

2017-2018 Morehead State University Faculty Senate  
Minutes – April 19, 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 Jena, 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 April 5, 2018 minutes.

**Vote:** Approved

**Announcements:**

- Earth Day Celebration & Sustainability Fair will be April 20 at 10am-3pm location will be Allie Young Lawn.
- Celebration of Student Scholarship will be April 25 location will be Button Drill room.
- Eagle Lake Clean Up April 27 10am-4pm.
- Commencement attendance is strongly encouraged.
- Provost Ralston's retirement reception will be May 1 2pm-4pm in 311 Ginger Hall.
- Departments should be electing their Faculty Senate representatives before the semester ends.

**President's Report:**

- Pension bill (SB1) has passed under litigation.
- MSU cannot sunset sick leave buyout just yet until litigation is over.
- Two bills to watch are HB 265 and HB 487 both on the Governor's desk.
- Nine-10 faculty took advantage of the phased out retirement.
- Budget reduction at state level will be 6.7% of state appropriation (\$2.58M).
- May BOR meeting will address Laughlin, Wetherby, and Butler facilities.
- Budget reductions (and possible layoffs) will depend a lot on SOAR numbers.
- MSU has frozen tuition.

**Travel Coordinator Harry Floyd:**

- Briefly explained travel procedures.
- Explained how the travel forms are to be completed.
- Form for travel does not accept your e-mail address. You must use the MSU ID number of your supervisor.
- Explained how travel cards are used.
- Brief explanation of how cost cutting this procedure has been.

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**General Education Update**

- General Education Committee approved extended versions of two math courses.
- FYS, no longer tied to defunct QEP, will be revised to focus on recruitment and retention.
- General Education assessment participation is up and SLOs are being met. Need to show improvement now.

**Regent's Report**

- No report.

**Provost's Report:**

- No report.

**PAC-2 Second Reading:**

- PAC-1 has some changes that affect PAC-2. Both need to have same language.
- Clarification of time served at MSU was made.

**Motion:** To change years in service at MSU and seconded.

**Vote:** Passed unanimously.

**Motion:** To cut some language and reference the same as in PAC-27 and seconded.

**Vote:** Passed unanimously.

**Motion:** By Senator Collinsworth to table change to remove College Promotion Committee.

**Vote:** Passed unanimously.

**Faculty Senate Committee Reports:**

- a) Academic Issues: No report.
- b) Evaluation Committee: Report about FEPs submitted earlier to Chair Tallichet. Review at next regular Faculty Senate Meeting.
- c) Faculty Welfare and Concerns: No report.
- d) Governance: presentation of faculty committees slate

**Motion:** By Senator Adams to approve slate.

**Seconded:** By Senator J. Hare to accept the slate.

**Vote:** Passed unanimously.

- e) Issues Committee: No report.

**New Business:**

- Julie Ferguson is getting ready for buy backs and needs all textbook orders submitted ASAP.

**Meeting Adjourned** 5:33 p.m.

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

**Next Regular Senate Meeting:** May 3, 2018