

2017-2018 Morehead State University Faculty Senate  
Minutes – February 15, 2018  
Bert Combs 413

Call to Order: 3:45 p.m.

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

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

**Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve February 1, 2018 minutes with minor corrections.

**Vote:** Approved

\*Chair Tallichet made a statement regarding the Herald Leader article and encouraged faculty to contact their representatives in Frankfort about pending legislation.

**Announcements:**

- Updates on Faculty Concerns:
  - The Provost is checking with IT about the quarantined email issue. Please make sure to change your password by March 18.
  - Provost is addressing the overrides without faculty permission issue with the Deans.
  - Bookstore issues will be addressed discussed with Charles Gancio during the March 15 Faculty Senate meeting.
- Correct number for the counseling center is 783-2055, the number online is incorrect.
- Work order link was made available for faculty to report work orders.
- Faculty Committee Preference Survey will open March 1 thru 16.
- NSSE opens February 15 and runs through June 1.
- Black History Month events.
- BOR special session February 22 in Prestonsburg.

**Regents Report:**

- Meeting with General Counsel regarding description of role.
- BOR special session Thursday February 22, 2018, and brief overview of agenda.
- Review of possible ways to meet budget goals:
  - Eliminating vacant lines
  - Shifting eligible employees from KERS to KTRS
  - Paying down debt service contract
  - Reducing our healthcare costs via eliminating dental coverage
  - Consolidating in some areas of campus
  - Reducing travel costs next year
  - Outsourcing contracts
  - Reducing facilities cost by \$500,000

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**Questions and concerns for Regent to take to BOR:**

- ✓ How do we insure the task force committees looking into cost reductions receive accurate information regarding what an academic department needs and appropriate space?
- ✓ Do we actually save money when we outsource?
- ✓ Are there plans to raise money rather than cut funds?
- ✓ How do we continue keep the uniqueness of our university if we cut unique areas of it?
- ✓ Dental is a concern regarding the healthcare of our region?
- ✓ Sick leave is what people signed up for and would seem to be contractual?

**President Report:**

- Early fall enrollment numbers look good.
- Paying the pension cost is still an issue.
- Educational content comes first during fiscal considerations about cutting costs.
- Folk Art Center possible shared responsibility with city and county to keep it open.
- Health services will stay in Ally Young, there are fewer staff on the physical health side and more staff in mental health counseling. This is one cost saving measure.
- KCTCS opens new buildings and will be offering General Education courses in 100 and 200-level courses which will be our competition.
- President was asked to explain the “earn to learn” line. President Morgan addressed this by explaining you will have this line rather than the student wage line and the funds cannot be moved to another budget line. Students who work on campus tend to stay on campus over weekends.

**Provost Report:**

- General Education assessment is 95% in compliance.
- Credentials for CPE will be collected.
- PAC-2 revisions are currently being reviewed.
- Self-service tool postponed so a steering committee can be created to work on it. Senator Collinsworth volunteered to serve on this committee.
- Self-study discussed about where are we now three years later.
  - Adding a three-year data report.
  - Going to program faculty for their review, all faculty comments will be attached to report.
  - Sending to Faculty no later than March 14 with three week turnaround.

**Meeting Adjourned** 5:45 p.m.

**Minutes Taken By:** Barbara Willoughby, Faculty Senate Secretary

**Next Regular Senate Meeting:** February 28, 2018