

## **Faculty Senate Meeting September 3, 2021, Reynolds 222**

**Attendees:** Kris Biondolillo, Donna Caldwell, Jessica Camp, Hrishikesh Desai, Bert Greenwalt, Joanna Grymes, Shivan Haran, Matt Harmon, John Hershberger, Gabriel Horowitz, Amy Hyman, Natalie Johnson-Leslie, Cheryl Knight, Bill Maynard, Suzanne Melescue, Pradeep Mishra, Amanda Mohler, Carlitta Moore, Nikesha Nesbitt, Tim Oliver, Jake Qualls, Robert Robinette, William Rowe, Amany Saleh, Ed Salo, Ed Scudamore, Richard Segall, Marcus Tribbett, LTC. Morgan Weatherly

**Proxy Attendees:** Matt Hill for Katie Hill

**Absentees:** Scott Anderson, Mary Donaghy, Hans Hacker, Annette Hux, Day Day Robinson

**Meeting Called to Order:** Donna Caldwell established a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by Donna Caldwell

**Order of the Day:** Motion to accept made by Carlitta Moore, Marcus Tribbett seconded, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes** motion made to approve April 16, 2021 minutes by Tim Oliver, John Hershberger seconded, motion carried.

### **Elections**

**Secretary Nomination: Cheryl Knight.** Motion made by Natalie Johnson-Leslie, Carlitta Moore seconded, motion carried.

**Vice President: Carlitta Moore.** Motion made by Jessica Camp, Amy Hyman seconded, motion carried.

### **Guest Speakers:**

*Dr. Jill Simons and Madeline Ragland-* Academic Misconduct

Academic Misconduct process is ready and the reporting form is in my campus. It is a self-explanatory form – report first goes to Dr. Simons and Madeline, then students will be notified by email (the reporter, chair, dean and Dr. Simons will be cc'd). The student will have 5 business days to meet with Madeline Ragland. The recommended sanction will be discussed – if the student disagrees with the outcome they can appeal to the University Academic Integrity Committee for review. If the student is still not satisfied it will then go to Dr. Utter. Several sanctions can be levied depending on the issue - faculty/department sanction along with sanction from Academic Affairs (especially designed for repeat cases). Faculty do not have to report misconduct, but if they levy a sanction – for example, a reduction in points or a 0, then they must report. If a group cheats each will get a separate report. Middle Tennessee State University is the model used.

Discussion: Concerned posed that policy is a violation of the student handbook and the principles of the AAUP.

*Dr. Alan Utter and Dr. Will McLean- Program Viability*

Developed as part of the strategic plan - a program review committee. They worked to develop a metrics that was fair and allowed for comparisons. Western Kentucky University Model was used. Eight comprehensive measures.

Discussion: Concern about how general education courses impact programs. Concerns about programs that overlap. Programs are allowed to write a narrative to explain nuances in programs. Never intended to be combative or adversarial – it is a means of self- evaluation of programs. All 8 equally weighted and 80% has already been calculated – the remaining 20%, programs will “put their best foot forward” – quantitative or qualitative data? Concern about the word viability. Review will help programs determine -Discontinue, Retool, Stay where we are, or if Doing well do they need more resources. Concern about smaller programs at University even when they are doing well nationally. Concern do we want the ADHE to see this – this is an internal document. Concern for newer programs just starting out – metrics have been adjusted.

**Old Business:**

*Committee Reports:*

Constitution and Bylaws- Completed over the summer and feedback/reviews are now coming back. Will do a thorough review before it is submitted to Faculty Senate.

**New Business:**

Standing Committee Reports: N/A

Committee Letters: Have not gone out, waiting on other bodies to complete their appointments

**Other Business:**

Open Forum:

Library Elevator: One elevator has had a sign up for months that says temporarily out of order/ the other one is intermittingly out of order

Parliamentarian – need one for Faculty Senate

Any provisions for senators who may be in quarantine? Proxy

**Adjourn:**

Motion made by Tim Oliver to adjourn the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm.