

Faculty Senate Communications Report  
November 3, 2022

Not so long ago in a virtual land that is both far away and close to home, the Morehead State University Faculty Senate had a meeting. While this meeting was not quite as contentious as their last meeting, by the end of the time, the senators were made aware of the fact that “shenanigans are afoot” at the university.

To begin this meeting, President Long recalled back to the previous meeting. He had asked the senators to speak to their constituents and to send him their responses. 83 people (not including senators) responded. Of those, 79 people are opposed to the amendments made to the HR website, two did not care, and two were ok with it.

After that, both the provost and the regent had very little to report. The Regent observed that the next Board of Regents meeting is December 1. *However, since the Senate meeting, a “special called” BoR meeting has been scheduled for November 15 -*  
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This week’s faculty senate meeting had several special guests in attendance. Alison Hruby discussed the events that the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning will be hosting over the next year. Andrew Sexton discussed service learning and the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification. He intends to create a system for collecting data on a yearly basis for this application. An observation is made that it seems like we do a lot of reporting that could easily be coalesced into a more stream-lined system. Finally, Kim Nettleton came to talk about assessment. She reassured the Faculty Senate that they no longer have to worry about Faculty180, although she does suggest checking on it occasionally to make sure the information is correct. The biggest concern the faculty really has about assessment is really being told who is being assessed when. Dr. Nettleton assured them that the faculty whose classes have been selected for assessment that year get an email at the start of the semester letting them know.

Finally, we turned to the reports from the committees. The Academic Issues committee has given feedback on the new Final Grade Appeal procedure and presents it to the Senate. The Senate approved the feedback. The Evaluations committee is working on dean’s evaluations to determine any updates or changes that need to be made. One thing they are changing is moving from “n/a” as an option to “not confident to evaluate.”

But the true champions of the week are the Faculty Welfare and Concerns committee. After the revelations of the last meeting, the committee members undertook the task of checking that everything being now posted on the website is accurate (although, the problematic language still remains). Senator Hare has also been in contact with the Provost about the issues regarding PAC 27 and they seem to have come to an understanding. A new draft will be coming soon. We also discussed PAC17 (and voted to approve the new version, after dropping an odd note about agreeing to 2 contract years after sabbatical) and PAC 3 (if we have any ideas, please let the

FWC know). The committee is also reviewing the Faculty Senate Constitution – if anyone has any thoughts on what should be in there, let Timothy Hare know.

At this point, the senate meeting turned to the Governance committee, and they suggested that “shenanigans are afoot” at the university and the Senate need to take steps to ensure that the faculty continue to have a voice on the Board of Regents. Therefore, they proposed a resolution (with a friendly amendment from one of the senators) stating that if the Faculty Regent is suspended or removed from the BoR, then the FS president should be invited to address the BoR at any meeting where the Faculty Regent position is vacant. This way, the faculty continue to have consistent and uninterrupted representation on the Board. There are some concerns voiced at this point about whether or not the University President would even allow the Faculty Senate President to speak at the Board of Regents, but it is determined that we have to push for this voice, because it is essential we are not left out of this process. This resolution passes the Senate unanimously.

And with that, the November 3<sup>rd</sup> faculty senate meeting drew to a close. Join us again for the wildly exciting adventures of the Morehead State University Faculty Senate!