

**2018-2019 Morehead State University Faculty Senate
Minutes – March 7, 2019
ADUC 329**

Call to order 3:45

Senators: Ali Ahmadi, Mark Blankenbuehler, Robin Blankenship, Katy Carlson, Marshall Chapman, Jennifer Dearden, Anthony Dotson, Julia Finch, Wilson Gonzalez-Espada*, Mark Graves, Jason Griffith, Dirk Grupe, Timothy Hare, Patricia Harrelson, Jeffrey Hill, Jason Holcomb, Kouroush Jenab, Nilesh Joshi, Rebecca Katz, Thomas Kiffmeyer*, Eujin Kim, Gary Lefleur*, Lesia Lennex, David Long, Randy McCoy, Fatma Mohamad, David Oyen*, Chien-Chih Peng, Jonathan Pidluzny, Roma Prindle, Daryl Privott, Edna Schack, Delar Singh, Vijay Subramaniam, Sue Tallichet, Fujian Tan, Craig Tuerk, 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 17, 2019 minutes with corrections as noted.

Vote: Approved

Announcements: (all announcements posted on the blackboard)

- Encourage colleagues to vote on the revised FS Constitution
- Encourage colleagues to complete the committee preference survey
- Encourage colleagues to participate as judges at the Celebration of Student Scholarships
- Mid-term grades are due by midnight Monday March 11th
- Encourage faculty and staff to attend the QEP forums
- Textbook adoptions for summer and fall 2019 will be open March 11-29
- Nominations for Distinguished Faculty or Staff will sent out via email soon
- SGA is offering \$250.00 per student to travel to conference
- Random cotinine testing will begin, notification will be sent via email
- Faculty Senate meeting is open to everyone

Presentation by Dr. Laurie Couch on the new FYS:

Dr. Couch explained how the structure of the course came about. Mission began fall 2017 to consider reconstruction of FYS based on student surveys and faculty surveys. Research showed concerns were that we did not have a unified first year experience, which is critical for student success. The change was to make it a more unified experience for the students. Studies found the students were not getting enough orientation to college life along financial literacy. The new course would include diversity topics. A group was developed and began working towards accomplishing the goals in November and December of 2017. The Deans recommended faculty who had previous experience teaching FYS. The group met several times a week to review literature that was already being used by other institutions that had the outcomes desired by MSU. Mental health was a key topic to be addressed by MSU within the course. The committee included experts from each discipline area that would help create the course information to be delivered to the students. First Year program area was consulted regarding the content that students needed to make a major choice and how to succeed in course work.

The team built a universal syllabus that would be used by all FYS instructors. Once the course changes were endorsed by the sub-committee it would then presented to General Education Committee for their review and approval. The group then began seeking out instructors for the course along with building a

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blackboard shell for all instructors to use. They decided to not use a textbook in order to keep the cost down to the student. Reference material would be used instead.

Dr. Couch presented the blackboard shell to Faculty Senate and answered questions regarding the course and materials. The course is set up on a weekly schedule with instructor materials to help guide them through the process. Along with the material to help the instructor there were Peer leaders hired to be teaching assistants to help instructors with events and various other materials. Courses were evaluated and changes for the fall 2019 courses will reflect the outcome of the evaluations. The floor was open for questions and discussions by Senate.

President's report:

No report

Provost's report:

Encouraged attendance at the QEP forums. General Education approval process will be posted soon for review, please take time to review and vote. PAC 10 is being reviewed by administration and a copy of changes will circulate through Faculty Senate for consideration. Seizure Smart Training has begun on campus.

Regent's report:

Board of Regent's work session was February 28th, physical year plan was presented to the board. Various budget concerns were addressed; bookstore revenue at a loss, resident halls were up, and retention is up. Unplanned expenditures were healthcare, Mignon Hall chiller replacements, volleyball court, raze of Butler, KERS rate increase to mention a few. Other budget impacts were the decline of International enrollment and the projected cost of M&O of ADUC exceeded what was originally projected. There has been a restructuring of loans that has given the University savings. Other mentionable items were Foundation would be moving from the Palmer House to the previously occupied enrollment services building, Volleyball will be moving to the AAC, and Laughlin will be taken over by the city to mention a few.

Staff Congress Report:

No report

General Education Report:

SLO's information has been received

General Education Review & Implementation Committee:

March 6th was the deadline to submit feedback

Senate committee reports:

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- a) Academic Issues: Committee is in the process of reviewing another vendor to replace IDEA. Blackboard is not going away but mid-term and final grades are to be submitted on a different platform.
- b) Evaluations: No report
- a) Faculty Welfare & Concerns: Working on PAC-2
- b) Governance: Radiation Safety Committee titles have been reviewed and corrected along with revised committee description.
Motion: To approve revisions to Radiation Safety Committee. Introduced by Senator Carlson. Motion seconded by Senator Tallichet.
Vote: motion passed
- c) Issues: Committee working on FTE unit for faculty

New Business:

No report

Meeting Adjourned 5:29 pm

Minutes Taken by: Barbara Willoughby, Faculty Senate Secretary

Next Regular Senate Meeting: March 28, 2019 at 3:45pm in Rader 112