

2017-2018 Morehead State University Faculty Senate  
Minutes – March 8, 2018 (Special Session)  
Bert Combs 413

Call to Order: 3:45 p.m.

**Senators:** Annie Adams, Ali Ahmadi, Ashraf Aly, Mark Blankenbuehler, 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, Nilesh Joshi, Thomas Kiffmeyer, Gary LeFleur, 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, and Barbara Willoughby.

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

**Special Session called to order:** 3:45pm

President Morgan addressed Faculty Senate with a brief summary of budget reallocations and unit reorganizations:

- University regulations (UARs) being updated.
- New administrative organization was presented and explained.
- Third and final payment for old Board of Education building.
- Mid-year givebacks to Frankfort are between \$416 and 417K.
- President has asked BOR for a new policy creating a cash reserve or “rainy day fund.”
- ADUC will open this summer. The first moves will include food services now covered by Third Street Eats along with offices currently housed in the old School Board building and Allie Young.
- MSU has requested renovation funds for Lloyd Cassidy.
- New SB 1 bill removes the 6.25 percent cut to universities and provides \$200,000 for the Kentucky Folk Art Center.
- SB 66 is a rider bill to SB 1 that freezes pension funds for KERS employees June 30, 2019 and moves them to a defined contribution retirement plan.
- MSU is currently overstaffed by 150-200 according to IPEDS data comparing MSU to other universities our size. Faculty numbers are on par.
- Dental and sick leave cuts will save roughly \$650K.
- University remains under contract to purchase the old Rowan County Detention Center.
- Provost Search is suspended until the legislative landscape settles down.
- Saudi students may now attend MSU again after a hiatus.
- Scholarships are on the upswing.

**Meeting Adjourned** 5:35 p.m.

**Minutes taken by:** Barbara Willoughby, Faculty Senate Secretary