
Members Present – M. Arndt, S. Boyd, N. Brooks, W. Canak, M. Deme, T. Farwell, J. Gray, M. Knight, A. Lutz, S. Mangrum, A. McCullough, W. Means, J. Reineke, B. Rushlow, C. True, B. Turnage, A. Williams

Members Excused –

Members Absent – D. Patterson

Discussion Items

1. Prof. Boyd welcomed everyone.
2. Prof. Boyd scheduled Dean Mike Boyle to come to the February Senate meeting to discuss his new position, his office and efforts towards the quest for student success. Dean Boyle will be given 15-20 minutes to speak and then there will be 10-15 minutes for questions.
3. Dr. Canak said that if the quest for student success document is a living document, was there a process for faculty to suggest revisions. Prof. Boyd said that he didn't believe there was a formal method in place, but that President McPhee's and Provost Bartel's doors have always been open.
4. Prof. Boyd said that the President has asked for input on the attendance policy for the university. The deadline for the senators to get feedback from constituents is this Monday.
5. Prof. Boyd said that an email went to the faculty regarding the library purging of hard copies of periodicals that are now available in digital format. The purge is to help make space for the new tutoring center
6. Prof. Boyd said that faculty members have contacted a senator regarding concerns with how information regarding the course redevelopment process is being shared. The primary concern was that it was easy to determine which faculty member was teaching the course, which could cause certain professors to be focused upon. The steering committee requested that Dr. Bartel verify the data is only going to be used "in house" and to contact Heidi Zimmerman for advice if the data is to be made public.
7. Dr. Canak said that the work on committees has been mostly done, but there are a few summaries that need to be turned in. He said he expects to have something to say for Monday's meeting. He said that he will have a document out to the Senate prior to the March meeting.
8. Prof. Boyd said that the Steering Committee should start thinking of who to nominate as the next president elect. He said Wendi was identifying the

senate a large positions that were coming available so Deans and Chairs could be notified.

9. Prof. Boyd said the University was looking to institute a bicycle policy. This policy would require bikes to be registered. The registration would enable the bike owner to be notified if/when bikes had to be moved.
10. Prof. Boyd said that the Senate was looking into using a Twitter account to share information with Senators. Wendi would be the only one to post to the account. All information to be posted should be sent to her. It was asked if a brief Twitter demonstration could be done at a Senate meeting.
11. Prof. Boyd shared that the University Curriculum Committee was investigating going paperless.
12. Prof. Boyd said there were only a few full Senate meetings left. The Steering Committee agreed that one meeting should be reserved for Legislators to come in to talk with the faculty. April 14th was thought to be the best day for this.
13. Prof. Boyd presented the Steering Committee with a draft of the faculty expectations document. He said this was a collection of current policies with a few additions. Several questions were asked regarding the purpose of the document, specific wording of sections, impact of the expectations for those who do not have official office space, if this document would be tied to formal evaluations, the enforceability of the document, and if there was going to be an appeals process. It was suggested that further discussion with Dr. Bartel was needed.
14. Dr. Lutz reported on the TBR Subcouncil meeting. He said that approximately 60 course redesign applications were going to be funded. He said that additional points from the meeting included: the TBR was investigating the prepare-for-credit-model vs. the immediate-credit model, the creation of a macro major to replace the undecided major, the University of Memphis pilot summer pay program, the creation of the instructor and lecturer track, and that no progress had been made regarding partner benefits. He said that the library consortium was in preliminary talks. Dr. Lutz provided the committee with a copy of House Bill 1129.
15. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Action items:

1. Prof. Boyd to follow up with Dr. Bartel regarding the use and publication of the DFW data
2. Prof. Boyd to schedule a Twitter demonstration for the Senate
3. Prof. Boyd to invite Legislators to come to the April 14th Senate Meeting
4. Prof. Boyd to send out preliminary schedule for Monday's Senate Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

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