
Members Present

M. Baggarly, D. Belcher, J. Brickey, L. Burriss, N. Callender, W. Cribb, J. Dooley, J. Dowdy, L. Dubek, C. Frost, R. Henderson, Tony Johnston for R. Hoffman, A. Lutz, J. Maynor, H.W. Means, T. Perry, M. Rice, K. Rushlow, L. Selva, C. Stephens, S. Taylor, R. Untch, P. Wall, W. Warren

Members Excused

K. Nofsinger, L. Warise, P. Kelly, P. Fischer, M. Arndt, B. Haskew, R. Livingston, P. Oliver, B. Haskew

Members Absent

F. Amey, S. Daugherty, L. Fisher, M. Foster, T. Greer, C. Harris, , R. Heinrich, C. Higgins, W. Ilsley, R. McBride, J. Pennington, S. Rawls, S. Seipel, B. Wallace

Additional Attendees

None

Call to Order

Deborah Belcher, 2009-2010 Faculty Senate President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Faculty Senate Chambers. D. Belcher passed the roll to Senators and requested that they check their presence. She also handed out a new members list and requested that individuals confirm their contact information.

Greeting and Welcome

D. Belcher welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed the importance and responsibilities of being a member of the MTSU Faculty Senate. She requested that each Senator report back to their departments the information discussed at the meeting in order to maintain an open means of communication. She suggested that having a regular report at departmental faculty meetings or emailing a report to colleagues were good methods of sharing Senate activities and announcements.

Approval of the May 27 Minutes

The May 27 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The current operating expenses are \$5,000.00 with an additional \$400.00 for travel and a Foundation Balance of \$737.28.

President's Report

- **Information Items**

- *Celebrate the MTSU Community!*
 - D. Belcher shared the 2009-2010 goal of the Faculty Senate to assist in showcasing MTSU and prepare for the 2011 Centennial Celebration by celebrating MTSU through a series of activities. "Celebrate the MTSU Community!" will be used to promote Senate activities and participation in University activities.
- **Past Presidents' Luncheon**
 - A PowerPoint presentation of the 2009 Past Presidents' Luncheon held at The Heritage Center on May 28 was shown.
 - D. Belcher thanked John Lynch with MTSU News and Public Affairs for interviewing and filming five previous senate presidents during the "Storybook Corner" activity. These interviews will be placed on the Faculty Senate website as well as developed as part of a story about the faculty senate for the October edition of Middle Tennessee Record.
 - D. Belcher also shared the article in *the Record* and passed a copy around for Senators to view.
- **Past Presidents' Interviews**
 - Interviews of Dr. Norman B. Ferris, Dr. William T. Windham and Dr. F. Curtis Mason have been completed. Digital recordings of the interviews have been reviewed and edited by Gay Johnson and will be placed on the Faculty Senate website.
- **2009 Faculty Senate Retreat**
 - D. Belcher announced that the 2009 Faculty Senate Retreat will be held on Wednesday, August 26 at the Kennon Sports Hall of Fame. A tentative schedule includes a brainstorming session titled "Charrette.....Positioning the University for the Future", presentations by the President, Provost and others, informal discussion with Vice Presidents and a panel discussion with local legislators.
 - In August, an agenda for the retreat along with an invitation will be emailed to Senators.
- **Acknowledgements**
 - D. Belcher thanked Gay Johnson for her work and support in assisting with the coordination of the Past Presidents' Luncheon, Past Presidents' Interviews, Faculty Senate website, and 2009 Faculty Senate Retreat.

Old Business

- **Academic Affairs Timeline**

- Positioning the University for the Future
 - D. Belcher passed the timeline around to Senators for input.

- **Revised Tenure and Promotion Policy**

- Revised policy was emailed to all faculty 6/17/09. There were neither questions nor comments from the Senators.

- **2009 Fall Enrollment Projections**
 - Due to interest in the university, fall 2009 inquiries from prospective students show a 6% increase as of July 1. Deb Sells is anticipating a 2-3% enrollment increase after fee payment deadlines.
- **% Non-tenure Track Positions**
 - There is a total of 189 Clinical, Coordinator and Research Track Temporary Faculty, approximately 18% of the total faculty.
 - There was a request that data concerning the number of temporary faculty continue to be tracked and the senate informed.
- **Faculty Evaluations**
 - D. Belcher reported that Dr. Diane Miller, Interim EVP&P, and Dr. Vic Montemayor were aware of concerns based on reporting discrepancies. In an email, Vic Montemayor reported that as problems were reported he relayed those to Curt Curry to correct the online feedback web pages.
 - An additional request to make certain that Chairs/Deans were notified of the problems with processing the faculty evaluations was made and noted for future report.
- **Bylaw Changes (Fall Faculty Meeting)**
 - Bylaw changes will be emailed out to all faculty prior to the 2009 Fall Faculty Meeting on Friday, August 28.
 - The proposed amendments will be submitted to the general faculty for ratification by a simple majority vote at the 2009 Fall Faculty Meeting.

New Business

- **Deans' Retreat Update**
 - D. Belcher reported that the Dean's Retreat was a valuable experience. The input from the brainstorming session will be used as additional information as reports are completed and decisions are made concerning the "Positioning the University for the Future" initiatives.
- **Request for Volunteers**
 - Volunteers for the 3rd Review of "new" Faculty Handbook were requested. Nate Callender, Larry Burriss, Tara Perry, Mike Rice, and Alfred Lutz volunteered. D. Belcher announced that a web address for the handbook would be emailed to each volunteer.

Adjournment

D. Belcher adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Stephanie Taylor
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