

**2020-2021 Morehead State University Faculty Senate
Minutes – November 5, 2020
WebEx meeting**

Call to order 3:45

Senators: Lauren Bates, J.T. Blackledge, Vivian Cyrus, Doug Chatham, Steve Chen, Anthony Dotson, Heba Elgazzar, Allen Risk, Jen O'Keefe, Mark Graves, William Grise, Dirk Grupe, Joe Dunman, Timothy Hare, Patricia Harrelson, Ahmad Hassan, Jeffrey Hill, Alison Hruby, Amber Hughes, Kouroush Jenab, (Shane Shope sub for Jeannie Justice) , Thomas Kiffmeyer, Euijin Kim, Tom Kmetz, Gary LaFleur, Lesia Lennex, Kimberlee Sharp, David Oyen, Roma Prindle, Sherif Rashad, Edna Schack, Sherry Stultz, Vijay Subramaniam, Craig Tuerk, Pamela Colyers, and Wesley White, Julia Finch, Robert Boram.

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

Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes:

Motion: To approve October 15, 2020 minutes

Vote: Approved as written

Motion: To approve October 29, 2020 minutes

Vote: Approved as written

Announcements: (all announcements posted on the blackboard)

- PG-18 on Intellectual Property: Provost clarified in email from Nov. 02 that the lectures etc also those recorded on Webex belong to the faculty.
- Early registration started November 04
- Winter II and regular Winter terms star Dec. 03 and 14, respectively. Winter term II has the option to teach Jan 04-08, 2021 in person, e.g. for labs.
- Start of the Spring Semester: January 19, 2021
- Flu shots are available at the Health Clinic in Allie Young
- Next Live Stream Webex announcements by President and Provost on November 09 at 15:00/3pm
- The F&A money that was hold by the president because of uncertainties of the financial situation due to COVID 19 will be released back to the units (see President's email from November 02)

President's report:

- F & A funding to grant PIs is around \$250,000. The funds will be released in combination with this year's F & A.
- Livestream address to campus will occur 3pm November 9. A couple of guest speakers will address campus; main address will overview process and procedures for remainder of Fall semester, November- May campus and academic affairs.
- Complimented Faculty Senate for use of Webex polls for voting.
- The 8% state required refund has been deemed unnecessary by state agencies. The funds will be returned to MSU but no timeline has been provided.
- The Kentucky state legislature will begin its work in January with discussion of the biennial budget.
- Potential change to KTRS (now called TRS) to start either July 2021 or July 2022. A draft is now circulating among state committees. New faculty hires at MSU mostly choose ORP.

Provost:

No report

FS Committee Reports:

- Executive Council- Governance Chair Finch presented from EC a Motion to Rescind Ad Hoc Committee FYS Vote from October 29 Special-Called Meeting. Call for question from Senator Sharp. Motion carried.
- Academic Issues- no report
- Evaluation- 2nd Reading: Resolution on Fractionalization; Senator Finch called the

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question, Senator Sharp seconded. Resolution to Rescind Ad Hoc Committee FYS carried.

- Faculty Welfare & Concerns-
 - ✦ 2nd Reading: Resolution on Removal Student Course Evaluations; Senator Blackledge motioned to Table pending review of research brief and citations, Senator Schack seconded. Motion to Table carried. Parliamentarian Chatham stated that this sounded like a motion to recommit rather than table. Blackledge agreed and moved to Recommit the Resolution, Senator Lennex seconded. Motion to Recommit carried.
 - ✦ 2nd Reading: Resolution on Revision of Student Course Evaluations; Senator Hare moved to pass, Senator Kiffmeyer seconded. Resolution carried.
 - ✦ SGA Resolution on Student Course Evaluations
- Governance-
 - ✦ 1st Reading: Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee; a motion was made to go into 2nd reading (cannot determine who made the motion) and was seconded by Senator Sharp. Motion carried. A motion to accept the IACUC revisions as presented was made by Senator Schack, seconded by (cannot determine who made second); motion to approve IACUC revised committee description carried.

Motion to Extend Meeting (5:34) made by Senator Lennex and seconded by Senator Chatham. Motion carried.

Regent's report:

The Board of Regents met (via WebEx) in a special called session on October 16, 2020. The Audit committee met at 9:00 a.m., the full Board met after the conclusion of that meeting.

Official recognitions:

- Dr. Bob Albert, who had been granted the Founders Award at a previous Board meeting, was in attendance at this meeting to be officially recognized as the recipient
- Dr. Morgan dutifully introduced one faculty person (Dr. Monica Himes) and one staff person (Ms. Goldie Williams) and thanked them for their service. Select student athletes were also acknowledged.

Actions:

- The audited financial statements, fourth quarter budget amendments, and debt restructuring plans were unanimously approved.
- The fourth quarter budget adjustments show “swings” and “fluctuations” that can, in Dr. Morgan’s estimation, be expected in these unusual times. We have spent our CARES funds, but, due to the various internal shifts and budget transfers we have relied on to use those funds, there will not be a full accounting of what we have spent until sometime after January.

General Education Report:

- A form in process of being issued that will move your exchange courses into programs because now we can double-dip.
- Shannon Harr and Lora Pace presented assessment results to GEC. Senator Schack has asked for this report from FYS subcommittee (currently attached and reports directly to GEC) so that FS may review specifics.

Staff Congress Report:

No report

SGA:

- Positive affirmation campaign for outstanding compliance with COVID-19 policies in discussion with Health Services—200 students have been recognized through the “You Got Caught” campaign; 10 of those students have been drawn for a Starbucks gift card.

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- Poppies were placed on the Veteran's Memorial in remembrance.

New Business:

Senator Lennex recognized Department of Music for their actions in keeping their faculty and students healthy which goes well above and beyond MSU COVID policies.

Meeting Adjourned 5:44 pm

Minutes Taken by: Lesia Lennex, Faculty Senate Communications Officer

Next Regular Senate Meeting: November 19, 3:45pm