

Faculty Senate | MINUTES

May 02, 2017 | 3:30 pm | Barkley Room, Curris Center

Meeting called by Joe DeBella

Type of meeting Organizational

Absent: Senators Coulter, Orega

Guests: Dr. Renae Duncan, Dr. Renee Fister, Dr. Robert Davies

AGENDA TOPICS

Approval of Minutes | Presenter Joe DeBella

The minutes of April 4, 2017, were motioned to be approved by unanimous vote.

Special Guest

Dr. DeBella opened the floor to Dr. Davies. Dr. Davies addressed the restructuring handled at the university level for the pension system. He stated faculty and staff will be keeping sick leave buy back. The office responsible for covering that is the office having the employee retiring. Dr. Davies also stated the report from Frankfort today shows the state \$130 million short. He is heading to Frankfort tonight for discussions. He thanked the Senate for their work the past academic year.

Introduction of New Senators | Presenter Joe DeBella

Senator DeBella welcomed the newly elected Senators to the Faculty Senate and presented them to the group.

Stephen B White Award for Shared Governance | Presenter Joe DeBella

Senator DeBella announced Dr. Renae Duncan and Dr. Robert Pervine as the 2016-17 co-recipients of the Stephen B White Award for Shared Governance. He thanked them for their hard work and dedication to shared governance at Murray State. Senator DeBella presented Dr. Duncan with her certificate and said he would present Dr. Pervine his certificate at a later time as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Recognition of Service | Presenter Joe DeBella

Senator DeBella presented certificates of service to Senators concluding their time with Faculty Senate. He thanked each of them for their work and contributions to the Senate.

- 1) Amelia Dodd, Department of Applied Health Sciences (2 years)
- 2) Thomas Pharis, Department of Educational Studies, Leadership and Counseling (2 years)
- 3) Jie Wu, Department of Modern Languages (4 years)
- 4) Matthew Gianforte, Department of Music (2 years)

Board of Regents– Regent Kathy Farmer

Regent Farmer reminded Senators of the upcoming Board of Regents meeting on June 9, 2017. This is a regularly scheduled meeting.

Academic Policies- No Report

Finance- No

Governmental Affairs- Senator Joe DeBella

Senator DeBella presented on behalf of the committee. They were absent preparing for the BBQ dinner with officials. DeBella reminded everyone to attend the dinner with elected officials immediately following the Senate meeting.

Handbook and Personnel- Senator Kevin Binfield

Senator Binfield stated the committee reviewed the handbook proposal input from Dr. Duncan. There was a slight change to the wording to clarify in writing that the Provost is kept in the loop on the process. The committee agreed with this feedback.

Rules, Elections, and Bylaws- Senator Melony Shemberger

Senator Shemberger stated the 8 recipient cycle for BOR Teaching Excellence Awards would begin next year pending Board approval at the June meeting. She thanked the committee members, deans, and Faculty Senate for their work and support on the proposal.

Executive – No Report

Old Business |

Revisit resolution in response to Salary Equity Study Women's Faculty Caucus | Senator Brian Clardy

Senator Clardy suggested amending “acknowledges” to “endorses.” Senator Donnelly asked for Senate discussion about the amendment to the response. Senators stated concerns for various points and working of the document. Senator Donnelly asked for a vote on the following wording: “Resolved that the Faculty Senate endorses the recommendations of the Women’s Faculty Caucus Salary Equity Study.” Senator Shea Poor called for a vote on amending the wording. The amendment to the wording passed with 17 for and 10 opposed. Senator Clardy made a motion to approve this resolution and it was seconded by Senator Donnelly. The resolution passed with a vote of 17 for and 9 opposed.

Proposed change to Handbook 1.7.2.2 | Handbook and Personnel Committee

The floor was opened for discussion with no discussion taking place. The proposal passed with a unanimous vote.

New Business |

Nomination Committee – Election of 17-18 Faculty Senate Officers (Senator David Roach)

Senator DeBella handed the meeting over to Senator David Roach. The unopposed nominee for president was Joe DeBella and the unopposed nominee for vice president was Brian Clardy. Both were elected in votes of acclamation.

Adjourn |

Senator DeBella directed Senators to sign up for committees for the upcoming academic year. He directed them to the sheet on the front table. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.