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MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

The 16th regular meeting of the Morehead State University (MSU) Faculty Senate (FS) occurred on August 13, 2020 at 3:45pm on ZOOM.

Materials for this meeting are available under Meeting Documents on the MSU Faculty Senate Blackboard shell:

- Minutes from FS Meeting June 25, 2020
- List of faculty representatives to Gray Associates
- Available campus software titles and licenses Fall 2020
- Resolution for Dr. Timothy Hare
- Resolution for Dr. Michael Hail

The following announcement were made by President Lennex:

- The Gray Associates meeting occurred Monday and Tuesday August 10-11. For your convenience, the list of faculty representatives on BB shell. Provost Russell talked more about this in his report.
- FCTL, DEID, Associate Provost, and Faculty Senate Chair continue to work with COMA to produce a faculty resources web page. Licenses for the resources that students need will be made available. More to come.

President's Report-no report

Provost's Report-Provost Russell

Provost Russell provided an update and noted that he looks forward to working with the FS over the upcoming year. He noted that this is a different sort of year. He started by saying that MSU will be updating ADOBE for all student use. They are also providing SPSS and FINALE (Music software). The initial idea is for the Provost office will get a list and then provide students with a check in order for them to purchase the license themselves. More information to come.

Russell noted that he is trying to anticipate needs—if there are things his team haven't thought of they will continue to work at it until needs are met.

Classroom management and building surveys took place and his team is working to revise things as needed in order to be ready to begin. Whiteboards are in place in the spaces he believes they are needed. If you think you need a whiteboard, let Provost Russell know. He encouraged faculty to use black markers on the whiteboards because they seem to work best for WebEx cameras.

Provost Russell asked faculty to please read the email he sent earlier on this day. There was a lot of information captured in that email that is important for delivering your courses.

Lastly, he provided an update on the Gray Associates meeting that occurred this week- Faculty senate and faculty programs were represented in the meetings.

1. He began by saying that we meet over 2 long days and ended up classifying courses into 1 of 4 classifications: grow, sustain, fix, and sunset. This was an acknowledgement of those courses we can make adjustments to in order to make them better. This was a preliminary first step in classifications. Further discussion will occur in various ways, and with faculty involved. If you feel as though you are not participating in discussions about programs, please let Russell know because this was NOT the objective. Faculty will be significantly involved over the course of the next several weeks.

2. Faculty will provide recommendations with chairs and deans also being able to give thoughts. Ultimately, it goes to the Provost office, and Provost Russell makes the final report to CPE with a due date in mid-December. In this report, every BA program will be described and classified with rationale.
3. He thanked the faculty who participated in the Gray Associates process.

Q and A:

Senator Sharp- Will the completed final documents be sent to the faculty who participated?

Russell- In short—he has the list, but it may not be complete (listed as preliminary). But he WILL share as soon as it is classified as final.

Senator White- Are we going to have an opportunity to see the Gray Associates program—that means the entire program where we can go through the details? (Senator White was referring to the full data program—this is quite an extensive application with several ways to access data about programs).

Russell- Absolutely, yes. The “deep dive” will likely be open to all faculty—some Universities are not doing that, but the President agrees with him that it should be open to all faculty who want to look at it. There is a LOT of data in the “deep dive”. The Provost office is working on a timeline.

Senator Oyen- Happy to hear about Finale software—he asked how we should inform students about asking for this.

Russell- Tony Glover will be providing the list. The process is being developed.

Senator Hare-

1. any specific guidelines for finals week? **Russell-** We hope to employ a similar process as before where if students ended up with multiple exams it was worked out.
2. What is the policy for dealing with students at high risk or living with those with high risk? **Russell** responded that he hopes faculty can do it as an individual basis. Class modality is a dynamic situation.
3. The last question came from a colleague who was concerned about the way the income earlier proposed 8- week session was proposed to be used. Why can't we use the money from the new 8-week sessions to increase faculty pay? **Russell-**we decided to not do that--- it just didn't work out.

Regent Adams asked about the funding source for the software (ADOBE and FINALE).

Russell-our conversations so far indicate that students would be given the money in order to purchase it. Not sure where the money is coming from. There are still some pieces that need to be figured out.

President Lennex- what has become with the request to reimburse students whose course modality was changed from f2f to online after priority registration?

Russell—students are being reimbursed for online fees for those who were put in online courses AFTER initial registration.

Faculty Regent's Report-Adams

Adams noted that they had a short BOR meeting. She did ask what was going on with athletics...there is still a debate on if OVC will be holding seasons.

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Staff Congress Report-no report.

FS Committee Reports –

Executive Council-

- ✓ On behalf of EC, A resolution honoring Dr. Timothy Hare for his service to FS as chair in 2018-2019 was approved. The resolution will appear on FS Blackboard shell.
- ✓ On behalf of EC, a resolution honoring Dr. Michael Hail was adopted and will be available for faculty to view on FS BB. A copy was placed on a plaque and sent to his family.

Adjourn-The last meeting of the 29-20 FS adjourned at 4:30.

Next meeting – The opening of the 20-21 Faculty Senate occurred 5 minutes after completion of this meeting.

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