
Members Present – M. Arndt, S. Boyd, J. Brickey, T. Brinthaup, N. Brooks, L. Burriss, N. Callender, B. Canak, L. Clark, R. Clark, C. Cooper, L. Craig-Unkefer, K. Darby, L. Dubek, T. Farwell, M. Fleming, G. Freeman, C. Harris, M. Hinz, R. Hoffman, P. Kelly, M. Knight, A. Lutz, S. Mangrum, K. Mathis, J. McCormick, A. McCullough, W. Means, F. Miyakawa, M. Nichols, K. N. Nofsinger, D. Patterson, G. Pisut, S. Roberts, C. Rosenmuller, B. Rushlow, P. Wall, J. Wasik, P. West Osterfield, A. Williams, D. Winborn, G. Zlotky

Members Absent – C. Beauchamp, C. Li, J. Maynor, C. Stephens

Members Excused – L. Selva, C. True, M. Weller,

Additional Attendees – J. Omachonu (Vice Provost), S. Carnicom

Agenda

1. Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM.
2. Approval of September 10, 2012 Minutes – A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes.
3. Treasurer's Report (old data):
 - a. Travel: \$-203.53
 - b. Operating Expenses: \$2,236.55
 - c. Foundation Account: \$379.16
4. Old Business
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5. New Business
 - a. Chief Buddy Peaster:
 - i. Emergency Notification Policy Changes: Chief Peaster discussed the growth in the community which has significantly affected MTSU. He shared that Accuweather has improved the weather reporting on campus. The policy regarding the information sent through Rave has changed (as of December

2011). Four on-campus activities will prompt a Rave alert: tornados, shootings, armed robberies, and bomb threats.

- ii. MTSU Guardian and Rave Eyewitness: Guardian allows information to be added to a Rave account. Personal information may be helpful to medical personnel. Chief Peaster shared that a large number of issues on campus were of a medical nature. The Guardian information cannot be accessed unless so requested by the user. A timer can be set which will alert the Police Dispatcher if the user does not disable the timer. Users of Guardian may be able to be more directly connected to the Campus Police Department as opposed to being connected to Murfreesboro City Police.
 - iii. Contacting MTSU Public Safety: Chief Peaster encouraged the Faculty to contact his department. He shared the Department's contact number (615) 898-2424 and encouraged us to call when necessary.
 - iv. Guns on Campus Legislative Initiatives: Chief Peaster shared that he does not believe guns on campus is a good idea. He shared that items are stolen on campus which could include firearms if they are allowed to be carried on campus. He also shared that alcohol has led to more deaths and injuries than have firearms.
 - v. Questions: Chief Peaster restated his position as being opposed to firearms on campus. Dialing 9911 should connect the caller to the Campus Police Department when dialing from campus. When asked about enforcement of the tobacco free policy, Chief Peaster stated that the University may be moving in a direction to enforce the policy.
- b. NSSE Data Presentation, John Omachonu and Scott Carnicom:
- i. Dr. Omachonu shared three issues the University faces. Retention was the first issue. Graduation rate was the second. Academic maps have been created as a guideline to assist students. The third issue was the change in the University's demographics. The success rates for different student demographics are being investigated at the TBR level. Dr. Omachonu chairs the Access and Diversity Committee. He asked the Senate how his office could best engage the Faculty. The removal of the McNair Scholars program was questioned. Dr. Omachonu said that he would bring the sentiment to the Provost regarding the desire to reinstate the McNair program.
 - ii. Scott shared that MTSU loses 25% of students after the freshmen year and 25% thereafter. MTSU administers the NSSE every 2-3 years. Scott shared data, as provided in handouts, from the 2011 NSSE data. NSSE data can be viewed on the IEPR website and separated by college and department. He shared that the data presents an overall picture that MTSU is not

rated well. Faculty shared that teaching loads are above our peer groups' and salaries are below our peer groups'. Pay and office space for adjuncts being inadequate was discussed. The NSSE results were questioned.

c. TBR Report, Alfred Lutz:

- i. Arrest of the TSU Faculty Senate President Dr. Jane Davis: Different entities will weigh in on this issue.
- ii. Faculty representation on the Vice Chancellor search committee: No word from the Chancellor has been given on this issue.
- iii. Extension of sick leave policy: A proposal to extend use of the sick leave bank for family members was proposed.

d. Other Issues:

- i. Academic Misconduct may be moved out of Student Affairs into Academic Affairs. Policy documents were sent to Steering Committee members for review.
- ii. The Faculty Senate Secretary position is vacant.
- iii. New standardized testing for high school students will be presented on campus by THEC. An email reminder was sent regarding this issue.

6. Action Items

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Respectfully submitted,

Nate Callender
2012-2013 Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

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