

Middle Tennessee State University
Faculty Senate
November 12, 2007

Action Items:

Remind your colleagues that webct will be gone forever as of December 15....please remove all contents and/or call ITD

1. Roll Call
 - a) Members Present – F. Amey, M. Balachandran, R. Blair, P. Bradley, C. Bratten, L. Burris, J. Caine, F. Crawford, W. Cribb, J. Davis, W. Dornan, M. Foster, G. Freeman, C. Frost, B. Haskew, C. Higgins, T. Johnston, N. Kelker, A. Lutz, M. Martin, J. Maynor, R. McBride, N. McCormick, D. McSwain, A. Miller, K. Nofsinger, T. Perry, J. Pennington, T. Ring, S. Seipel, K. Smith, , G. Vernardakis, J. Wermert, A. Williams, J. Williams,
 - b) Members Excused – M. Arndt, D. Belcher, D. Campbell, J. Carter, J. Hausler, T. McBreen, R. Untch, L. Warise, W. Warren,
 - c) Members Absent –S. Cantrell, S. Daughtery, W. Ilsley, J. LeBlond, J. Marcellus, D. Penn, M. Principe
 - d) Other attendees- K. Gebert
2. Approval of October Minutes – Minutes will be approved at next meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a) Operating Budget: \$2,891.87
 - b) Travel: \$856.00
 - c) Discretionary Account: \$214.72
4. President's report – Please see report as posted online
5. Old business- None
6. New business
 - a) Resolution on part-time faculty pay – Resolution as presented passed faculty senate unanimously. Resolution can be viewed on webpage. Note: Covering a \$100 per credit hour increase per faculty member may cost another \$400,000. Data is being returned by Provost's office.
7. Discussion items
 - a) Draft resolution on Emergency Text Messaging Service was dropped after representatives polled their constituency
 - b) Definition of Faculty eligible to serve on University Standing Committees
 - i. Should be defined by Faculty Senate By-laws and it is not defined there currently.
 - ii. The steering committee will draft a resolution to capture the feelings of the Senate and Faculty.
 - iii. There are categories of full-time, non-tenure track, contract employees (up to 5 year renewable); there needs to be a ruling on their eligibility. The general consensus is that it is not desirable for them to serve on University committees.
 - c) The faculty senate voted to send a resolution to President McPhee that we have a non-smoking campus (with a vote of 16 yes and 13 no).

9 Adjournment