

**2015-2016 Morehead State University Faculty Senate  
Minutes – February 18, 2016  
Riggle Room**

**Call to Order:** 3:45 p.m.

**Senators:** Annie Adams (Chair), Sanjeev Adhikari, Aly, Ashraf, Royal Berglee (Regent, ex officio), Katy Carlson, Hans Chapman, Ophelia Chapman, Tim Conner\*, Chris Cottingham, Jennifer Dearden, Nathan Dishman, Mike Dobranski, Anthony Dotson, Lynn Geurin, Cyndi Gibbs, Gina Gonzalez, Janell Hare, Timothy Hare, John Hennen, Eric Jerde, Thomas Kiffmeyer, Gary LaFleur\*, Jennifer Little, Rus May, Gregory McBrayer, Beverly McCormick, Elizabeth McLaren, Ron Morrison, Sam Nataraj, Steven Ralston (Provost, ex officio), Steven Reid, Gilbert Remillard, Sandra Riegle, Brent Rogers, Chad Rogers, Roma Prindle\*, Kim Sharp, Tim Simpson, Joyce Stubbs, Sherry Surmont (Secretary), Sue Tallichet, Cathy Thomas, Michele Walters, Wesley White

*Senators Absent Are Underlined Above and an \* Denotes an Excused Absence*

**Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve 2/4/2016 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

**Vote:** Passed

**Announcements**

Chair Adams made announcements on the following topics:

- The faculty standing and advisory committee interest survey has been sent out by email, the survey will close 2/29/2016
- Fuseideas faculty work group will be held Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM in Howell McDowell room 205. There are currently eight faculty members attending.
- One of the President's long term goals is improving student retention rates which the Senate have been addressing. This work has been put on hold so that the senate may focus on the immediate budget crisis.

**Provost Report**

The Provost reported on the following non-budgetary topics:

- Fuseideas' branding team will be here all next week gathering stories and learning about the university and then will be back to present their ideas.
- The university will be extending our partnership with UK and St. Claire for a three year medical program. There is currently one student in the program, next semester there will be 25, and each year there will be 25 added for a total of 75 students in the program. The program is an extension of UK's medical program and will be facilitated in the CHER building. There will be online and blended courses offered as well. MSU has been promised an allocation of students.

**Regent Report**

Regent Berglee stated there will be a BoR meeting tomorrow, Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. This meeting is a work session and there will be no actions/votes. PAcS 22 and 26 are on the agenda but it will be an introduction to business to come up at the next meeting.

**Budget Discussion**

Chair Adams started the discussion with an overview that included the following key points:

- We are looking at a possible \$8.8 million shortfall that is comprised of three elements:
  - \$3 million shortfall from tuition
  - 4.5% decrease in the current operating budget which translates to \$1.9 million, if this passes or come through as an executive order, Governor Bevin stated the university would have a 30 month window to pay the money back.

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- 9% decrease in the next fiscal year, which will be about \$3 million.
- The President has put together a budget task force that includes the President, the Provost, Madonna Weathers, James Shaw, Beth Patrick, Charles Holloway, Bob Albert, Scott McBride, Roger McNeil, Margo DelliCarpini, Mick Henson, Chair Adams, Craig Dennis (Staff Congress), and Max Prowant (Student Government). The task force also includes a support staff; Teresa Lindgren, Harold Nally, Brian Hutchinson, Gerald DeMoss, Jill Ratliff, Jane Fitzpatrick, Sharon Reynolds.
  - the task force has been charged with coming up with ideas
  - the task force has been asked to be discreet about the ideas suggested during the meetings
- The task force meeting schedule is as follows”
  - Wednesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Saturday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Wednesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Saturday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>
- The process will be that the task force will offer a recommendation to the President, the President will present that recommendation to the Cabinet, the Cabinet will discuss how they would like to proceed, and then the President will make a decision and take it to the BoR.

**Issues Budget Meeting**

Chair-elect Dobranski updated the Senate of the budget meeting (Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>) with CFO, Beth Patrick. The highlights include:

- The response to, “why instruction has been reduced in the past seven years”, was the committee should have been looking at the actual expenditure report instead of the purposed budget report.
- There was a need to increase scholarships to stay competitive.
- Ms. Patrick stated the actual amount subsidized to athletics is \$2 million, but Chair Adams added the \$2 million is calculated assuming that tuition money from non-scholarship athletes is revenue for athletics.

Other points, unrelated to the budget meeting:

- Details about the health care cost sharing will be posted to the faculty blackboard site.
- A report pertaining to the cost savings of having a centralized travel system should be out next week.

**Senate Floor Discussion**

The Senators discussed in great length their ideas, below are the highlights:

- A key topic of discussion was shaping a resolution asserting the Senate’s stance on how the budget cuts are prioritized.
- A proposal was suggested to insert a set of principles to use as guidelines including:
  - take care of our people
  - focus on academics
  - prioritize by using the performance metrics
  - identify the preferred future
  - be data driven
  - acknowledge shared governance
  - preserve tenure
- A suggestion was made to contract out auxiliary services such as:
  - the bookstore
  - janitorial services
  - housing
- Other suggestions included:

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- closing regional satellite campuses
- true student workforce
- charge a fee for Early College

Please refer to the Communications Report for further details of the Senate discussion. There will be a special Senate meeting (Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>) to continue the budget discussion and propose a formal resolution.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 5:30 p.m.

**Next meeting:** February 25, 2016 – Riggle Room (ADUC) *Special Meeting*

**Minutes Taken By:** Sherry Surmont, Faculty Senate Secretary