

Minutes for the meeting of the Tennessee State University Faculty Senate, 2/26/2015

In Attendance:

Jane Asamani, Education, Teaching and Learning
Beverly Brown, COHS, Nursing
Michael Catanzaro, Liberal Arts, English
Chun-da Chen, Business, Econ and Finance
Sam Comer, CAHNS, Agricultural Sciences
Sean Daniels, Liberal Arts, Music
Xuemei Ge, Library and Media
Terrie Gibson, COHS, Speech Pathology
John Kelly, Engineering, Math and Physics (Secretary pro-tem)
Vaidotas Lukosius, Business, Business Administration
John Miglietta, Liberal Arts, History etc.
Rebecca Moore, CPSUA, Social Work
Nsoki Phambu, CAHNS, Chemistry
Sachin Shetty, Engineering, Electrical Engineering
Amir Shirkhodaie, Engineering, Mechanical Engineering
Tina Smith, COHS, SPTH
Eric Vogel, Education, EDAD
Artenzia Young-Siegler, CAHNS, Biology

Guests: Ms. Aerin Washington and Dr. Belinda Lee, Office of Emergency Management, and Mr. Tim Warren, Office of Technology Services

Meeting called to order at 2:39 PM.

Item 1: Added discussion item to agenda: Use of Friday for purposes other than research or scholarly activities (Item 7d on agenda). Added discussion item to agenda: Update on Constitution Committee changing the Senate Meeting to Friday (Item 6d on agenda).

Item 2: Minutes for the November, December, and January meetings will be approved by email vote.

Item 3: Our first guest is Aerin Washington from the Office of Emergency Management. Her presentation is about the Red Flag system for identifying non-emergency situations involving students, from concerns about safety to incidents of academic dishonesty. Dr. Belinda Lee also informed the Senate of counseling services she can provide to faculty and students. They encouraged us to ask them to make a presentation in our classes, and they can help us find resources to share with our students.

Our second guest is Mr. Tim Warren, from the Office of Technology Services (OTC). Senator Kelly asked about the IT Advisory Committee (ITAC), and Mr. Warren updated us about the basic setup of the ITAC. The ITAC sets the goals of OTC and advises them on how to best

perform OTC's mission, which is to serve the technology needs of the university. Dr. Shirkhodaie asked about how Ellucian, the company that the University outsources IT services from, reports to the University and how the University approves IT decisions. Mr. Warren informed him that is primarily the role of ITAC. A question was also asked about having administrative access on computers to install software; Mr. Warren re-affirmed the current policy of only OTC having administrative access to computers. He informed us that you can call the Help Desk to get software installed, and software installations can be done remotely. Dr. Catanzaro asked about the internet problems recently, and Mr. Warren admitted that the internet infrastructure here had significant problems, but a new set of hardware would be installed over spring break, and that we were getting another internet service provider that would provide some redundancy. Mr. Warren also told us that they had a company coming in over spring break to look at smart classrooms and do an inventory of assets to plan what needs to be fixed or improved. Dr. Asamani asks about purchasing computers from vendors other than Lenovo or Dell, and Mr. Warren informs her that other computers can be bought, for example Apple computers. Dr. Shirkhodaie asks about the TSU website, specifically concerned that it does not display properly on older versions of Internet Explorer. Public Relations runs the website, however, and Kelly Sharp is in charge of that project. Dr. Shetty suggests creating a FAQ, and Mr. Warren admits that OTS needs to work on communication. Other topics of discussion are the cycle for replacing lab computers, and how to reduce student printing (they're using thousands of pages of paper because printing is free for them.)

Item 4: Committee reports: It is clarified to the handbook committee that the work falls under the category of service, not scholarly work. Dr. Miglietta asks us to discuss a sick bank with our faculty, and it is resolved that the resolution involving faculty salaries be approved by an email vote.

Item 5: Beverly Brown is elected as the chair of the Faculty Grievances committee on a motion from Dr. Asamani, seconded by Dr. Jones

The meeting is adjourned at approximately 4:05 PM. The next senate meeting will be held on March 19, at 2:40 PM.