

Deans Cabinet Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 9:00 AM

Pat Branham & Kristin Keene: True Blue Give

Fund raising campaign Feb 15 & 16. Electronic campaign: email, social media, etc. 4% of MTSU alumni give to MTSU. About the same percent for employees. Deans were asked to donate during this campaign.

Fischer: Dual Enrollment.

Dean Fischer asked that timing of the DE hires be improved. He has been asked to sign SACS approval forms after the course is already underway. In cases where the teachers are not qualified, this is awkward. Dean Petersen agreed that the timing needs to be improved. Some DE classes are added 2 weeks before the semester starts and this makes it difficult to vet the instructors. Dean Sluder was not present, so he could not comment on the process.

Peter Cunningham: Undergraduate students taking graduate courses.

The current MTSU policy states that undergraduate students may get approval to take graduate courses. However, the policy does not allow those courses to count towards their undergraduate degree, thus they cannot be paid for with financial aid. He proposed to change the policy to remove this restriction. All deans present were in favor of this idea.

Faye Anderson: Updating the Quest for Student Success

A committee has been meeting for about a month to come up with the next version of the Quest for Student Success. The committee would like input from the campus community. They hope to have a draft in approx. 6 weeks. The new version will likely retain the 3 main goals of the original version.

Provost Byrnes: Online student evaluations of instruction.

This will go into effect this semester. There will be a one week window near the end of the semester when students will have access to the evaluations.

BOT Finance Committee:

The committee decided that they will not push for merit based pay for faculty this year. They may discuss the possible 2% across the board reduction at the next committee meeting, Feb 27th.

Announcements

Urban: Charlie Apigian won the Community Leader of the Year award at the Nashville Technology group.

Fischer: EYH will be held this coming Saturday. The MTSU Hackathon was held last weekend. Star Parties are held once a month

Vile: Honors Open House will be Presidents Day in the Student Ballroom

Paulsen: MTSU made their 15th trip to the Grammys. ME is planning an LA summer experience program for students.

Joey Gray: MTSU faculty made a good showing at the BOT meeting.

Kimberly Douglas: there is a 1.28% increase in graduate student enrollment. (~60 students)

Torsney: She is evaluating ways to make the P&T process more efficient.

Whiteside: The accreditation process for the nursing program is underway.

Schmidt: MTSU was recognized as #8 in the country in terms of participation by underrepresented minorities in study abroad programs. The staff position for recruiting of international students into graduate programs will move to the International Affairs office.

Edgar: Current plans are to perform electrical system upgrades to several campus building over the summer. Dean Fischer asked if this would staggered (one building at a time). D. Edgar does not yet know how the contractor plans to do it.