
Members Present - F. Amey, M. Arndt, M. Baggarly, C. Beauchamp, S. Boyd, J. Brickey, T. Brinthaup, K. Butler, N. Callender, C. Cooper, W. Cribb, J. Dooley, J. Dowdy, L. Dubek, G. Freeman, C. Harris, R. Heinrich, R. Henderson, R. Hoffman, Z. Khan, C. Li, A. Lutz, K. N. Nofsinger, J. P. Oliver, J. Rich, L. Selva, S. Taylor, P. Wall, M. Weller, D. Winborn, G. Zlotky

Members Absent - R. Clark, K. Darby, S. Daugherty, P. Fischer, T. Greer, P. Kelly, S. Morris, R. McBride, H. W. Means, , S. Rawls, M. Rice, B. Wallace

Members Excused – L. Fisher, W. Ilsley, C. Stephens

Additional Attendees -

1. Roll Call- Meeting was called to order at 4:33 PM

Comments from the Senate President – Rich Rhoda was not able to attend today's meeting. He will be rescheduled for a future date.

2. Approval of August 25, 2010 Minutes – A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes

3. Treasurer's Report

Travel - \$5.51
Operating Expenses - 4,237.76
Foundation Account - \$592.79

4. President's Report (see 9/13/2010 email)

The report was sent prior to everyone via email.

Lutz – Garcetti vs. Ceballos was introduced and the memo that Dr. Cribb sent to Ms. Zimmerman was discussed. An implication of the case is the potential erosion of academic freedom.

Cribb – Ms. Zimmerman has indicated that she is waiting for TBR clarification on the issue prior to responding to the Senate.

Taylor – She stated that Ms. Zimmerman represents MTSU and not the Senate; therefore, her opinion will be from that perspective.

All faculty will be evaluated every semester.

Dr. Bartel would like to spend carry-forward money on tenure-track faculty travel. Junior faculty may apply for funds.

Dr. Bartel would like to establish a faculty mentor program. President McPhee would like to encourage greater giving by employees to the United Way. A \$1 per week per employee suggestion has been made by the United Way. TBR will be meeting on campus September 23rd and 24th.

5. Old Business

A request was made for comments on the Admissions, Retention and Graduation proposal. They should be submitted by September 20th.

6. New Business

Nate Callender transitioned to a clinical track position this semester. Senate approval is needed to retain Mr. Callender as a Senator. Senate By-Laws state that only tenured and tenure-track faculty may serve. A motion was made, seconded and passed to retain Nate Callender as a Faculty Senator and Recording Secretary.

Dr. Richard Rhoda could not attend. Several faculty attended the House Ways and Means Committee Meeting. Dr. Cribb presented the Outcomes Formula Model from that meeting. Universities were asked to list the most important outcomes. From these outcomes along with the Carnegie classifications, the categories for the Outcomes Formula Model were developed. Weightings were developed for each of the outcomes specific to each of the universities. From these weightings, a total amount of proposed funding for each institution was developed. The new level of funding was compared to the previous level of funding in which MTSU is shown to be overfunded (based upon the new funding formula). A desire for an example calculation with this formula was requested.

The funding formula's impact on Community Colleges was discussed in the House Ways and Means Committee. The Formula's bias to UTK was highlighted.

Butler – What are MTSU's administration's thoughts on this formula? How does it compare to the outcomes submitted by MTSU?

Lutz – The level of funding for Doctoral degrees would imply that we not encourage those degree programs. If those programs do grow, how is this evaluated and how does it affect the weighting?

Butler – Does Dr. Bartel know how changing our Carnegie status will affect this formula?

Russ Deaton is a developer of the new formula. He also made the presentation at the House Ways and Means Committee Meeting. He stated that reclassification of Carnegie status would affect the formula weight; however, he did not think that it would happen.

Lutz - Reclassifying the University to a higher Carnegie status would entail a higher financial commitment by the state.

Butler – How can the University position itself without knowing how this formula will be affected?

A Joint Meeting will meet tomorrow in Senate Room 12. Interested parties should contact Dr. Cribb. The presence of MTSU faculty at the House Ways and Means Committee was acknowledged. Mayor Bragg gave a prepared

statement at the meeting. A request was made to provide the statement to MTSU faculty.

On December 1st, THEC must provide to the General Assembly the final comparison of the old formula to the new formula.

A recommendation to invite Russ Deaton to the Senate was made.

The Complete College Act requires the formula comparison to the General Assembly. The Governor then, upon his satisfaction, incorporates the new formula into the budget.

Taylor – How does the formula, specifically the funding of UTK's Doctoral programs, encourage the policy to educate more Tennesseans?

7. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made and passed at 5:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Callender
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