

- Meeting called to order at 4:30 (Canak)
  - Burris unable to attend. Dubek subs as recording secretary
  - Present: T. Black, A. Boehm, S. Boyd, N. Brooks, B. Canak, H. Carroll, H. Carter, L. Cochrane, J. Dougan, M. Doyle, L. Dubek, M. Dye, T. Farwell, M. Finch, P. Fischer, S. Franklin, B. Freeman, T. Hall, J. Harrington, C. Harris, J. Hawkins, B. Hinote, R. Hoffman, T. Jurkanin, R. Kalwinsky, A. Lutz, P. MacDougall, M. Martin, J. McCormick, A. McCullough, S. McDaniel, J. Miller, J. Pennington, L. Rudd, S. Smith, C. True, K. West, A. Williams, Z. Yang
  - Excused: L. Burriss, J. Gray, S. Howard, D. Raffo, M. Weller
  - Unexcused: M. Deme, P. Kline, W. Means, M. Principe, J. Reineke, S. Roberts, B. Turnage
1. DIANE RUST, QEP update.
    - Distributes handout with revised operational definitions of “academic engagement,” 3 student learning outcomes & 3 program goals. A working draft. Committee seeks feedback.
    - Surveys have yielded positive results. 174 responses to faculty survey. 40 departments participated. 51 faculty members said they’d be willing to teach a pilot QEP course. 1200 responses to student survey. 50% would take an active-learning course. 59% interested in designing an e-portfolio. Relevancy and time—noted as concerns.
    - FS is hosting 2 faculty forums: 3/24 3-4pm & 4/1 9-10 am in Tom Jackson Hall
    - Rust will present a 5-year plan to faculty in fall 2015
  2. RACHEL KIRK, Library Services
    - Introduces idea of Open Education Resources, a nationwide movement
    - Faculty have many options to combat increasing costs of textbooks, including OER
    - Identifying open-access resources workshop 3/31 (LT & ITC)
  3. Travel account \$669.06. General Fund \$1196.24. Foundation \$439.16
  4. Canak relays conversation with John Cothorn regarding cost savings from book bundling. Projected savings assumes students purchase textbooks for full price at University bookstore.
  5. Dean MIKE BOYLE, University College
    - Handout with contact information for each of their programs.
    - Gives brief history of the evolution of the UC
    - Complete TN College Act changed its mission and scope
    - Has always existed to support faculty
    - Highlighted dual enrollment program: President has set a goal of 500 new students. 35 current students in program
    - Highlighted Non-Traditional Student Support. 1,000 students. Very high success/graduation rates.

- New Testing Center roll-out on 4/1/15. Bottom of KUC (old bookstore space). 77 computers to provide testing services to faculty (online and face-to-face)
- Highlighted recruiting at Fort Campbell. Goal is to double # of veteran-students.
- All 2 + 2 programs, other than TN Transfer Pathways, go through the UC
- Question (Martin): Distinction between dual enrollment (officially enrolled at MTSU) and dual credit (testing out of a course)? Dual enrollment students get ½ price.
- Question (Smith): Dual admission? A. No
- Question (Carroll): Specific courses for dual enrollment? A: 95% specialized courses.
- Question: Scholarships for dual enrollment? A: State supplies \$ for 2 courses and then ½ price after that.
- Question (Martin): Can high school teachers teach dual enrollment? A: Not SACS qualified. However, if teachers lack 1 or 2 credit hours, we will help them.
- Question (Franklin): Inside/outside program in the jails? A. Would love to do it. Can't use state money for that.

#### 6. CANAK

- Standing Committees: a lot of open positions remain. Faculty encouraged to send a personal request to faculty.
- All departments have elected faculty senators for terms starting in fall 2015. All colleges not yet represented.
- Proposed redline revisions of bylaws. Reps advised to send email to Tricia Farwell with comments/suggestions on proposed changes.
- Proposed Ad Hoc committee on compensation analysis. Call for volunteers. Question (Paul): Workload data or just salary data? A: Salary only. Comment (Lutz): AAUP may have rep to do this work.
- Policies and Set of Standards Governing Interdisciplinary Majors. Any interest in an ad-hoc committee? Reps advised to send Canak an email. Comment (Martin): 3 of new PhD programs are interdisciplinary. Affects tenure and curriculum--issues that faculty should keep control over. Comment (Boehm): Another issue is interdisciplinary teaching. Comment (Hoffman): A niche? Comment (Canak): Some interdisciplinary programs are quite successful.

#### 7. UPDATE. Joe Hawkins, Athletic Committee. Graduation rates and progress reports of student-athletes impressive. Report on D2L.

#### 8. CANAK

- Larry Burris (candidate for recording secretary)  
Mary Martin (candidate for President Elect)  
Election at April meeting
- \$1M start-up China & Music—all faculty, acc'd to McPhee, will be reviewed acc'd to current policies governing all MTSU faculty. Comment (Smith): Search committee formed for hiring director of china music center. TBR must approve new Center.

- TAF committee. Willis sent a summary of meeting on 3/3. Concludes that no substantial changes to process by which TAF funds will be dispersed.
  - Course Scheduling Survey distributed to undergraduates via survey monkey. Hinot and Canak worked with Chris Brewer, Institutional Effectiveness Office.
  - Canak to attend TUFS meeting at Austin Peay.
  - Approval of minutes from 2/9/15 meeting. Motion to accept, Brian Hinot. Mary Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.
9. ALFRED LUTZ, TBR Sub-Council Report. Ongoing concern regarding 3-year rolling contracts and tenure process. Meeting scheduled for 4/1/15. Lutz to represent 4-year schools. Issues of concern:
- Sub-council left out of the discussion
  - Tenure policies at community colleges have been sidestepped
  - Financial exigency precedent sidestepped
  - How will the new Lecture position/employment category be used?
  - We need to think about a process by which faculty can complain about an administrator at one institution to make it a system-wide issue.
10. CANAK: Any other comments?
- Lauren Rudd, Apparel & Design—call for male volunteer to get a fashion makeover in a seminar.
  - Motion to adjourn. Smith. 5:54.