Faculty Senate Meeting with the President

Virtual Meeting
February 7, 2022

Call to Order

Updates from President Luna
1. Senate Roster Updates – Welcome Dr. Mustafa Rajabali (Physics, Administrative Council) and Dr. Denis Ulybyshev (Computer Science, Academic Council)
2. Custodial Insurance Update
3. Policy 205, 206, 207 Update

Remarks from President Oldham
1. Governor's Budget (announced on January 31st)
2. Upcoming Capital Projects
3. Salary Increases
4. Other remarks

Office of Research and Economic Development Questions
1. Why is hiring bookkeepers taking so long? How can we remove the barriers to getting more bookkeeping support?
2. Some bookkeepers and support staff are going above and beyond their current job descriptions. Are salaries being adjusted accordingly so those employees are fairly compensated?
3. No official ORED 'reorganization plan' has been provided (no powerpoint, summary document, etc.). Can this be provided to faculty?
4. Why is Indirect Cost money generated through Centers not released to Centers as support?
5. Other questions from Senators

Graduate Student Support Questions (Dr. Ojo)
1. What are the barriers keeping us from offering health insurance to our graduate students? What is the administration doing to remove these barriers? This is impacting our ability to recruit grad students.
2. Other questions from Senators

Professors of Practice (Dr. Stretz)
1. Could TTU have Professors of Practice? These may be helpful in engineering, business, music, etc.
2. Other questions from Senators

Other Questions?
Adjournment
Thank you for serving in Faculty Senate! All upcoming Administrative Council, Academic Council, and Faculty Senate meetings are listed at: https://www.tntech.edu/calendar/.