
Members Present – W. Cribb, J. Brickey, K. Butler, N. Callender, R. Clark, J. Dooley,
L. Dubek, P. Fischer, R. Heinrich, Z. Khan, A. Lutz, K. Nofsinger

Members Absent – G. Zlotky

Members Excused –

Additional Attendees –

Action Items

1. The upcoming meeting schedules were discussed (handouts).
 - a. Agenda items for the Academic Affairs Liaison Committee Meeting were requested.
 - b. Alfred will represent the Senate to be joined by Warner.
 - c. Warner shared the importance of the student attendance reporting system and the importance of this as viewed by the administration.
2. Senate nomination forms and ballots have been mailed to Deans and Department Chairs. Officers will be elected by April 11th. The Steering Committee agreed to serve as the Nominating Committee. Requests for nominees will be made within an email. Names of nominees will be given to a member of the Steering Committee. Names must be given by March 28th.
3. A vote will need to be taken concerning retaining Warner and Nate next year due to their faculty status.
4. The Steering Committee was asked to proofread the Senate Bylaws. All changes should be made by the end of April.
5. Senate Bill 1924 was discussed. A bill (Bill 1524?) capable of targeting groups which appear to have interfered with the academic process was also discussed. This bill will be introduced at the next Faculty Senate Meeting. Tenure may come under fire in higher education following the K-12 tenure issue. It was discussed that TUFS should respond to this.
6. The Partnership Promise issue was responded to in an email from Kathy Musselman. Alfred stated that he had received a letter from the company stating that they were taking his concerns seriously and would respond within 30 days.

7. The issue with TIAA-CREF fees was discussed. Warner stated that TIAA-CREF said that they were reducing fees.
8. The smoking policy was discussed. Mr. Cothorn referred the issue to the Environmental Health and Safety Committee on campus. Warner is a member of an ad hoc committee looking into this issue. Enforcement is an issue. Some other campuses are totally nonsmoking while others are partially nonsmoking and others are tobacco free.
9. Warner brought up MTSU's non-response to international disasters. The lack of a VPIA was offered as a reason for the lack of response.
10. Campus non-violence initiatives were addressed. It was suggested that other institutions' responses be evaluated. Warner suggested that the Campus Non-Violence Committee be restarted. Alfred suggested increasing the number of counselors on campus. It was recommended that Jane Tipps be on any newly formed committee. Information for adjunct and full time temporary professors was recommended. Warner will bring up the issue of restarting the Campus Non-Violence Committee with Dr. Bartel.
11. The issue of the student reporting system was addressed. It was suggested that this issue be brought up with Dr. Bartel.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Callender
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