
Members Present –M. Baggarly, C. Beauchamp, S. Boyd, J. Brickey, T. Brinthaup, K. Butler, N. Callender, R. Clark, C. Cooper, W. Cribb, J. Dowdy, L. Dubek, P. Fischer, L. Fisher, G. Freeman, C. Harris, R. Henderson, R. Hoffman, P. Kelly, Z. Khan, C. Li, A. Lutz, S. Morris, K. N. Nofsinger, M. Rice, J. Rich, S. Taylor, P. Wall, B. Wallace M. Weller, D. Winborn, G. Zlotky

Members Absent – F. Amey, S. Daugherty, T. Greer, W. Ilsley, C. Li, H. W. Means, P. Oliver, S. Rawls, L. Selva, C. Stephens

Members Excused – M. Arndt, J. Dooley, R. Heinrich, K. Darby, R. McBride

Additional Attendees – Bill Ketron, Jim Tracy

Agenda

1. Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 3:32PM.
2. Approval of September 14, 2010 Minutes – A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes.
3. Treasurer’s Report:
 - a. Travel – \$5.51
 - b. Operating Expenses – \$2,014.61
 - c. Foundation Account – \$596.79
4. President’s Report: This will be deferred until the December meeting.
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - a. Guest Speakers Bill Ketron and Jim Tracy
 - i. Senator Ketron presented a PowerPoint presentation on the new Funding Formula. He stated that the formula would be changing to an outcomes based system. 27% of Tennesseans have 2 or 4 year degrees. He stated that this must be increased to between 63 or 67%. He stated that the 2010-11 budget will show a loss to higher education of approximately \$300 million. He stated that the mission of the school is different than in years past and that to hold MTSU to that is troubling. Productivity is the new driver. Institutions must increase productivity through the proposed outcomes. He stated that our weightings were based upon our

- Carnegie classifications. A Funding Committee presentation was made on July 12 which had no negative impact on MTSU; however, on July 29th a proposal was made including a \$12 million cut to MTSU. This money was reallocated to UT and UoM. This funding was designated to research which does not actually have to be spent on research once received. Rich Rhoda, while holding 3 doctoral programs from MTSU, granted a program in education from Grand Canyon University (Out of state institution). He stated that there is no weighting for needs for classroom space. The current formula does not meet the stated directive of fairness. He listed many reasons why MTSU is a great institution; however, we are not funded accordingly.
- ii. Warner asked if there is a deadline by which the Funding Committee has to report back. Senator Tracy stated that there is not a date. Warner also asked if the new formula will feed into Governor Bredeson's budget. Senator Ketron said that it would. Warner asked if Governor Haslam would be able to modify the 2011-12 budget. Senator Ketron stated that he could in July 2011.
 - iii. Senator Tracy stated that the new formula is not fair, and that it punishes MTSU for the Carnegie classifications when MTSU was not given an opportunity to offer certain degrees.
 - iv. Senator Ketron stated that Geier hurt MTSU.
 - v. Stephanie stated that MTSU are graduating 1st generation college students and most of our students stay in Tennessee. These could be useful talking points for the Senators.
 - vi. Paul Fischer asked who must be persuaded to make decisions on the formula. Senator Tracy said that THEC approves the formula. Senator Ketron said that the Education Committee and the Finance Committee vote on this issue.
 - vii. John Maynor was stated that the incoming Governor must show that he is the Governor for the entire state and not just Knoxville (UT). Is there a method to force THEC's hand through legislation? Senator Tracy stated that the first point is valid. Senator Ketron stated that the Doctorate in Education is key. It was suggested that drastic measures be taken, such as cutting Rich Rhoda's salary, in order to get his attention.
 - viii. Alfred stated that THEC is supporting out of state institutions.
 - ix. Doug asked about the levels of higher education governing bodies in the State. Senator Ketron stated that no other state has 3 levels of higher education governance. This may be a good place to decrease government waste.
 - x. Warner stated that the graduates of an Education Doctorate from MTSU would more than likely stay in MTSU.
 - xi. Kim stated that the above point would probably apply to undergraduates as well.
 - xii. Warner stated that the 6-year graduation rates are negatively affected by the transfer students, which we were told to accommodate.
 - xiii. Brandon highlighted the disconnect between the College Act and the Formula.

- xiv. Kyle proposed that MTSU offer a specialized degree including data analysis for “value added specialists” training.
 - xv. Paul Fischer stated that the graduates of doctoral programs usually leave their home institution and if there is only one institution at the highest level in the state, the state will lose those Ph.D. holders to other states.
 - xvi. Senator Tracy stated that much of the animosity towards MTSU is due to jealousy. Senator Ketron stated that MTSU is simply the school of choice.
 - xvii. Warner stated that the faculty is willing to support the Senators efforts and would like to know what we can do to help. He also stated the concern that the new science building might be removed. Senator Ketron stated that a reduction of the price of the building to \$97 million may be an amount that would be funded.
 - xviii. Stephanie stated that bringing other constituencies (students, alumni,...) in is important.
 - xix. Senator Ketron stated that other government officials are supporting MTSU to include Mayor Bragg.
 - xx. A copy of the Senators’ PowerPoint was requested.
7. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:31PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Callender
2010-2011 Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

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