

Faculty Senate Minutes
December 1, 2025
JUB 100

ATTENDING

PRESIDENT: Michael Federici

PRESIDENT ELECT: Patrick McCarthy

PARLIMENTARIAN: Larry Burriss

RECORDING SECRETARY: Shannon Randol

MEMBERS: Jeremy Aber, Lando Carter, Kelsey Duncan, Tricia Farwell, Joyce Finch, Jessica Gaby, Aaron Gamino, Grant Gardner, Beverly Geckle, Lisa Green, Kim Honaker, Kristi Julian, Ron Kates, DeAnna Kempf, William Langston, Sungyoon Lee, Will Leggett, Rick Lewis, Alfred Lutz, John Maynor, Lei Miao, Tim Moake, Pamela Morris, Tim Nelson, Suman Neupane, Soraya Nogueira, Keely O'Brien, John Ouellette, Sharon Parente, Patrick Richey, James Robertson, Sonya Sanderson, Lauren Shouse, Everett Singleton, Gregory Slack, Carter Smith, Suzanne Sutherland, Ashley Valanzola, William Yelverton, Sam Zaza, Kevin Zhao

ABSENT: Jacob Avila, Robert Fowler, Sylvester Lamin, Preston MacDougall, Arpan Sainju (excused)

Quorum was established

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Michael Federici.

SPECIAL GUESTS - YVETTE CLARK & MICHAEL BARTON

When asked about intent behind multiple ITD initiatives, guests often referenced meeting standards for cyber insurance qualification. Guests also noted that MTSU has been behind the mark on cyber security. For faculty concerned with multi-factor authentication, the YUBI key is being looked into by ITD. At this time, it would be the financial responsibility of the faculty to purchase the device.

It was suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to assist with communication between ITD and faculty.

Canvas transition is moving forward with 66 early adopters (120 courses) for the spring 2026 semester. All courses will be using Canvas starting in the summer of 2026. Only early adopters should be using Canvas during the spring 2026 semester. Reminder that D2L will remain accessible through December 31, 2026. Any general questions should be submitted to canvas@mtsu.edu.

ITD is assessing BoodleBox as an AI solution which would be integrated into Canvas.

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 3 SENATE MEETING

(Smith/Zaza) Motion to approve

(Aber) Call to question

Unanimous approval. Motion passes

NEWS FROM PRESIDENT'S CABINET AND OTHER MEETINGS

H-1B Visas

Search committees have been notified that out-of-country applicants are not being considered at this time.

Market adjustment will take affect in January 2026 and be based on 2024-25 market standards.

90 CH Credential

SACSCOC is stating that this should not be a distilled 120 CH degree but a new option focused on specific industries (healthcare, criminal justice). GenEd hours can be reduced to 30 CH but many programs across the country are not making such reductions. Intent is to attract new students (Southeast Missouri State University is the most similar institution to MTSU that is using this model).

There is \$2.125M financial support for Market Adjustment raises.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECEPTION (SUZANNE SUTHERLAND, GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE)

Committee received 24 nominations of which 10 were chosen. Upcoming BoT reception will be held on March 17th.

NIA INFO SESSION AND NIA APPLICATION REPORT (SAM SAZA, RESEARCH COMMITTEE)

Committee received 21 applications for 16 reassignments. There is a need for clarifying language for application process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee

Increase of \$9M from enrollment which was reduced to \$8M due to interest rate decrease. This number seems to represent the fall semester only so there is question as to whether this amount will also be available for the spring semester. University is anticipating small increase in state funding for the upcoming academic year budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Concern regarding the impact of the satellite campus (Shelbyville) on GenEd courses.

(Aber/Zaza) Motion to adjourn

Unanimous approval. Motion passes.

Adjourned at 4:20pm

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 2 at 3pm in JUB 100