

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate Meeting
January 21, 2016
Room 302 FPCC
2:40 p.m – 4:00.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. Approval of November 2015 Minutes (attachment)

III. Grading System (attachment)

During the November 2015 meeting, the Faculty Senate voted unanimously to create a survey for the faculty to determine if there is support to change TSU's grading system to a plus / minus system.

- a. We will discuss the attached survey with the three options recommended at the November meeting:**
 - no change**
 - a plus / minus system**
 - a plus only system**
- b. Vote to accept the language of the survey and submit it to the Faculty for a vote (motion needed)**

IV. Amendment Vote (attachment)

- a. Due to upcoming changes with TBR, Faculty Senate must vote on whether or not to withdraw the Constitution Amendment for the TBR sub Council "At Large" position (amendment three). (need motion to vote)**
- b. President Glover is waiting for a formal request to accept and approve the amendments supported by Faculty Senate.**
- c. We have every expectation that President Glover will approve the amendments.**
- d. We are proceeding with the idea that we are electing Senators for the Executive Committee for two year terms.**
- e. New Faculty Senators are already serving two year with two year renewable terms. The amendment vote was to change the language in the Constitution.**

V. Outgoing Senators

- a. The Faculty Senators who will end their terms at the end of the April meeting have been contacted to hold elections for their replacements.**
 - i. The outgoing Senators need to submit to Dr. Michael Catanzaro the names of those individuals who were elected as their replacements.**
 - ii. Any Faculty Senator who is currently in his or her first year is eligible for the Executive Committee positions of Treasurer, Secretary, and Parliamentarian.**

- iii. **The Nomination and Appointment Committee chaired by Dr. Vaidas Lukosius is responsible to secure nominations for the positions and to ensure the willingness of individuals to serve in these roles.**
- iv. **The Nomination and Appointment Committee may wish to offer assistance to the outgoing Senators by encouraging former Faculty Senators to run for the Faculty Senator positions in their colleges if they desire to be part of the Executive Committee or if they desire to be considered for the Chair-elect position.**

VI. Updates

Dr. John Migiletta and Dr. Michael Catanzaro met with Dr. Hardy and Mr. Pendleton on January 14, 2016. The following Faculty Senate initiatives were discussed and the attachments reflect minor changes to the language of the initiatives:

- a. **Proposal to Establish a Non-instructional Assignment Grants for tenured Faculty (attachment)**
- b. **Revised Chair Hiring Policy (attachment)**
- c. **Proposal for a Faculty Sick Bank (waiting for information from Mr. Pendleton)**
- d. **Faculty Handbook**

VII. TUFSS (Tennessee University Faculty Senates) meeting at TSU in September 2016

- a. **During the November 2015 meeting, a motion was unanimously approved to create an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to the Executive Committee to oversee the meeting preparations.**
 - i. **Sean Daniels volunteered to be on the Ad Hoc Committee to assist with music**
 - ii. **Please be prepared to volunteer for the Ad Hoc Committee**
 - iii. **Need to elect a Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee**
- b. **Governor Haslam's office was contacted in November 2015 to determine his availability to speak at the meeting.**
 - i. **His office stated that he cannot schedule this far in advance.**
 - ii. **His office requested that we make our request thirty days in advance.**
- c. **Quiana Taylor was assigned to be our Nashville Convention & Visitors Corp (NCVC) contact.**
- d. **The hotel choices have been narrowed down to two:**
 - i. **The Union Station hotel and the Holiday Inn Express**
 - ii. **Both are within walking distance of the Avon Williams Campus**
 - iii. **Quiana will provide an update as soon as possible with the final choice.**

VIII. Faculty Senate Webmaster

- a. **English major Jennifer Shafer has agreed to update the Faculty Senate Website.**
- b. **She is enrolled in Dr. Jill Anderson's spring 2016 internship class (English course) to receive credit hours for her work.**
- c. **Jennifer Shafer is scheduled to take the official TSU webmaster workshop.**
- d. **Dr. Michelle Pinkard (Technology Committee) has agreed to be her mentor**

IX. Cyber Security Awareness Presentation

- a. **Sponsored by the Office of Technology Services**
- b. **Presentation by John Bjurgher, IT Project Manager**
- c. **Please anticipate a 15 - 20 minute presentation / discussion**

- X. Faculty Senate Committee Report**
 - a. Academic Committee – Senator Thomas Broyles**
 - b. Alumni Relations and Development Committee – Senator Robert Smith**
 - c. Budget Committee – Senator Achintya Ray**
 - d. Constitution and By-Laws Committee – Senator Michael Catanzaro**
 - e. Curriculum Committee – Senator Diane Campbell**
 - f. Executive Committee – Senator Michael Catanzaro**
 - g. Faculty Grievance and Appeals Committee – Senator Beverly Brown**
 - h. Faculty Benefits and Welfare Committee – Senator John Miglietta**
 - i. Information Technology Committee – Senator John Kelly**
 - j. Library Committee – Senator Joyce Radcliff**
 - k. Nomination and Appointment Committee – Senator Vaidas Lukosius**
 - l. Professional Development Committee – Senator Sean Daniels**
 - m. Research Committee – Senator Sachin Shetty**
 - n. Student Appeals Committee – Senator Pinky Noble-Britton**

XI. Comments / Concerns / Additional Issues

XII. Next meeting: February 18, 2016 at 2:40

XIII. Adjournment