

## Resolution Concerning Dr. Andrews

Scott Davison

As we all know, many people are unhappy with the Board of Regents, the administration generally, and Dr. Andrews specifically. But as his career ends, it seems appropriate for the university faculty as a whole to look back over his time and recognize in some formal way the significance of those positive initiatives to which he has made significant contributions.

It is important to recognize that the resolution is only about the past, and highlights only positive achievements -- but it does not say that he has done a great job overall. In fact, it is compatible with other resolutions concerning negative aspects of his presidency, including even a vote of no confidence. (Although I would not support such a vote myself, this resolution is not incompatible with it.)

In September of 2016, I sent an email containing this resolution concerning Dr. Andrews to some faculty whom I know personally, asking them to circulate the email to their colleagues, and I asked the chair of the chairs' council to distribute it to department chairs, asking them to send it to their faculty if they thought it was appropriate. I do not know how many departments or faculty received it. It was not a survey, because it did not ask people either to agree or disagree with the resolution. Since I don't know how many faculty received it, and I don't know how many faculty would have approved with the resolution had they received it, it's hard to determine precisely the statistical significance of the response I received. But I can tell you that 39 faculty supported the resolution (12 anonymously), including some faculty senators, and this does strike me as a large number, given the way in which responses were elicited.

As I promised to those who expressed support for this, I am asking my faculty senators to introduce the proposed resolution on the floor of the faculty senate, and hoping that the senate decides to poll faculty in each department to determine the actual level of support for the resolution. Thank you.

\* \* \*

WHEREAS Dr. Wayne Andrews will soon retire after serving 12 years as Morehead State University's 13th president, and his service has included significant contributions to a number of important projects and initiatives, including the following:

--increased the university endowment from less than \$20 million to nearly \$45 million;

--improved the appearance and function of the physical campus, including upgrading campus technology infrastructure, constructing new dormitories, and enhancing food service across campus;

--advocated repeatedly for funding for higher education in Frankfort, including providing a timely and effective response to the proposal to create the University of Pikeville (which would have reduced significantly our share of state appropriations) that documented and improved MSU's presence in the service region;

--worked with key legislators and private donors to secure funding for the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, a new facility for the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, three new academic facilities (the Space Science Center, the Center for Health, Education, and Research, and the

Vet Surgery suite), the new Recreation and Wellness Center, the small business incubator space on Main Street, and the renovation and expansion of the Adron Doran University Center; and

--supported the creation of a new Honors program and an Undergraduate Research Fellows program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Faculty Senate, on behalf of the faculty of Morehead State University, formally recognizes these significant contributions.