

Faculty Senate  
Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2016

MTSU Faculty Senate Chambers

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Members Present – Mark Abolins, , Murat Arik, Martha Balachandran, Alan Boehm, Andrew Brower, Larry Burriss, William Canak, Alphonse Carter, Laura Cochran, John Dougan, Mark Doyle, Tricia Farwell, Michelle Finch, Paul Fischer, Sekou Franklin, Buddy Freeman, Justin Gardner, Joey Gray, Tina Hall, Joshua Harms, Joseph Hawkins, Robert Kalwinsky, Paul Kline, Alfred Lutz, Mary Martin, Ann McCullough, Scott McDaniel, David Otts, John Pennington, Chris Quarto, Jason Reineke, Lauren Rudd, Kristen West, Zhifu Yang

Members Absent – Don Aliquo, Tom Black, Hyrum Carroll, Meredith Dye, Yang Kim, Preston MacDougall, Richard Pace, Michael Principe, Terry Quinn, Shane Smith, Michelle Stevens, Barbara Turnage,

Members Excused – Mamit Deme, Deana Raffo, Kristi Shamburger, Martha Weller,

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The April 11, 2016 meeting of the MTSU Faculty Senate was called to order by President Tricia Farwell.

Minutes from the Feb. 8, 2016 meeting were approved.

Minutes from March 14, 2016 meeting were approved.

The budget for April was approved

Travel	\$363.75
General Operating	\$540.52
Foundation	\$465.16

Elections for Senate President and Recording Secretary were conducted:

Joey Gray was unanimously elected President-elect for the 2016-2017 year.

The Recording Secretary position remains vacant.

Guest speaker: Brian Hinote (Office of Student Success)

Demonstrated new SSC Campus software that will allow better tracking of student progress, grades, advising, etc.

The software can be previewed at <https://mtsu.campus.eab.com>,

A handout describing the software will be placed on the Senate web page.

Each college will have a software specialist to help faculty with the software.

Revisions to foundation awards report

Two graduate mentor awards

MA

Doctoral

A motion was made, seconded and approved to request a meeting with the Foundation to discuss award procedures”

Committee revisions

TAF:

Membership will include the, from the Faculty Senate, the President, immediate past president and the president elect

Membership will include a Library faculty member, not a library administrator

Internationalization Committee

More faculty will be included on the committee.

The committee will have an odd number of members so as to avoid tie votes.

Research & Creative Activity

The committee will have an odd number of members so as to avoid tie votes.

Animal Care Committee:

This is a specialized committee with specific federal guidelines.

Therefore the committee will be removed from the list of standing committees.

A new Shared Governance document will be distributed to the faculty for comments. Revisions will be prepared for a vote at the May 2016 meeting.

Updates

Discussion items at recent TUFs Meeting

FOCUS Act:

Will pass and the governor will sign.

MTSU committees will begin work on reconciling current MTSU and TBR policies with new local boards

Decrease in diversity funds at UT

Guns on campus

Bill Canak will assume duties as the new TBR faculty subcouncil representative, replacing Alfred Lutz.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry L. Burriss  
2015-2016 Faculty Senate Recording Secretary