



Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2014, 4:30 PM
MTSU Faculty Senate Chambers

Members Present – M. Arndt, S. Boyd, J. Brickey, N. Brooks, L. Burriss, W. Canak, H. Carroll, L. Clark, L. Craig-Unkefer, M. Deme, L. Dubek, T. Farwell, M. Finch, S. Franklin, B. Freeman, J. Gray, C. Harris, J. Hawkins, B. Hinote, M. Hinz, R. Hoffman, T. Jurkanin, R. Kalwinsky, A. Lutz, P. MacDougall, S. Mangrum, J. McCormick, A. McCullough, D. Patterson, D. Raffo, J. Reineke, S. Roberts, C. Rosenmuller, B. Rushlow, K. Scherzer, C. Stephens, C. True, B. Turnage, M. Weller, P. West-Osterfield, A. Williams

Members Absent – J. Belsky, M. Fleming, P. Kelly, K. Mathis, W. Means, J. Miller, G. Pisut, P. Wall

Members Excused – M. Knight,

Agenda

1. Roll call- the meeting was called to order at 4:30 by Prof. Scott Boyd.
2. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the February 10, 2013 minutes.
3. Treasurers report
 - Travel: \$1600.00
 - General: \$1092.77
 - Foundation: \$ 415.16
4. Faculty expectations document-Prof. Boyd said a draft is currently with the Provost for review. The committee expects his comments soon.
5. Standing committee review-Prof. Boyd said that documents are expected to be submitted to the Senate for review soon.
6. Visit with Legislators-Prof. Boyd said the majority of legislators contacted are available to join the Senate on April 10th at 3:30 in the Faculty Senate Chambers. If a senator cannot make this, please send a representative. Steering committee has recommended that senators who are rotating off should invite the new senators from their department and/or college to attend.

7. Senate Elections (Departments)-Prof. Boyd said most department representatives have been selected. Biology, Accounting and the University College still need to send names to the Senate.
8. Senate Elections (Colleges)-A call was sent to the deans of Colleges and people are being nominated. Single nominations have been submitted by many Colleges. Prof. Boyd said that the Steering Committee recommended that single nominations be appointed by acclamation. It was questioned as to whether the bylaws allowed this. Since this was unclear, it was determined that a college-wide vote will occur regardless of the number of candidates. A motion was made, seconded and approved to extend the nomination period by one week. Nominations will be accepted until Monday March 24th at Noon. Prof. Boyd said that ballots will be sent out after the deadline. It was agreed upon that voting will last one week.
9. Non-Instructional Assignments-Dr. Canak provided information regarding the process after NIAs have been awarded. He said that the process post-receipt of an NIA may be something that the Senate would like to discuss with the Provost. Prof. Boyd said that the NIA process is still being refined.
10. Senate Elections-Prof. Boyd said that elections for President Elect and Recording Secretary will be held at the April Senate meeting. He said nominations are being accepted. He said that Senators serve up to 2 (3 year) terms. He said that Senators whose terms are expiring can run for President Elect (3 year term) and Recording Secretary (1 year reappointable term).
11. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia M. Farwell
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