Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

[Amended]

May 7, 2007


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  8. “Most schools pay once per semester”
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  5. President went through the report line-by-line.
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- Presidents report:
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Note: After review of the attendance records after the May meeting, Senate officers determined that the required quorum of 24 voting members for official action was not met (only 23 voting members were present). All actions approved by the members present at the May meeting are reported below, but will have to be approved at the next Senate meeting with a quorum present. All other items are for information only.

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Middle Tennessee State University
Faculty Senate
October 8, 2007

Action Items:
   a) Please collect data from colleagues regarding representation on Faculty Senate for
      adjuncts and non-tenure track individuals and their position.
   b) Please collect data from colleagues regarding resolution on Emergency Text
      Messaging Service and their position.

1 Roll Call
   a) Members Present – F. Amey, D. Belcher, R. Blair, C. Bratten, L. Burris, J. Cain, D.
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      Lutz, J. Marcellus, M. Martin, R. McBride, N. McCormick, D. McSwain, A. Miller,
      K. Nofsinger, T. Perry, D. Penn, J. Pennington, T. Ring, S. Seipel, K. Smith, R.
      Untch, L. Warise, W. Warren, J. Wermert, A. Williams, J. Williams,
   b) Members Excused – M. Balachandran, P. Bradley, J. Hausler
   c) Members Absent – M. Arndt, S. Cantrell, S. Daugherty, W. Ilsaey, T. McBreen, L.
      Mulraine, G. Vernardakis

2 Approval of September Minutes – Minutes were approved as submitted

3 Treasurer’s Report
   a) Operating Budget: $2,962.07
   b) Travel: $856.00
   c) Discretionary Account: $297.52

4 President’s report –
   a) Executive aide position paperwork approved
   b) Pipeline account will happen soon for faculty and faculty senators to exchange
      information
   c) Extensive meeting with Provost on workload – see posting
   d) New Vista/Office 2007 products require a patch – see senate webpage for
      directions
   e) Dean searches for Mass Communications (M. Nichols, Senate representative) and
      Honors Deans (C. Higgins, Senate representative) are on-going
   f) In next 2 weeks, MTSU must propose any legislative actions we wish to TBR in
      order to get in the package for this year’s package.
   g) Please collect data from colleagues regarding representation on Faculty Senate for
      adjuncts and non-tenure track individuals.
   h) To be recommended to TBR – McLean School of Music to be renamed to MTSU
      School of Music based on information provided to the President.

5 Old business-
   a) Action on recommendations from Faculty Senate Committee: Faculty Research
      and Creative Endeavor/Workload – Passed unanimously to approve the report as
      presented September, 2007

6 New business
   a) Resolution from Steering Committee: Endorsing Campus Events - Passed
      unanimously to approve the resolution as presented
b) Reminder – resolutions must be presented to Faculty Senate via the Steering Committee. Please remember to present resolutions in appropriately timely fashion.

7 Discussion items
   a) Draft resolution on Emergency Text Messaging Service (discussion only)
   b) **Deferred to next meeting** - Definition of Faculty eligible to serve on University Standing Committees
   c) **Deferred to next meeting** - Options for compliance with on-line testing requirements

8 Adjournment
Middle Tennessee State University
Faculty Senate
November 12, 2007

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

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      Wermert, A. Williams, J. Williams,
      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