vote: Passed

President's Report:

- Budget stable at this time.
- Enrollment is down slightly but sufficient for budget.
- Strategic Planning Committees' work to close on December 1.
- ADUC to reopen during the summer 2018
- Six older houses on University Street will be razed. (Palmer House excluded.)
- Rock opens Homecoming Weekend (October 19 – 21).
- Pension issue still being debated with too many unknowns remaining.
- Special legislative session expected late October early November.
- Healthcare costs are rising and efforts being made to control costs.

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- Seven and one-half of MSU's budget will be repositioned (approximately 10 million).
- Suspended Alumni Center
 - Donors asked to move money to scholarships and to date all but one have agreed.

Regent Report:

- BOR met Sept. 28.
- Dr. Schack recognized for receiving NSF grant.
- Scott Niles elected secretary of National Council of University Research Administrators.
- First Craft Academy graduates have been accepted to top universities.
- BOR voted on revised capital plan with removal of new buildings and focus on renovation.
- BOR approved Diversity Plan.
- BOR approved an updated student code of conduct.
- BOR heard that the MSU Police Department updated their codes.
- Tim Rhodes reported that undergraduate enrollment numbers are solid but graduate numbers are down and international numbers are a concern.
- Enrollment services is implementing new items to reach students.
- Faculty have been asking about personal service contracts
- BOR approved the disposal of property.
- MSU budget format has been revised and is now comprehensive and more detailed.
- Paul Goodpaster has asked a sub-committee that includes the Regent Pidluzny to review BOR by-laws.
- BOR took tour of ADUC, the President's house and the Rock dining commons that afternoon.

Provost Report:

- General Education council has received great proposals under the New Program Proposal Initiative (NPPI).
- Diversity Plan is now located on the diversity page for public view.
- Purchases and appointments in Academic Affairs have been put on hold.
- Meetings have been held with donors regarding increasing the scholarships.
- Report on Early College and dual credit revealed that 30% of these students do attend MSU and new incentives to draw dual credit students to MSU are being discussed.
- Saudi student issue remains open.

Committee Reports:

- Academic Issues: Chair Ali Ahmadi reported that the General Education task force is meeting and will let us know of any concerns.
- Evaluation Committee: No report.

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- Faculty Welfare and Concerns: Chair Katy Carlson reported that the flex made easy accounts have posed problems for faculty due to several issues with the company. She advised faculty to check their FSA accounts for amounts.
- Governance: The committee held elections for Planning Committee representatives for COS 2015-2019 (Senator Dearden), CBT 2016-2020 (Senator Ashraf Aly), and COE 2016-2020 (Senator Long).

Motion: To approve the slate

Vote: Passed

- Issues Committee: Chair Tim Hare reported that he has received questions regarding assessments of minor programs.

Meeting Adjourned 5:35 p.m.

Minutes Taken By: Barbara Willoughby, Faculty Senate Secretary

Next Regular Senate Meeting: October 19, 2017