

Middle Tennessee State University
Faculty Senate
February 11, 2008

Action Items:

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1. Roll Call
 - a) Members Present – F. Amey, M. Arndt, M. Balachandran, D. Belcher, R. Blair, P. Bradley, C. Bratten, L. Burris, J. Caine, D. Campbell, F. Crawford, W. Cribb, J. Davis, W. Dornan, M. Foster, G. Freeman, C. Frost, B. Haskew, J. Hausler, C. Higgins, T. Johnston, N. Kelker, J. LeBlond, A. Lutz, M. Martin, T. McBreen, R. McBride, N. McCormick, D. McSwain, A. Miller, K. Nofsinger, T. Perry, J. Pennington, M. Principe, K. Smith, L. Warise, W. Warren, J. Wermert, A. Williams, J. Williams
 - b) Members Excused - J. Carter, J. Maynor, T. Ring
 - c) Members Absent – S. Cantrell, S. Daughtery, W. Ilsley, J. Marcellus, D. Penn, S. Seipel, G. Vernardakis
 - d) Other attendees- Randy Livingston (MCOM)
2. Approval of October & November Minutes - Approved as presented and posted online
3. Treasurer’s Report
 - a) Operating Budget: \$2,878.90
 - b) Travel: \$856.00
 - c) Discretionary Account: \$541.72
4. President’s report –
 - a) President McPhee will come to give a report regarding budget; there is no expectation of new money—may still have a chance to get the Science Building into the Legislature’s budget; 2% salary increase in Governor’s budget (60% from in-house) is proposed
 - b) Tony Johnston is in charge of Senate Nominating Committee. Anyone interested in running for President or Secretary/Treasure should let him know.
 - c) Departments need to elect replacements for out-going senators by March meeting.
 - d) Dean searches are on-going. Honors Dean search is on-going; MCOM Dean search has been reconstituted. Assoc. Provost job is beginning the process to be filled. New cabinet level position with title of Assistant to the President for Community Engagement and Support; search committee has interviewed and submitted evaluation of candidates to Dr. McPhee.

- e) Information regarding salaries from peer groups for adjunct pay has been received in response to our resolution. That information will be provided soon after Steering Committee Review.
 - f) The smoke-free campus resolution was received by the President; the split vote was a serious impediment to future action. In the meantime, there will be attempts to enforce the existing policy. Please advise faculty to pursue this course also. SGA is considering a similar legislation.
 - g) Mrs. Lanier will be retiring at the end of the month. There will be a reception on February 26 from 3 – 4:30 pm.
5. Action Items
- a) Definition of faculty eligible to serve on University Standing committees – motion as distributed passed unanimously.
 - b) Faculty Announcement Pipeline Group – All full-time faculty will be deleted and re-added each semester to make sure all faculty can get information through this resource. You can remove yourself each semester if you do not wish to receive information through this resource.
6. Discussion items
- a) Faculty desktop replacement schedule and related issues –Randy Livingston from MCOM brought comments on the upgrades of faculty software. His area uses specialized software and concomitant need for more hardware. The current 4 - 5 year replacement is sometimes not sufficient. The “standard configuration” must currently be absorbed by the department.
 - b) Next meeting, there will be discussion about official and excused absences. There is relevant documentation on the web.
7. Adjournment