

**2019-2020 Morehead State University Faculty Senate
Minutes – February 20, 2020
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Call to order 3:45

Senators: Lauren Bates, J.T. Blackledge, Robin Blankenship, Doug Chatham, Steve Chen, Jennifer Dearden, Anthony Dotson, Heba Elgazzar, Mike Fultz*, Wilson Gonzalez-Espada, Mark Graves, William Grise*, Dirk Grupe, Michael Hail, Timothy Hare, Patricia Harrelson, Ahmad Hassan, Jeffrey Hill, Alison Hruby, Amber Hughes, Kouroush Jenab, Jeannie Justice, Thomas Kiffmeyer, Euijin Kim, Tom Kmetz, Gary LaFleur, Lesia Lennex, David Long, David Oyen, Roma Prindle*, Sherif Rashad, Edna Schack, Kimberlee Sharp, Sherry Stultz, Vijay Subramaniam, Craig Tuerk, Rodney Watkins, and Wesley White.

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

Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes:

Motion: To approve February 6, 2020 minutes

Vote: Approved with amendments

Announcements: (all announcements posted on the blackboard)

- Faculty Regent Candidate Forum Feb 26, 3-5pm, ADUC Theatre both profiles and video of presentation will be available for reviewing.
- Dr. Grupe gave brief statement regarding the NASA administrator presentation today:
 - ✦ This was a big day for us. It's not every day having the NASA administrator, so the head of NASA here in Campus, or in Kentucky in general. But don't forget, Kentucky's #1 industry is aerospace! We are #3 in the nation. This event had been planned for more than a year. Dr. Ben Malphrus told me about this the first time probably more than a year ago, so the initial plan had been having Jim Bridenstine here a year ago. This is actually the second visit of a NASA administrator. Two or three years ago we had his successor, the Interim Administrator Robert Lightfoot on campus to speak. I think the talk by the administrator today was good and I think opened a lot of eyes of people who are not in this business, how important space exploration is. It is not just about going to the Moon, this is more. The Moon is just our stepping stool to Mars. Plus we will use new space stations for developing new medicine and even organs that we cannot develop or create under Earth's gravity. After the rush to the Moon in the 1960 motivated by the cold war space race, we are now in the second space era, but this time it is not race it is about sustainability, because this time we will be to the Moon and stay there. That's way also the next space station "Gateway" will be around the moon, actually in the L1 Lagrangian point between the Moon and the Earth, because it will be much easier to get from here to Mars.
- Guest – Dr. Tim O'Brien, QEP Implementation (power point located on blackboard)
 - Dr. O'Brien gave update on the process. Develop culture of HIPS that a normal student at MSU will participate within. MSU hopes to implement the QEP process in order for students to use their education to connect to employers. Still need to create an oversight committee, and a steering committee.
- Guest – Dr. Daryl Privott, Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning along with Mr. Ramon Lacy and Mr. David Ace both student employees at the center.
 - Dr. Privott presented information regarding the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning. The Center offers Professional Development courses along Magna webinars. The workshop schedules are located on the website along with the webinars and various

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other items that are useful for faculty to be successful at teaching at MSU.

<https://www.moreheadstate.edu/Leadership/Center-for-Leadership-and-Professional-Development>

President's report:

No report

Provost:

No report

Regent's report:

The next Board of Regent's meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2020. The current plan is to hold the work session at the Mt. Sterling campus. Campus regents will be meeting with Dr. Morgan in advance of this session, on February 24th. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns you wish me to raise at this meeting.

Legislative update:

If you've been following Bluegrass Politics Twitter, you know that HB 171 is moving through the system. This bill tackles the pension crisis in a novel way, by linking KERS contribution rates to computations of institutional liability. The new accounting method creates winners and losers, and we're very much on the losing side. The good news is that Dr. Morgan is aware of the issue, and he has testified in front of committees and met with individual lawmakers to address the situation. Right now, there are strong indications KERS contribution rates for universities will be equalized through complementary budgetary mechanisms, at least for the biennium.

Last week, Senate passed SB 101, which requires public postsecondary institutions to accept dual enrollment credit. If you're like me, you were under the impression that postsecondary institutions like MSU were already obliged to accept dual enrollment credit. This little surprise highlights why we need a comprehensive articulation of the external mandates we're actually required to follow. It also showcases why MSU would benefit from those legislative updates Senator Schack has been requesting *for years*.

Staff Congress Report:

No report

General Education Review & Implementation Committee:

The Implementation team met Monday, February 10th, with Sue Tallichet serving as chair (at the behest of Dr. Couch). Working from Dr. Tallichet's organization of the extant materials, the committee finalized talking points for rubric sessions and worked out a strategy for administrative scheduling.

Thanks to the coordinated efforts of faculty in core writing and communication classes, the rubrics for SLOs #1 (reading), 2 (writing), 3 (oral communication), and 5 (information literacy) are completed.

The Dean of the College of Science, who met with Dr. Tallichet and myself this Tuesday, will help coordinate a joint rubric session for SLOs #4 (quantitative reasoning) and #8 (use of scientific principles), the common SLOs for all NSC classes.

The remaining sessions—a joint meeting for SLOs #6 (aesthetic appreciation) and #7 (study of human

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cultures), and sessions for #9 (ethical responsibility) and #10 (critical thinking)—are left for Dr. Couch's office to schedule.

General Education Report:

No report

- FS Committee Reports
 - Executive Council
 - ✦ PAc-29 – returned from Provost with stipulations; choices 1) Ratify the Executive Council decision, 2) Vote to accept all stipulations, or 3) Vote to reject all stipulations
 - **Motion** to accept the first stipulation and reject the second stipulation
 - **Motion** approved
 - Academic Issues
 - ✦ Curriculum proposals met with Dr. Couch and Dr. Lennex regarding the need for access to proposals.
 - Evaluation
 - ✦ Dean evaluation is being finalized. Committee is still in the process of creating the evaluation tool for hybrid faculty on campus.
 - Faculty Welfare & Concerns
 - ✦ Resolution – Rescind UAR 137.03 – 2nd reading
 - **Motion** to accept resolution as amended
 - **Motion** approved
 - Governance
 - ✦ Resolution – Remove standing committee Planning – 2nd reading
 - **Motion** to table resolution until further information has been gathered.
 - **Motion** approved
 - ✦ Faculty Preference Survey should be sent from Institutional Research during the time frame of March 1-13.
 - Issues

New Business:

Meeting Adjourned 5:33 pm

Minutes Taken by: Barbara Willoughby, Faculty Senate Secretary

Next Regular Senate Meeting: March 5, 2020, ADUC 326 at 3:45 p.m.