

2023-2024 Morehead State University Faculty Senate Minutes
Thursday, February 1, 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, Beverly Klecker, 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

Guest: Chris Schroeder, Clayton Anderson

Call to Order

President Chatham called the meeting to order.

Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes

N/A

Announcements (all announcements posted on the FS Bb shell)

Senators should have received an email poll from President Chatham. If not, please contact President Chatham.

Interim Dean of Library Services, Rodney Watkins spoke to FS regarding books that have not been checked out in several years and are marked to be put in the library's book sale. FS members are asked to come by the library to see if they would like any of the books kept. A deadline date of February 15 has been set for the review of books.

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 has requested Chris Schroeder, Interim Associate Provost, present the report.

Update on Searches

Dean of Library Services - On campus interviews are complete and a decision will be made within the next few days.

Dean, CCAHSS – The search committee has completed the review of applicants and is in the process of setting up on campus interviews. An announcement with dates will be made within the next 2 weeks.

Reorganization

The reorganization is still in progress and currently trying to find the best fit for the Psychology department. Psychology's preference is to stay in the COS. There is also discussion regarding some faculty from HPPGL joining the COB. Decisions will be announced soon.

Question – Senator Lennex

Will the 2 existing departments in the COB be combined into 1 department?

Chris Schroeder – The technology side has been moved to the COS. What is left will be a College or School of Business, with the exception of adding in some of HPPGL.

Question – Senator Lennex

If there are 2 departments within the School/College of Business, will there be a dean or will each department be appointed a chair?

Chris Schroeder – Will follow up with Provost Parikh and get back with FS.

Question – Senator Lennex

Is there a timeline on a decision for Psychology and HPPGL?

Chris Schroeder – There is no timeline.

Question – Senator Lennex

Which faculty in HPPGL are being considered to move and why?

Chris Schroeder – Political Science and possibly Legal Studies.

Question – Senator Adams

Faculty who are on the search committee for the Dean of CCAHSS have reported not receiving any information on the search since the end of December. What is the current timeframe?

Chris Schroeder – John Nelson, chair of the search committee, stated on-campus visits will be scheduled within the next week.

Question – Senator Adams

Weather Plans – Can there be more clarity on whether faculty can hold online classes when MSU is on weather plan C or D?

Chris Schroeder – Suggested the Academic Affairs Committee write a draft of Weather Plan C and D that would offer more clarity. Revisions to both plans are welcome.

Faculty Regent Report

BOR will meet Friday, February 2, at the Mt. Sterling campus.

Staff Congress Report

No Report

SGA Report

Student Congress currently has vacancies – Students may contact the SGA office if they are looking for ways to be more involved.

Spring Sesh will be Tuesday, March 26, 6-7:30 pm, ADUC Ballroom

Movie Night Partnership – First 90 students at the local theatre on Fridays get \$1 movie tickets.

Preparing Executive Board Election dates for next year.

Question – Senator Lennex

When will the ropes course be taken down?

Clayton Anderson – Currently there is no timeline.

FS Executive Council

Major legislative issues effecting higher education:

HB 228 – An ACT applying to post-secondary employment that erodes tenure protection.

HB 9 – Prohibits diversity, equity and inclusion.

SB 6 – Anti DEI bill that allows faculty to be sued for damages.

Academic Issues Report

No Report

Evaluation Report

No Report

Faculty Welfare and Concerns

No Report

Governance Report

Due to the resignation of Richard Weaver, a new member will need to be appointed to the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. The term runs 2022-2025.

Move - To approve Jason Adkins, CCAHSS to the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

Motion approved

Employee Benefits Committee Description – FS approved the EBC description in Fall, 2022, and forwarded the document to then provost Tony Norman. No response was received. August of 2023, President Morgan presented the document to the current provost, Dr. Parikh. Dr. Parikh rejected the document, made suggestions and sent the document back to FS.

Senator Remillard shared with FS his suggested amendments to the document, which he felt would make the description more equally fair to all employees.

Motion - To adopt all 17 of Senator Remillard's amendments as a slate.

Vote – Motion failed

Motion - To accept the EBC description as presented.

Motion approved

FS Preference Survey will be sent out by email within the next few weeks by Institutional Research.

Old Business

N/A

New Business

Next Scheduled Meeting – February 15, 3:45 p.m.

Meeting adjourned