

MTSU Faculty Senate Agenda Meeting
3:30 pm, May 1, 2017
Miller Center Atrium

1. Senator's Reception at 2:45
2. Approval of Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Unfinished Business
 - a. Status on the Amendment of Bylaws
 - b. Steering Committee Recommendations
 - i. Policy Consultant Policy (See below)
 - ii. Ombudsperson Policy (See below)
6. New Business
 - a. Committee volunteers
 - b. Invitation to Faculty Representative to the Board to attend Senate Meetings
 - c. Motion from the SGA
7. New Officers
 - a. Election of Secretary/Treasurer
 - b. Election of Steering Committee Members
8. Announcements
 - a. See distributed pages
 - b. TUFS – William Canak
 - c. TBR Collaborative – William Canak
9. Adjournment

Article IV

Section 8. The President shall designate a member of the Faculty Senate or a member of the faculty at his/her discretion to serve as Policy Consultant. The Policy Consultant will be charged with providing current information regarding policy and/or policy changes to the Faculty Senate; the Policy Consultant will be accessible to act as a resource to all faculty to address policy questions as possible. The Policy Consultant shall serve a term of two years and may be replaced at any time by the Faculty Senate President for just reason (e.g. illness, resignation of elected seat). The Policy Consultant may serve multiple consecutive terms provided continuation is at the request of the current President of the Faculty Senate. The Policy Consultant has no vote or position in the Faculty Senate due to the role of this position.

Section 9. The Steering Committee of the Faculty Senate shall elect a tenured member of the faculty to serve as Faculty Ombudsperson. The Faculty Ombudsperson must be teaching more than 50% during his/her term of service. The Ombudsperson will be charged to act as an independent, knowledgeable resource for faculty as issues arise which cross boundaries or are impacted by policy concerns. Since the role is defined by the Faculty Senate, the Ombudsperson has no official standing and no direct role in shared governance other than that conveyed as a member of the faculty; he/she will be accessible to act as a resource to all faculty to provide information and ideas to help solve issues arising within the context of the academe and that have not risen to the level of formal complaint; the objective of the Ombudsperson would be to provide alternatives to the adversarial process. The Ombudsperson will provide a basis of organizational and policy knowledge, taking a neutral role at all times. The Ombudsperson will assist in problem solving only from an informal advisory position; within the requirements of legal statute, the Ombudsperson will respect the confidentiality of those who consult with him/her. The Ombudsperson will be capable of directing individuals to appropriate official channels as necessary. The Ombudsperson shall serve a term of two years and may be replaced at any time by the Faculty Senate President for just reason (e.g. illness, resignation of elected seat, change in work assignment, etc). The Ombudsperson may serve multiple consecutive terms provided continuation is at the request of the current President of the Faculty Senate. The Ombudsperson shall provide a general, summative report to the Faculty Senate in order to allow the consideration of trends over time; this report will be forwarded to the President and the Provost of the University by the Faculty Senate President.

SGA Resolution 13-17-S

Progress and Final Reports

Whereas: Progress reports are a means by which students can gauge their current performance in classes at Middle Tennessee State University.

Whereas: Most professors do not provide exact percentages along with letter grades on progress reports.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 79TH CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Section 1: Professors shall supply approximate percentages along with the corresponding letter grades on progress and final reports at Middle Tennessee State University.

Section 2: Pass or fail classes will be exempt from a percentage assignment.

Sponsor: Senator Emily Lupo

Co-Sponsor: Senator Jordan D. Malpass