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Members Present – M. Arndt, C. Beauchamp, S. Boyd, J. Brickey, T. Brinhaupt, N. Brooks, L. Burriss, N. Callender, B. Canak, L. Clark, C. Cooper, L. Craig-Unkefer, L. Dubek, T. Farwell, M. Fleming, G. Freeman, C. Harris, M. Hinz, R. Hoffman, P. Kelly, M. Knight, C. Li, A. Lutz, S. Mangrum, K. Mathis, J. McCormick, A. McCullough, W. Means, F. Miyakawa, M. Nichols, K. N. Nofsinger, D. Patterson, G. Pisut, S. Roberts, C. Rosenmuller, B. Rushlow, L. Selva, P. Wall, M. Weller, P. West Osterfield, A. Williams, D. Winborn, G. Zlotky

Members Absent – C. Stephens

Members Excused – R. Clark, K. Darby, J. Maynor, C. True, J. Wasik,

Additional Attendees – Bonnie Allen (Dean of Library), Brad Bartel (Provost), Debra Sells (Vice President of Student Affairs), Faculty of the Department of Foreign Languages

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## Agenda

1. Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM.
2. Approval of October 8, 2012 Minutes – A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes.
3. Treasurer's Report (old data):
  - a. Travel: \$
  - b. Operating Expenses: \$
  - c. Foundation Account: \$
4. Old Business
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5. New Business
  - a. TBR Sub-Council Report, Alfred Lutz: TBR has changed the academic calendar. Fall break has been allowed to be moved to the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. A proposal for inclusion of LGBT into benefits was discussed. Governor Haslam is in the process of

determining what his higher education goals will be. Faculty were not represented in his meetings. The Governor wants to align higher education with the needs of the State. He also is willing to make strategic investments. The TBR Vice Chancellor's position has a recommended requirement that the individual hold an earned doctorate. An academic freedom committee is being formed from individuals around the State to potentially form an Academic Freedom Policy.

b. MTSU Library, Bonnie Allen:

- i. Library Organizational Changes: The Media Collection and the Music Library have been included into the Walker Library. The Video Collection area will be incorporated into the Walker Library. Videos for classroom use will also become available to students. Streaming videos will be investigated. The Music Collection is being incorporated into the broader Walker Library collection. The Music Collection, named in honor of an individual, will blend with other library resources; however, it will not physically be a distinct collection.
- ii. Collections: A method by which to increase collections is being created. Departmental book budgets will eventually be moved into the general Library budget with a means to continue to provide departments with desired resources. Better search capabilities are being incorporated.
- iii. A digital production laboratory will be constructed in the Walker Library. An institutional repository will be created for MTSU-unique material.
- iv. Other: The ability to receive interlibrary loan material via the web was questioned. This may not currently be legal according to Dr. Allen. Current video products could not be streamed without once again purchasing the media. A budget request must be made by a department for future products. This is opposed to having separate departmental budgets for library resources.
- v. Library Studies: The library offices have been held by faculty for years; however, they did not appear to have been used for quite some time. The Provost took control of the library studies and created an application process. Sixty offices are available, and approximately twenty of those are in use. Dr. Bartel is planning to use these offices for incoming Tenure Track faculty. The ability to have discussions in the Library offices was stated as being an issue since the walls do not extend to the ceiling, and they are in quiet zones. Privacy of faculty members within their office space was questioned. Faculty cubicles afford very little privacy.

c. High School Deficiency Policy, Debra Sells: Dr. Sells shared the change in the State regarding high school deficiency requirements in relation to high school graduation requirements. She shared that other TBR schools had ceased counting high school deficiencies. A student transferred from Austin Peay having had high school deficiencies waived, and Dr. Bartel waived the MTSU requirement. Dr. Bartel along with the other Vice Presidents voted to move forward with removing the

requirement for specific high school deficiencies. It was stated that moving quickly with this decision was for the benefit of students currently in these courses who were not performing well. Alfred stated that we are currently in violation of a TBR guideline. He also stated that this issue is an academic issue, and faculty were not involved in a timely manner. Dr. Sells stated that she shared this issue with Dr. Bartel. Alfred shared that he would like faculty representation not simply the lead administrator within academic affairs. Dr. Sells supplied the Senate with the new high school graduation requirements. The Chair of Foreign Languages asked why this had not been shared with the Department of Foreign Languages. Dr. Sells shared with the Senate the number of students who dropped this year compared to last year. Dr. Sells shared her memories of the committee meeting in which this decision was made. She shared that the committee made their decision regardless of how it may affect the Department of Foreign Languages. Dr. Sells was asked why this decision was made with such urgency given the potential that it may be in violation of Board Policy. The lack of warning given to the Foreign Languages Department was again highlighted. The implementation of the Tobacco Free policy was given a grace period to prepare faculty and students for the new policy. This was not done with the policy being discussed.

- d. Academic Misconduct Policy, Heidi Zimmerman: Ms. Zimmerman discussed the three documents. The first document lays out the requirements for faculty whenever assigning a grade based upon academic misconduct. The area of academic misconduct is being moved from Students Affairs to Academic Affairs. The second policy is concerned with the creation of the new Academic Affairs Committee. The third policy is concerned with student handbook rules. Michael shared that a new website has been put into place for faculty feedback on policy changes. A two week review period is in place. Students found to have committed academic misconduct will be sanctioned and their information will be collected in a database. The process for academic misconduct cases was outlined. Checks and balances were discussed. The Provost stated that he would like to have a record of cases to see how sanctions were handed down over time.

6. Action Items

- a. Mike will verify that dialing 9911 will indeed route the caller to campus police.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Callender  
2012-2013 Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

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