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Members Present – M. Baggaly, C. Beauchamp, S. Boyd, J. Brickey, T. Brinthaup, L. Burriss, N. Callender, B. Canak, L. Clark, R. Clark, C. Cooper, L. Craig-Unkefer, T. Farwell, G. Freeman, G. Freeman, C. Harris, R. Heinrich, R. Henderson, M. Hinz, R. Hoffman, P. Kelly, A. Lutz, S. Mangrum, J. Maynor, F. Miyakawa, K. N. Nofsinger, D. Patterson, G. Pisut, M. Rice, C. Rosenmuller, L. Selva, P. Wall, M. Weller, D. Winborn, G. Zlotky

Members Absent – W. Cribb, S. Daugherty, P. Fischer, T. Greer, C. Li, K. Mathis, C. Stephens

Members Excused – M. Arndt, K. Butler, K. Darby, J. Dooley, L. Dubek,

Additional Attendees –

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## Agenda

1. Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM.
2. Approval of November 14, 2011 Minutes – A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes.
3. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Travel: \$-175.55
  - b. Operating Expenses: \$1,907.91
  - c. Foundation Account: \$436.89
4. Old Business
  - a. Academic Misconduct Policy: A handout including the revised academic misconduct policy was discussed. Mention of attendance has been removed from the current policy; however, attendance is reportedly covered in TBR policy elsewhere. The specific policy number covering attendance was requested. Questions about the policy which Alfred should ask in an upcoming meeting should be passed along to Alfred or Kim.
5. New Business

- a. Committee for Retention Innovation: The newly formed committee is in need of representation from each college. Meetings will be February 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM and will last for approximately one hour. The charge of the committee is to establish guidelines for Retention Innovation Awards.
- b. Custodial Services: It has been brought to the President's attention that custodial issues have arisen on campus. Any issues related to campus custodial care should be relayed to the Chairs and Deans. Adequate funding and staffing of custodial care were questioned.
- c. Advising:
  - i. Advising is now required for all students with less than 30 hours. All students with less than 30 hours will have a hold.
  - ii. A registration hold has been proposed for all students who have completed more than 75 hours and have not filed an Upper Division Form (UDF).
- d. State Budget: A handout including information regarding the State budget was discussed. The contract for Children's Services is not included in the budget. The dollar amount for Children's Services was requested. Courses will be required to have the minimum number of students in order to make in the future. A percentage of matching funds from MTSU will be required for the science building. Increased research money from the sciences was discussed. A Tennessean article discussing MTSU students' debt was discussed. Another article presented removing incentives for K-12 teachers to have an advanced degree. This could severely decrease enrollment in graduate programs.
- e. Enrollment: The enrollment from Spring 2011 to Spring 2012 has decreased by 1.9%. This decrease is reflected across the Nation. The President's initiative to recruit Out-of-State students was discussed.
- f. University Standing Committees: The way in which the University informs faculty of policy changes was questioned. The University makes a change and sends a link to the revised policy. No link to the old policy or a track of changes is presented. The new policy regarding university standing committees includes new verbiage giving the President the ability to "abolish" university standing committees. The new policy also states that nominations for membership of the Honors Council would be sought by college deans and submitted to the Faculty Senate President. Alfred spoke to Dean Vile about this change, and he knew nothing about it.
- g. Faculty Assessment of Vice Presidents: The inability of faculty to assess Vice Presidents (VP) was discussed. The Provost was unaware that faculty did not evaluate VPs. Having VPs present goals for the upcoming academic year and present what they have accomplished over the course of an academic year to the Faculty Senate was suggested. This would be a way to disseminate information to faculty. Online evaluations for past a past Provost was discussed as a model for evaluating other VPs.
- h. Instructor Absence Notification Policy: Faculty had approached a Senator about the inability to contact their students about class cancellations immediately prior to the class's meeting time. The establishment of a protocol/system by which to notify students of class

cancellations was requested. A Twitter blast was suggested. The requirement to communicate via University email was stated.

- i. TBR Faculty Sub-Council Report: The Chancellor has not attended any of the Faculty Sub-Council meetings. Wells vs. TBR ruled that the wrongful termination of a faculty member does not entitle the individual to backpay. In the future if TBR institutions would like to build structures, the institution would have to pay a percentage of the cost. The proposed language for the Academic Freedom Policy was rejected by the Legal Council. A common calendar issue was discussed regarding doing away with Fall Break and rolling it into Thanksgiving Break. The willingness of the TBR to allow its institutions to start money making businesses and hold funds was questioned.
6. Action Items:
    - a. The specific TBR policy number concerning class attendance will be sought.
    - b. The dollar impact for the deletion of Children's Services from the budget will be sought.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Callender  
2011-2012 Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

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