

Topics:

- **Positioning the University for the Future**
- **Budget**

3:00 Meeting Called to Order
3:05 Dr. Miller
3:20 Mr. Cothorn
3:45 Q&A
4:00+/- Adjournment

Preliminary Questions:

- **Positioning the University for the Future:**
 - Faculty have concerns about the administration's justifications for its decisions and which decisions are actually cost saving and which have no cost savings impact.
 - A continued concern is the President's statement that most restructuring is viewed as operational not academic; as a result these are administration's decisions without faculty input. Faculty request that "operational" be defined.
- **Budget:**
 - We have learned that the science building is being postponed, but there is an article about UTC getting its new library to move forward. It appears that UTC used a bonded approach to move this forward. Will there be similar flexibility for MTSU's science building?
 - What additional costs do new students add? At some point, a break-even is reached and additional students generate pure revenue. If growth just causes cost, then we need to stop growth. However, if growth results in revenue, we want to know where that is being allocated.
 - Lack of transparency concerning specific budget needs and allocations.
 - Student/Faculty Ratio...increasing student numbers versus decreasing tenure track faculty.
 - With increasing student numbers, where does the increase in tuition dollars go?
 - With buyout program, who will replace retiring faculty?
 - How does international student exchange effect budget?
 - New Question:
 - Will they present their proposed changes with corresponding budget impact figures?