

Middle Tennessee State University  
Steering Committee, Faculty Senate  
November 3, 2008

***Action Items:***

1. Notify Dr. Gebert regarding recommendations for Tenure and Promotion
- 2.

***Minutes***

- 1) Roll Call
  - a. Members Present - M. Balachandran, D. Belcher, L. Burris, J. Cain, J. Dowdy, B. Haskew, C. Higgins, A. Lutz, M. Martin, H. Means, K. Rushlow, K. Smith, S. Taylor, L. Warise
  - b. Members Excused - N. Kelker
  - c. Members Absent -
- 2) Items Discussed -
  - a. Budget -The various references to the financial exigency documents will be provided by Lutz for our review. The President will come to Dec 1 Senate meeting to provide an update on the budget.
  - b. Food services contract - Chartwells is expressing interest and the dining services contract is coming up. Faculty senate will be consulted perhaps a bit more this time.
  - c. Tenure and Promotion policies - Gebert will attend the November meeting and we have 3 persons representing the review process. Any ideas should be sent to Dr. Gebert
  - d. Parking tickets - cut number of tickets before car is towed. Request for more bicycle, motorcycle parking. Parking in Rutherford lot is not working because students violate parking rather than use the lot. A survey to determine how campus is used - number of days per week, etc. - would be helpful.
  - e. Office moves - Moves during mid semester are disruptive to faculty. We need to refer this to appropriate offices since it is disrespectful of the campus mission.
  - f. Chalking - consensus is that this is part of the "student culture"; university policy does not allow chalking. Especially offensive that chalking for off campus organizations is not appropriate. This will be referred to the student government association for their assistance as well as student affairs and judicial affairs. Maybe a few Green days and Tom Sawyer days to help take stewardship responsibility for our environment - we can't afford to hire people to make up the difference anymore.
  - g. Additional security would be helpful; how much security is available? Can Buddy Peaster answer these questions in a pre-meeting?
  - h. TA stipends - The administration has expressed interest in increasing TA stipends and the Faculty Senate supports them in this endeavor, especially at the MA level. Cain will draft a statement for presentation to the Faculty Senate.
  - i. Financial Exigency -We should ask for a person who is promoting the Downsizing monograph to inform the Faculty Senate regarding details and argue within the context of that language. (203-431-0029 N. Dean Meyer and Associates [ndma@ndma.com](mailto:ndma@ndma.com) Downsizing without Destroying monograph)

- j. Program freeze – there is a freeze on new programs effective immediately from THEC. Nothing is on the cut list now but everything could be in the future.
- k. Information needed to consider: We need to consider increased tuition for students who re-enroll 5 – 8 times in the same class; also we need to go ahead and consider charging by the hour for hours above 12 hours.