

Faculty Senate Steering
10/06/2014

Members Present: Tom Black, Scott Boyd, Larry Burriss, William Canak, John Dougan, Tricia Farwell, Brian Hinote, Rhonda Hoffman, Alfred Lutz, Preston MacDougall, Janet McCormick, Scott McDaniel, Deana Raffo, Jason Reineke

Members Absent: Mamit Deme, Michelle Finch, Joey Gray, Willis Means

Guests (representing the Chairs Council): Steve Morris, Rebecca Smith

1. Meeting called to order by President Canak.
2. Minutes from previous meeting approved
3. Discussion of reassigned time
 - Chairs Council reps
 - Rebecca Smith, chair
 - Steve Morris, chair-elect
 - Provost Brad Bartel is proposing a 15%-20% reduction in reassigned time because of budget concerns
 - Will this only affect reassigned time for research?
 - Will administrative reassigned time be impacted? Provost Bartel says no.
 - Chairs Council concern: Who is approval authority for reassigned time: department chairs or provost?
 - Chairs Council concern: What will be the impact on research?
 - What is “extra” research above & beyond what is normally expected?
 - Is there accountability & documentation? Generally no.
 - Will faculty cut 15%-20% of their research/public service time?
 - How is reassigned time handled at other schools?
4. Tina Hall was approved as the Behavioral and Health Sciences representative on the Steering/Liaison Committee
5. Discussion: Can assistant deans sit on promotion and tenure committees? No, they are administrators.
6. Discussion: There needs to be a transition plan for helping students change from faculty advisors to academic advisors.
 - Question: What is the role of the new advisors? Course selection? Job preparation? Other academic areas?
7. President-elect Farwell presented proposed changes to various MTSU committees (see attached changes).

8. Discussion: Provost Bartel has expressed concern about the high number of honor designations (cum laude, magna cum laude, summa cum laude) awarded to students. In a related matter, the Steering Committee supports not counting pre-MTSU courses in a student's overall grade point average.
9. Discussion: Student affairs would like more faculty representation on Blue Tour activities. Senate President Canak would like a formal invitation from Student Affairs to participate
10. Deanna Raffo presented information about an upcoming seminar dealing with Work/Life Imbalance
Discussion: Are faculty supposed to be available 24/7
Discussion: Student expectations of faculty availability
Recommendation: Put the seminar PowerPoint and video on Faculty Senate web site
11. Discussion Items Regarding New Lecturer Positions:
The Provost would like the Faculty Senate to help develop qualifications and promotion criteria for Lecturer / Senior Lecturer / Master Lecturer positions.
Discussion: Compensation issues for the new lecturer positions vis-à-vis compensation for regular faculty.
Alfred Lutz asked senators to send him suggestions for deciding compensation and appointment/promotion.
What is compensation for lecturer position at other schools?
12. Discussion: Faculty can deny students permission to record classes. It is not an ADA requirement that classes be recorded.
13. TBR Sub-Council representative Lutz: No report. Items of interest can be sent to Senator Lutz.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.