

2023-2024 Morehead State University Faculty Senate Minutes
Thursday, March 21, 2024 – 3:45 pm
WebEx meeting

Senators: Annie Adams, JT Blackledge, Christy Boggs, Nettie Brock, Doug Chatham, Cheng Cheng, Jennifer Clark, Michele Cudd, Benjamin Fitzpatrick, Kurt Gibbs, Monica Himes, Alison Hruby, Michael Kessinger Md Golam Kibria, Tom Kmetz, Lesia Lennex, Kathy Lewis, Doug Mock, Fatma Mohamed, Ben Morris, Gera Nelson, Lydia Njoroge, Anindita Paul, Roma Prindle, Josh Qualls, Taghagata Ray, Gilbert Remillard, Donovan Ross, Delar Singh, Amy Staton, Joyce Stubbs, Lisa Wallace, Richard Weaver, Qingzhou Xu

Senators absent are underlined above and an * denotes an excused absence

Faculty Regent: Joyce Stubbs

Call to Order

President Chatham called the meeting to order at 3:46 p.m.

Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes

N/A

Announcements (all announcements posted on the FS Bb shell)

Welcome to Brenda DeHart, who will serve as FS secretary for the remainder of the spring 2024 semester.

Invitation to Rick Phillips, Chief Information Officer for the Office of Information Technology – President Chatham was asked to invite Mr. Phillips to attend a FS meeting to discuss the IP policy update package. Mr. Phillips will be available to meet with FS at the April 18 meeting.

President's Report

President Morgan was unable to attend today's meeting. No report.

Provost Report

Provost Parikh was unable to attend today's meeting but sent a written report to be shared with FS.

It was brought to attention that certain faculty members are not teaching at least one F2F course and choosing to teach only online. This is unacceptable and those faculty have been contacted and asked to change their delivery methods. For fall 2024, every faculty member who teaches for UG programs will be required to teach at least one course F2F on the main or regional campuses. Faculty will be required to physically be on the main or regional campuses 3 days per week with at least five hours of office hours that are convenient to students.

Leadership Searches for the Dean of the Caudill College and Chair of Engineering Sciences are in the final stages. The finalist for Dean of Library has declined the position and the search will need to be reopened. Other faculty searches are ongoing.

The evaluation form for Deans and Associate Deans has been sent out by Institutional Research. You are asked to please respond to the survey.

Discussion:

Faculty Regent Stubbs – The Deans and Associate Dean’s survey that was sent is not the correct survey. Last year, FS approved a new survey prepared by the Evaluation Committee and was signed off on by Dr. Norman and President Morgan.

Congratulations to MSU’s basketball team for advancing to the NCAA tournament. There will be a watch party today beginning at 3 pm, in the ADUC ballroom.

Commencement is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, beginning at 10 a.m.

College of Science and Volgenau College of Education – 10 a.m.

College of Business and Caudill College – 2 p.m.

Faculty are encouraged to participate in commencement and support our students.

Senator Lennex commented that the provost met with the EC on March 20, 2024. The provost shared an article from The Chronicle, “It’s Time to Start Teaching Your Students How to Be a Student.” Senator Lennex requested that President Chatham share the link for the article with FS.

Faculty Regent Report

Faculty Regent Stubbs reported that the Board of Regents will meet Friday, March 29, in ADUC beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Senator Lennex – The EC had a discussion with the provost regarding student credit hours. The issue is student credit hours versus salary lines. Senator Lennex encouraged the Faculty Regent to share with FS and all departments a clarified list of student credit hours, budgets and salary lines so departments can discuss further.

Staff Congress Report

No Report

SGA Report

No Report

FS Executive Council

No Report

Academic Issues Report

No Report

Evaluation Report

The committee is currently working on the survey regarding university structuring. The survey will be presented at the next FS meeting.

Faculty Welfare and Concerns

The committee did not meet last week. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved via email. Plans for the next meeting are to pick up on PG 55 updates, PAc 27 and other agenda items.

Governance Report

Senator Lennex said the committee is hopeful they will reach a conclusion soon on the revisions to the General Education Council committee description. Senator Lennex will be sending Carry Varney (IR) information on the elections of the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities committees. Anyone with questions regarding committees can ask to meet with the Governance committee or Senator Lennex.

Old Business

N/A

New Business

Senator Lennex mentioned an article in the Chronicle that Senator Adams shared in the EC meeting regarding UKs FS. She will share the link for the article if anyone is interested.

Senator Kmetz said the date for the library book sale is March 29. This year, part of the proceeds will go to a library fund instead of all going to the university general fund. More information will be sent by email next week and will also be posted on the library website.

Senator Kessinger wanted to encourage everyone to read the IT policies due to the implications they could have using technology owned by MSU and personal technology devices. Currently there are multiple problems with logging in, using Bb, email and getting to the research section of the library.

Senator Adams asked if MSU could address why students and faculty cannot access the materials needed due to a faulty interface that will not work.

FYS subcommittee will be meeting Friday at 3 p.m. There will be a General Education Council meeting on April 3.

Next Scheduled Meeting – April 4, 2024, 3:45 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.