

Biographical information

Robert Delius Royar (Candidate for MSU Faculty Regent)

I have been a university teacher for 38 years with the last 22 of those years at Morehead State University. During my time as a faculty member in higher education, I have had the opportunity to teach students at all levels from those who need to meet pre-college requirements to those working on advanced or professional degrees. I have also had the opportunity to coordinate programs, school events, centers, grants, and University initiatives. I have served on MSU's Faculty Senate for six years from fall 2009 to fall 2015, the Senate Executive Council from fall 2010 to fall 2015, chaired the Senate Governance Committee for two terms, chaired Senate Issues for one year, and Chaired the Faculty Senate from August 2014 to August 2015.

I have chaired two University Standing committees: Faculty Rights and Responsibilities (twice) and University Planning (co-chaired). I have served as a member of a few other University Standing Committees, ad hoc committees, and state-wide workgroups: University Undergraduate Curriculum, General Education Council, Teacher Education Council, MSU SACSCOC Fifth-Year Interim Report Committee (ad hoc), Core Retention Advisory Team, President's Leadership Council, CPE General-Education Alignment Workgroup (with participants from other Commonwealth universities), and President's Leadership Academy. I served as the University Academic-Assessment Coordinator from fall 1998 to spring 2001. Working in that capacity I visited every department on campus to discuss assessment plans and reporting.

In addition to my teaching responsibilities for the last four years, I have directed the University Quality Enhancement Plan, becoming familiar with SACS requirements in a number of areas related to faculty and general academics. My work with the Quality Enhancement Plan has also allowed me to attend conferences with state officials to discuss issues related directly to the problems MSU and other Commonwealth universities face related to retention, funding formulas, and enrollment.

I served for six years as the treasurer for the Kentucky Council of Teachers of English / Language Arts, during which period I oversaw a budget that grew from \$9,600.00 to \$101,000.00. I also initiated and shepherded KCTE/LA's 501(c)(3) transition to corporate status and completed all its annual tax filings. I have overseen budgets for the former MSU Writing Center, the last year of the EFL&P/LexMark Technical Writing Grant, four years of the Quality Enhancement Plan, and one year of the Faculty Senate.

By way of summary, I understand both the business side and the academic side of the university. I listen attentively and try to judge issues fairly. As Faculty Regent, I would advocate effectively for the faculty and advance the good of the University as a whole