

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes April 11, 2011, 4:32 pm Senate Chambers

Members Present – F. Amey, M. Arndt, M. Baggarly, C. Beauchamp, S. Boyd, J. Brickey, T. Brinthaupt, R. Butler, N. Callender, R. Clark, C. Cooper, W. Cribb, K. Darby, J. Dooley, J. Dowdy, L. Dubek, L. Fisher, P. Fischer, G. Freeman, C. Harris, R. Heinrich, R. Henderson, R. Hoffman, P. Kelly, A. Lutz, R. McBride, C. Rice, J. Rich, P. Wall, B. Wallace, M. Weller, D. Winborn, G. Zlotky

Members Absent – K. Butler, S. Daugherty, T. Greer, W. Ilsley, Z. Khan, J. Maynor, K. N. Nofsinger, S. Rawls, M. Rice, L. Selva, C. Stephens

Members Excused – C. Li, J. P. Oliver, S. Taylor

Additional Attendees -

Agenda

- 1. Roll Call The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM.
- 2. Approval of March 21, 2011 Minutes A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Travel \$5.51
 - b. Operating Expenses \$1,500.98
 - c. Foundation Account \$521.44
- 4. Election of 2011-12 Faculty Senate Officers
 - a. President-Elect: Ballots were collected and tabulated. Michael Arndt was the only candidate for President-Elect. 30 individuals voted in favor.
 - b. Recording Secretary: A motion was made, seconded and passed to retain Nate Callender as the Aerospace Senator. Nate Callender was added as a write in candidate for Recording Secretary. 29 individuals voted in favor.
- 5. TUFS Report
 - a. Approval of TUFS Resolution Regarding Academic Freedom: Alfred discussed a handout which includes a TUFS resolution to be sent to the heads of both State systems. TUFS resolutions must be approved by a

majority of Faculty Senates. A motion was made, seconded and approved in favor of the resolution.

6. New Business

- a. Amendments to Faculty Senate Bylaws: The changes to the Bylaws were discussed. The changes were necessary to accommodate the recent college restructuring. Specifically Article VII provides for only one representative on the Steering Committee. These changes will be approved at the fall faculty meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the Bylaws.
- b. Request to Reinstate Campus Non-Violence Committee (CNVC) as a Standing Committee: Warner will draft a letter requesting that President McPhee reinstate the CNVC. A suggestion to have a rotation in the membership was made in order to provide for continuity on the committee. A question was asked regarding the charter of the Environmental Health and Safety Committee (EHSC) and how the CNVC becoming a separate entity will affect it. The charge of the EHSC was discussed. Crime is mentioned in the EHSC's charge; therefore, a change to this committee's charge was suggested. The syncing of these committees was recommended. These committees will have some overlap in membership as well as the individuals to whom these committees report will have to communicate. The role of Judicial Affairs was questioned in the process. Paul Fischer stated that this committee will seek to work on the issue conceptually. A change was made to have this committee report to the head of Academic Affairs. A motion was made, seconded and approved, with the above change, to support the creation of this committee.
- 7. TBR Faculty Sub-Council Report: The promotion of Full Time Temporary Faculty was discussed.

8. Old Business

- a. SGA Request to make faculty evaluation results available to students: The letter written to the President of Student Government was discussed. Paul Fischer offered that students may want this due to the commercialization of the former MTSU Review.
- b. Virtual Computers: An email from Bruce Petryshak was included as a handout in response to a chemistry professor.

9. Information Items:

- Salary Increases: The President's statements regarding additional salary increases and/or a one-time bonus at the last President's Meeting was presented.
- b. Recommendations from MTSU Committee on Disabilities: The requirement to have all course materials be ADA compliant was discussed. This topic will be discussed at the next Academic Affairs Liaison Committee meeting.
- c. Campus Tobacco Policy: The history and the present state of the Senate's 2007 resolution was discussed. Enforcement was questioned. Several tobacco free campuses were listed. President McPhee's support was questioned.
- d. Draft Policy on Faculty Proficiency in English: It was requested that comments on this policy be sent to Allison McGoffin.
- e. New Senators Reception and Election of 2011-12 Steering Committee: May 2

10. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:21PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Callender 2010-2011 Faculty Senate Recording Secretary