

Middle Tennessee State University
Faculty Senate
April 13, 2009

Action Items:

- Please review the minutes from the last meeting ; they will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

Faculty Senate Meeting:

- 1) Roll Call
 - a) Members Present – F. Amey, D. Belcher, C. Bratten , J. Brickey, L. Burriss, J. Cain, N. Callendar, J. Carter, W. Cribb, J. Dowdy, L. Fisher, M. Foster, G. Freeman, C. Frost, B. Haskew, J. Hausler, C. Higgins, N. Kelker, A. Lutz, M. Martin, J. Maynor, T. McBreen, W. Means, A. Miller, J. Oliver, D. Penn, J. Pennington, T. Perry, M. Rice, K. Rushlow, L. Selva, K. Smith, C. Stephens, S. Taylor, R. Untch, B. Wallace, W. Warren, J. Wermert
 - b) Members Excused – K. Nofsinger,
 - c) Members Absent – M. Arndt, M. Balachandran, S. Daughtery, W. Ilsley, J. LeBlond, J. Marcellus, R. McBride, L. Mulraine, S. Seipel, P. Wall, L. Warise
 - d) Additional attendees- None
- 2) Approval of Minutes – February 9, March 16, and March 23 (called meeting)
- 3) Treasurer's Report –
 - a) Operating Expenses - \$1,808.08
 - b) Travel – (183.74)
 - c) Foundation Balance – \$538.31
- 4) Faculty Senate Election of Officers
 - a) President-Elect and Recording Secretary
 - i) Candidates are asked to talk about 1) past experience in faculty governance and similar positions; and 2) goals for the Faculty Senate during your term.
 - ii) Speakers – Larry Burris and Warner Cribb
 - iii) President Elect -Warner Cribb; Recording Secretary – Stephanie Taylor
- 5) Discussion
 - a) Report from Staffing Profile Meeting
 - i) The indicators are that the Staffing Profile was going to be used to determine which faculty to eliminate from budget cuts; that has changed somewhat. On the 30th of the month, the recommendation thus far is that the Staffing Profile not be the only tool for consideration in determining faculty status. Now we are considering suggestions from Dean's and Chairs for improvements to the process. This appears to be moving in an appropriate direction at this time. An example of consideration is number of students appropriate to consider full load. Maybe reconsider equity between offline and online courses. This is to be implemented by fall 2009.
 - b) Report - Liaison Meeting with Dr McPhee
 - i) Faculty status and role in the restructuring process – Dr. McPhee will be making the decisions for the good of the University. There will be some consultation at various points with the faculty. 28 older than 68 and 100 older than 60. So there will be possibility that we will not need to layoff individuals. Attrition will take care of a lot

- of that problem. The email Friday summarized the conversation with A. Lutz. Gebert will meet with Faculty Senate and will attend the regular meeting in June. Recommendations are not due to President until September; faculty senate would like to be involved earlier. The list coming from Lutz would be approved so that we could have positions on the suggested committees and would suggest names for the attendance at the meetings occurring in the summer.
- ii) Long-term status of higher education in the state – There will be changes in governance of higher education in the state. There is a task force that reports to Manning (TBR) and the UT system. This is not formed by the governor; it is trying to form a central position.
 - iii) Discussion –
 - (1) Names of volunteers for summer meetings were collected.
 - (2) What can we do to be proactive about funding of Higher Education at the state level?
 - (3) We would like to issue an invitation to legislators to attend a faculty senate meeting this summer. We need to emphasize both the tangible and the intangible. This is under consideration.
 - (4) The University Planning committee will be involved in the Faculty Staffing Profile; we need alternates for this committee.
 - iv) Motion on MA/MS stipends – note to amend math in last “whereas” clause With that correction made, the resolution passed unanimously.
- 6) Action Items
- a) Review minutes to be approved at May 27 FS meeting.
 - b) Please volunteer for summer committee attendance.
- 7) Adjournment