
Members Present – M. Arndt, C. Beauchamp, S. Boyd, J. Brickey, R. Butler, N. Callender, C. Cooper, W. Cribb, J. Dowdy, L. Dubek, G. Freeman, C. Harris, R. Heinrich, R. Henderson, R. Hoffman, W. Ilsley, P. Kelly, A. Lutz, J. Maynor, R. McBride, K. N. Nofsinger, J. P. Oliver, C. Rice, J. Rich, L. Selva, P. Wall, M. Weller, D. Winborn, G. Zlotky

Members Absent – F. Amey, M. Baggarly, T. Brinthaup, K. Butler, R. Clark, K. Darby, S. Daugherty, P. Fischer, C. Li, S. Rawls, M. Rice, C. Stephens.

Members Excused – J. Dooley, L. Fisher, T. Greer, Z. Khan, S. Taylor, B. Wallace

Additional Attendees – Brad Bartel (Provost, MTSU), Bruce Petryshak (Vice President for Information Technology)

Agenda

1. Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM.
2. Approval of February 14 & 28, 2011 Minutes – A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Travel – \$5.51
 - b. Operating Expenses – \$1,503.49
 - c. Foundation Account – \$519.44
4. President's Report: This was presented as a handout to the Senate.
5. Guests:
 - a. Brad Bartel, Vice President for Academic Affairs
 - i. Dr. Bartel said that we are on track for another 5% enrollment growth for the fall. He has passed on the full time temporary and adjunct lists to Mr. Cothorn. He desires that these positions be converted to tenure track but is cautious to do so. He said that Mr. Cothorn is looking at additional pay increases for MTSU employees on top of the 1.6% announced by the Governor. The

current tenure track searches are ongoing. An offer has been made and accepted for the Vice Provost position; however, the TBR approval letter has not been received. He went on to discuss the state of MTSU students studying in Japan. He sent a request to the 8 students studying in Japan that MTSU would like to encourage them to come home. Six of the eight have agreed. Warner asked if he was comfortable with the Academic Affairs budget. He said that he is. He thinks that all instructional needs will be met in the fall. He also thinks new positions (faculty and staff) may be able to be added. Ronda Henderson asked about peer review being included in faculty data packets. Dr. Bartel stated that after having been involved in the process of Tenure and Promotion at MTSU, he would like to have conversations with the Faculty Senate along with MTSU legal counsel regarding suggested changes to the process. Warner suggested that the Senate have access to Dr. Bartel's suggestions by the August retreat. Alfred asked if individual TBR institutions can determine their own separate pay increases. Alfred stated that the Chancellor was not of the opinion that institutions could do this. Dr. Bartel will check with Mr. Cothorn. Warner suggested that the 1.6% increase in the Governor's budget may not all be provided by the State but left up to each institution to cover. Alfred read from a correspondence that stated that institutions would be responsible for a portion of the 1.6% salary increase. Dr. Bartel said that he would check on this as well. He also stated that a bonus may be considered. John Maynor asked about the projected 5% student enrollment increase and when we were going to stop. Dr. Bartel agreed with John's concerns. He stated that the campus is reaching its total carrying capacity. MTSU is bringing in a consultant in the spring to craft an enrollment strategy. He would like to shift some student enrollment from undergraduate to graduate students where there is room for growth. He stated that the physical capacity is approximately 29,000. He has been speaking with the President about this. He stated that he desired a new strategy which slows enrollment while incorporating new types of students. It was suggested that some departments have exceeded capacity. Dr. Bartel agreed. He stated that the fume hood situation was serious and that faculty and students were in danger. He stated that a partnership with UTK in a bond for several building projects may be necessary. Warner asked Dr. Bartel to speak about the Academic Alert System. Dr. Bartel stated that this system is an experiment to track student athletes and TRIO students. It has been incorporated into Raidernet so that the system could benefit all students. During the first week of its operation this semester, the majority of responses were positive. Dr. Bartel stated that the faculty's job was to identify students who may be in danger and others would take the responsibility for contacting and assisting the students.

b. Bruce Petryshak, Vice President for Information Technology

- i. Mr. Petryshak stated that Microsoft Exchange would be the in-house email solution for faculty. He stated that the change would be rolled out college by college. He also stated that the new system would be better for synchronization and smart phones. Two internet feeds come on campus: residential life and the remainder of campus. He stated that the two lines would be combined when necessary to be more efficient as well as having increased capacity. An antennae system is being designed for campus for improved cell phone coverage. This will become a revenue stream since cell phone carriers will have motivation to join. Administrative computers will be virtualized to improve efficiency. A pilot program has been enacted in the Honors College, the Business Department and the Library. MTSU has licenses for 2,000 machines. This will allow internet access to your desktop from anywhere in the world. Mr. Petryshak stated that the computers necessary would not be as expensive. He stated that moving faculty computers to this system would move slower. Warner asked about security of this system. Mr. Petryshak stated that it is more secure. Mr. Petryshak stated that these machines could also store your files and software if desired. Mr. Maynor asked about control and privacy involved in this system. Computers for specialty computing was questioned. Mr. Petryshak stated that this will be worked through in phases. The refresh of Administrative computers will be included in this system over the summer. Different platforms will be investigated for inclusion in the system. Dr. Petryshak discussed student labs and the ability to use specialty software. He stated that some companies may not work within the new environment.

6. Information Items:

- a. SGA Resolution 5-11-S: This has been placed on the Academic Affairs Liaison Committee's Agenda for March 23rd. The content of this resolution was to place all faculty evaluations online and viewable by students. Warner stated at this time that the resolution does not have a lot of support. Warner communicated to Deb Sells that the Senate would have a response in the fall.
- b. TUFS: The next meeting is April 15th and agenda items should be passed on to Warner.

7. TBR Faculty Sub-council Report:

8. Old Business: The Faculty Senate Update handout was discussed.

- a. Warner stated that the Partnership Promise was being handled at the state level.
- b. Warner shared a handout dealing with retention efforts. He shared that very few of the items in the handout involved the faculty.

9. New Business:

- a. Campus non-violence initiatives – The Campus Non-Violence Committee: Warner stated that the President does not want to ignore the issue, but they do want the campus to appear to be a safe place. Student Affairs will include conflict resolution in UNIV 1010. Conflict resolution will be discussed in Customs. The University used to have a campus non-violence committee. The Steering Committee would like to recommend that the committee be reformed and be comprised of more faculty. Warner stated that faculty with expertise in this area should be included on this committee. Kim asked who would determine the makeup of this committee. Warner said that the request would go to President McPhee. Warner suggested that the Steering Committee would write a recommendation to be voted on at the April 11th meeting to be passed on to President McPhee. It was agreed that this will happen.
- b. Senate Bills 1415 and 1924: Alfred stated that one bill is to target tenure and the other is an attempt to target any groups which interfere with the academic process.
- c. Faculty Senate Elections: Nomination forms and ballots have been emailed to Deans and Department Chairs. New officer and Steering Committee elections will be held on April 11th. Warner listed departments from which no nominees have been received. He informed the Senate that anyone wanting to run or nominate someone to run for officer positions should contact a member of the Steering Committee prior to April 4th.
- d. Update to Senate Bylaws: Approval is necessary by the Senate and the entire faculty in August. Warner requested that we read and give feedback in April.

10. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:01PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Callender
2010-2011 Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

Edited: