

## Communication Report October 1, 2020



**Faculty Senate** commenced at 3:45pm, with approval of un-revised September 17 minutes and Announcements.

**Open Enrollment** ends October 9. This is a passive enrollment cycle.

**SMARTEvals** training sessions Oct 5, 6. Course evaluations for fall 2020 will be November 3rd through November 24th. In early October, you will be asked which courses you would like to evaluate. Once survey building is complete and the survey period begins, you will receive an email allowing you to log-in to SmartEvals to track the number of students who have completed the surveys via your SmartEvals account. If you have questions, please contact Shannon Harr, Director of University Assessment, at [s.harr@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:s.harr@moreheadstate.edu).

**COVID-19** concerns continue after publication of Sept 26 Trailblazer article:  
[http://www.thetrailblazeronline.net/life\\_and\\_arts/article\\_2f9115a2-0059-11eb-a74d-ef236536379f.html?fbclid=IwAR0zV9CaWbVzgAWkVEy\\_IPjyIZVYjULiZ711NKcD0JZyab5ZUmitf4BCO4](http://www.thetrailblazeronline.net/life_and_arts/article_2f9115a2-0059-11eb-a74d-ef236536379f.html?fbclid=IwAR0zV9CaWbVzgAWkVEy_IPjyIZVYjULiZ711NKcD0JZyab5ZUmitf4BCO4).  
The article includes photos of detached smoke alarms and black mold. President Grupe discussed the article with Dr. Morgan. Morgan said that he would look into it.

**CCL extended hours** SGA requested operating hours at CCL be extended from 8pm till midnight; the hours have been extended to 10pm. Students may only be on first floor and commons area after 6pm.

**Senior Assistant Vice President for Strategic Communications and Branding**, a brand new position “The Senior Assistant Vice President reports directly to the Vice President for University Advancement, and has a dotted line report to the President for emergency and critical communications. Positions directly reporting to the SAVP include those in University Communications and Marketing, the principal lead for WMKY, and other units as assigned, either permanently or temporarily during an emergency or other situation. University athletics and Enrollment management communications also has a dotted line report to the SAVP for regular development of communication themes and branding opportunities. The position interacts with the public, news outlets, vendors, senior administrative staff, branding agencies, and a broad base of others” It is unclear how this position, bringing \$100,000, or more, at market, is being funded. <https://moreheadstate.peopleadmin.com/postings/9460>

**President’s Report- No report**

## Provost's Report-

\*Gray Associates Update: All faculty should have received Sept 26 from their Chair/ Associate Dean the data generated from Gray and forms to address the group consensus regarding programs. A number of faculty stated that they had not received program information.

### Questions:

Regent Adams- Policy Insight, Q/A, Sept 29, CPE's Melissa Bell stated that the program review focused on market value and was very excited it would be showing that market value to the Commonwealth. Bell stated that Kentucky was all one market. CPE's Aaron Thompson has continually stated that quality is a piece of program review. Is Gray Associates one piece of a review and CPE is doing something else?

Provost- Stated that he did not know answers to the questions.

\*Update on Fall commencement: Students want a face-to-face commencement. The current discussion is to provide a face-to-face option, with simultaneous streaming, with a limited platform party, and only students in audience. No family or faculty would be physically attending.

\*Update on pre-registration: The courses available for Spring registration (begins Nov 4) are online.



\*Update on digital portfolios: Provost and Dean's Council approve the submission of digital tenure and promotion portfolios. Details will be provided by the Promotion Committee at promotion workshop Oct 27, 3-4:30pm. Workshop information will be disseminated through Provost's office; webex link will be open for all who wish to attend. In response to Senator Bates question regarding ability to submit contract renewal portfolios digitally, Provost responded that he thought respective Deans would notify affected faculty.

### Committee Reports:

**Executive Council-** Brief reports from President Grupe and Senators Schack and Lennex about their attendance at the National Council of Faculty Senates.

**Academic Issues-** Follow-up on PG-18

**Evaluation-** Resolution from Long-Hail report forthcoming

**Faculty Welfare and Concerns-** PG-62 has been received for committee review toward a December presentation to BOR for approval.

**Governance-** Candidates for COS election Faculty Rights and Responsibilities and slate of committee appointments presented by committee and approved by Faculty Senate:

Faculty Rights and Responsibilities (vote within the College of Science)

- Dr. Lucy Mays and Dr. Jenny Dearden have both agreed to be candidates
- vote will be held next week in College of Science pending FS approval of candidates

Intercollegiate Athletics



- Monica Himes, Assistant Professor, Social Work, CAHS (to replace Helen Otterson (left MSU) through August 2021)
- Steve Chen, Professor, Business, SCBT (to replace Terry Elliot through August 2021)

#### Library

- Stephen Brigham, Assistant Professor, Accounting, SCBT (to replace Terry Elliot (retired) through August 2021)

#### Research and Creative Productions

- Kim Sharp, Professor, Middle Grades and Secondary Education, VCOE (to replace Edna Schack (resigned) through August 2021)

#### Student Disciplinary

- DuWayne Dale, Assistant Professor, Music, CAHS (to replace John Modaff (retired) through 2021)

#### **Appointments **\*\*Do not require Faculty Senate approval\*\*****

#### Registration Advisory

- Chairs Council nominated Dr. April Miller to Assoc VP of Undergraduate Education and Student Success; Dr. Couch appointed Dr. Miller to replace Dr. Layne Neeper (retired) for a one-year term through August 2021

#### Research and Creative Productions

- Darlene Allen, Interim Director of Research and Sponsored Programs, will replace Mike Henson as Chair (retired) of this committee per Provost Russell

#### Service

- Dr. Eric Jerde has been appointed by Provost Russell for 2020–22

#### **Guest Dean Johnathan Nelson, Smith College of Business and Technology**

#### **Staff Congress: No Report**

#### **Faculty Regent:**

Special-called meeting on September 24 to install new Regent (Arthur Walker, III, Mt. Sterling) to replace outgoing Chair, Kathy Walker. Walker's term expired in summer, but a replacement was not made till Fall; swearing-in must occur within 30 days of appointment. Eric Howard is now the Chair and Sanford Holbrook Vice-Chair. Of note at the meeting, Mary Fister-Tucker reported that we are on a five-year phase-out of two-person employee fully paid health insurance for lowest tier.

The Board was also asked to “designate the President, or other person designated in writing by the President, to act as the Fiscal Officer of the University for purposes of the General Receipts Trust Agreement dated July 1, 2007.” Regent sought clarification of this action item because a number of faculty had asked why our recently hired CFO wasn't being designated the “Fiscal Officer,” and it was unclear why the designation was needed at all. Further details are in the Regent's report posted to the October 1 meetings folder.

### **SGA:**

\*Partnership with Rolled Over Ice Cream (<https://rolloverrolledicecream.com/>) for \$3 student discounts for the first 100 students every Friday in October.

\*ADUC bathrooms will have emergency feminine products to be ‘taken as needed’

\*ADUC available PPE outside SGA offices to be ‘taken as needed’

\*October free movie *Beetlejuice* in lot across from Cartmell

\*No feedback from students about Sept 26 Trailblazer article, but at beginning of semester, snack packs were constructed and made available to housing to distribute to students who were isolated or quarantined.



### **New Business:**

\*Faculty Senate site with photos now published

\*Announcement of Dr. Lesia Lennex elected President MSU AAUP

\*QEP discussion- Concerns abounded from several Senators about the money draining capabilities, the extra work burden via the evaluations and reflection methodology, and a very pointed question, “does anyone know what happens if SACSCOC rejects a proposal?”

**Adjournment:** 5:27pm