

2017-2018 Morehead State University Faculty Senate
Minutes – March 15, 2018
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

Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes

Motion: To approve March 1, 2018 minutes.

Vote: Approved

Announcements:

- Book orders are due March 16.
- Faculty Committee Preference Survey opens March 1-16.
- Passwords to be changed by March 18.
- Thirteenth Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship abstracts are due March 19 at 8am.
- BOR meeting will be March 29 new officers will be elected.
- March 29 will be our next meeting and will be a reception at the President's house.
- Harry Floyd, Travel Coordinator, will present at the April 19 Faculty Senate meeting.

Bookstore presentation:

- Bookstore Manager, Charles Gancio briefly introduced his associates to the faculty.
- Bookstore now has a new brand name "University Store".
- Julie Ferguson presented an overview of the book ordering process along with policies to Senate.
 - Explanation of deadlines, number of copies ordered, and ISBN accuracy.
- Faculty can check adoptions for accuracy on the webpage.
- Cost of returning unused books explained to faculty.

General Education update:

- a) FYS will continue until a new general education plan is in place. Although QEP has sunsetted, a new FYS is tied to general education and a QEP that will be developed later in time for the next SACSCOC visit in 2020.
- b) Senators had some concerns with the new general education proposal (LUX) timeline which seemed hasty. There was also concern over including only one math class and no civics classes.
- c) There was much discussion about the process and the extent to which it was faculty-led. Due to a discrepancy between what faculty understood from previous general education revisions and the Provost's reading of the General Education Council's committee description.

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Motion: A resolution that any proposal to reform general education at MSU, including the final version of the newly proposed General Education Proposal (LUX), be sent to the Faculty Senate for a vote of approval.

Vote: Passed Unanimously.

Regents Report:

- BOR will meet March 29 in CHER

Provost's Report:

- SOAR numbers are up 318 from this time last year.
- Housing deposits are up.
- Self-study review draft as approved by Dean's Council to be sent out after Spring break. The final draft will be the "health check" on programs as called for under the revisions last made to PAC-26.
- MSU will be able to accept Saudi students in August for select programs.
- Tomorrow the Provost will meet with President Morgan regarding the budget and status of voluntary options.
- Please ask your faculty constituents to attend commencement.

Faculty Senate Committee Reports:

- a) Academic Issues: Reviewing the service portions of the FEP.
- b) Evaluation Committee: Final report on findings done by next meeting.
- c) Faculty Welfare and Concerns: No report.
- d) Governance: No report.
- e) Issues Committee: Harry Floyd will be at the April 19 meeting, committee will accept any questions prior to meeting to have Mr. Floyd address in his presentation. Document being developed defining General Counsel's role.

New Business:

- Urge departments to vote for new senators prior to retreat so they can attend.

Meeting Adjourned 5:46 p.m.

Minutes Taken By: Barbara Willoughby, Faculty Senate Secretary

Next Regular Senate Meeting: March 29, 2018