

2017-2018 Morehead State University Faculty Senate
Minutes – May 3, 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 19, 2018 minutes.

Vote: Approved

Announcements:

- Attendance at convocation is strongly encouraged.
- Departments need to elect their Senators before the end of the semester.
- UAR 331-01 regarding mass communication on campus is being reviewed by President Morgan.
- Self-service on the portal is difficult to navigate and that issue is being addressed.
- Phishing scams have increased. Be assured that MSU will never ask for password or private credentials and you should never reply or click on links within the body of the email.

President's Report:

- Brief explanation given about how MSU compares to other institutions the same size.
- MSU budget for 2018-2019 will be finished by May 18.
- MSU will no longer pay the 5.1% tax on ORP effective July 1 providing some fiscal relief.
- KTRS will increase employer contribution in the next couple of years.
- KERS employer contribution was kept the same for one year only, but it will increase to \$3.2-3.3 million next year starting July 1, 2019.
- The university is working on a three year budget forecast.
- Enrollment and student housing deposits look good for the fall.
- Change to the tuition remission bill means employees are no longer able to use tuition waivers between universities but MSU employees can still use them at MSU.
- Ten phased retirements will be presented to the BOR approval.
- MSU will not move forward on not buying sick leave service credit this year due to the lawsuit.
- MSU will still have to purchase the current Rowan County Detention Center building.
- MSU will make the last payment on the old Rowan County School Board Building this summer.
- MSU has sold the former American Legion building.
- Facilities committee report will be presented to the BOR at the next meeting in June.
- Performance-based Funding will be reviewed by Kentucky legislators in three years. It should be noted that WKU and NKU Western will receive more funding than other institutions. UK is next in line behind them in the amount of funds received.

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General Education Update:

- GEC met regarding new FYS proposal.
- Fractionalized staff will be teaching FYS courses as part of their load.
- FYS will be standardized with syllabi and activities being the same in all sections.

PAC-2 second reading:

- No report.

Provost's Report:

- No report.

PAC-2 Second Reading:

- Changes that were suggested were reviewed.

Motion: Senator Adams moved to accept these changes made to date.

Seconded: Senator Privott seconded.

Vote: Passed.

Regent' Report:

- HB 265 will save MSU about \$2 million next fiscal year.
- KERS costs will stay the same for the next fiscal year then they will jump.
- KTRS costs will increase for the next fiscal year.
- Three major costs MSU will not have to pay again in the future are the old RC Detention Center, ADUC renovations, and Board of Education building payments.
- Largest threat to MSU's future is recruiting quality faculty.
- Executive Council will form an ad hock committee on salaries next year.
- May 10 BOR has called a special session rather than work session as previously planned.
- Healthcare taskforce was asked to find \$1.5 million in cost savings.
- Healthcare and Facilities taskforce will report to BOR during special session.
- BOR meeting on June 7 will focus on the MSU's budget.

Provost's Report:

No report.

Faculty Senate Committee Reports:

- a) Academic Issues: Created a items in a spreadsheet will inventory contain service activities in current FEPs.
- b) Evaluation Committee: All FEPs have been sent to the Provost's Office and to Chair Tallichet and will be posted on blackboard. The Committee Report on FEPs was printed in the last CR and will be put on the Faculty Senate Blackboard site. The committee recommended that PAC-35 be reviewed to check for consistency with other PaCs (2 and 27) and possibly reviewing FEPs every five years. The committee also created a routing form to for future use.
- c) Faculty Welfare and Concerns: PAC-2 received a second reading.
- d) Governance: Presented slate for General Education Council, the Student Media Board and a replacement member on the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

Motion: Senator Adams moved to approve as a slate.

Vote: Passed unanimous.

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- e) Issues Committee: suggested changes in how to represent faculty on Faculty Senate in light of reorganizations, particularly from departments to schools in colleges, suggesting a UAR. The Provost will send this to his successor. The committee has also addressed the role of General Counsel relative to Faculty Senate service and will continue its work.

New Business:

- Chair Tallichet expressed her gratitude towards Faculty Senate for all their work, thanked her Executive Council members who chaired Senate Committees and recognized the exceptional job done by the Faculty Regent and Communications Officer.

Meeting Adjourned 5:11 p.m.

Minutes Taken By: Barbara Willoughby, Faculty Senate Secretary

Next Regular Senate Meeting: TBA