MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2012, 4:30 pm
Senate Chambers

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Members Present – M. Arndt, M. Baggarly, S. Boyd, J. Brickey, T. Brinthaupt, L. Burriss, N. Callender, B. Canak, L. Clark, R. Clark, C. Cooper, L. Craig-Unkefer, W. Cribb, J. Dooley, L. Dubek, T. Farwell, G. Freeman, C. Harris, R. Heinrich, R. Henderson, M. Hinz, R. Hoffman, P. Kelly, A. Lutz, S. Mangrum, K. Mathis, J. Maynor, F. Miyakawa, K. N. Nofsinger, D. Patterson, G. Pisut, M. Rice, C. Rosenmuller, L. Selva, M. Weller, P. West Osterfield, D. Winborn, G. Zlotky

Members Absent – C. Beauchamp, S. Daugherty, P. Fischer, T. Greer, C. Li, S. Rawls, C. Stephens, P. Wall

Members Excused – K. Butler, K. Darby

Additional Attendees – B. Petryshak (V.P. ITD), B. Turnage (for K. Darby)

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Agenda

1. Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM.

2. Approval of March 19, 2011 Minutes – A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report:
   a. Travel: $-175.55
   b. Operating Expenses: $1,794.78
   c. Foundation Account: $440.89

4. Old Business
   a. Enrollment Management Strategic Plan Draft: The timeframe for the draft to be finalized is within the month of April.
   b. Tobacco Free Campus: This was discussed in the President's cabinet. Enforcement options are being considered. One proposal states that faculty/staff smokers may not receive a salary increase if in violation of the smoking policy. State law prohibits smoking in University buildings.

5. New Business
   a. ITD Issues
      i. Cloud Computing: Bruce Petryshak provided the current state of the cloud computing initiative. Soon to be converted are general lab spaces and classrooms. More specified labs and offices will follow. Mr. Petryshak emphasized that the flexibility of the current system

and the ability for students to access the system from their own computer are drivers for this conversion. He stated that faculty computers will not be converted unless at the faculty's request. Student access to statistical programs was discussed (particularly SPSS). Mr. Petryshak stated that students along with faculty will have access to these software packages. He stated that software will be reviewed as to its appropriateness regarding virtualization. Mr. Petryshak fielded the question asking if this is a "one size fits all" solution. He stated that tailoring to departments and individuals will take place. He stated that no longer will specialty software be constrained to a specific classroom. Laptop replacement was questioned. He stated that laptops would be replaced in the cycle. He also stated that laptops may be a larger piece of the new system than desktops. He said that the cycle may be adjusted not according to a calendar but according to usage. He stated that responsibility for the replacement cycle would be given to the Deans. He said that protections would be put into place to protect classrooms for software usage. The accessibility of training for faculty, staff, and students was discussed. Mr. Petryshak said that training and workshops would be in place. He said that incorporation of this system would be conducted in phases. The first phase would virtualize the student labs in a way in which students would not know the difference between the current lab setup. Future phases would allow students to login to and load a specific virtual system. Mr. Petryshak stated that potentially more software titles would be accessed virtually with funds having been freed by using less expensive hardware. He also suggested that TAF funds could be used to help students access their own technology. 24-7 access for students to programs such as AutoCAD and Revit were discussed. Mr. Petryshak discussed security. The system is RAID level 5. Hardware losses should not cause data loss. Data security and encryption would be handled in the server, not on a local machine. Mr. Petryshak shared that the new system will be more secure than the current system. He stated that departments will have the final say regarding their virtualization. No changes to lab hours will be made; however, this needs to be evaluated. Pros and Cons from other institutions' experiences were requested. Macintosh interoperability was questioned. Mr. Petryshak said that information developed on Macintosh machines should be able to be used in virtual labs. Macintosh lab support will continue. The resiliency of the network was recently evaluated and shown to be strong. Several weak areas are currently being addressed. Mr. Petryshak shared that the reliability of the system should be very high.

ii. Department Copiers/Printers: Mr. Petryshak shared an investigation which is underway to reduce printing costs. He said that an inventory of machines and page counts are being conducted. He is looking to streamline print/copy usage on campus. He shared the desire to move away from fax machines. He reiterated that this is in the investigation phase. Faculty education regarding placing data online as opposed to printing was requested.

    b. Advising Appointments Conflicting with Course Meeting Times: Laurie Witherow replied that her advisors are not scheduling appointments during students' class times. Kim is investigating this issue.

    c. TBR Faculty Sub-Council Report: Rescheduled for May.

    d. TUFS Report: Rescheduled for May.

    e. Officer Elections:

       i. President:

          1. Larry Burris introduced himself and shared his background and qualifications. He stated that shared governance is an important issue.

          2. Scott Boyd introduced himself and shared his background and qualifications. Scott agreed that shared governance is an important issue. Scott called for a more active voice with the Administration.

          3. William Canak was nominated during the meeting and accepted the nomination. He introduced himself and shared his background and qualifications.

          4. Scott Boyd was elected by a majority vote with the final vote results as follows:

             a. Scott Boyd: 18

             b. Bill Canak: 8

             c. Larry Burris: 7

       ii. Recording Secretary:

          1. Nate Callender was nominated during the meeting and accepted the nomination.

          2. Nate Callender was elected by a majority vote with the final vote results as follows (nailbiter):

             a. Nate Callender: 33

    f. Service Certificates: Certificates were presented to outgoing Senators, Steering Committee Members, and Officers.

    g. Faculty Senate Facebook Page: The MTSU Faculty Senate page was introduced.

6. Action Items:

    a. It was suggested that Mr. Petryshak provide the pros and cons of virtualization experienced by other institutions.

    b. It was also suggested that ITD provide information/training for faculty regarding placing information online as opposed to making hard copy handouts.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Callender
2011-2012 Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

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