

Tennessee Tech Faculty Senate
February 22, 2021 @ 3:35 P.M.
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve of Minutes and Notes
4. Nominating Committee for BOT Faculty Representative (Pardue)
5. Nominating Committee formation for President Elect of Faculty Senate
6. Faculty Senate President update
7. Review of After Action Report
8. Review of TUFFS Workload Survey and Legislative Update (Smith-Andrews)
9. Old Business
10. Other Such Matters

Suggestion box questions, 2-19-2021

question - According to a Herald Citizen Article (Jan 30, 2021), a faculty member in nursing (is this the same person who is sponsoring the Turning Point USA student group?) is wanting a social health course to be created at Tech. Ryan Williams and Paul Bailey are considering a bill on this faculty person's behalf Since when do politicians take over curriculum creation process? Is this not faculty's job and why isn't this faculty person required to take the necessary steps to propose a course? What does the provost think of this? What do senators think? What is the dean of nursing thinking?

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question - What's up with postponing the annual reports (used to be due in Jan, now due March 5) until after the admin evaluations? That seems very problematic, potentially illegal. How can I comfortably provide an eval of my supervisor if s/he gets to read what's said before she evaluates my performance? Who is behind that and is anyone going to bring this up?

question - First, let me say that this is not about the current holders of these positions. I have the utmost respect for Dr. Russell and Dr. Beach. Will there be a national search, with a faculty heavy search committee, to permanently fill these two positions? These positions are critical to faculty engagement and faculty development; yet, faculty had zero input into the appointment decisions. There has not been a posted job description for the functions and qualifications of the new Associate Provost position. With significant faculty input, a national search will lend credibility to these positions and increase "buy-in."

I have noticed that health care workers who have been vaccinated are no longer wearing masks. Is that going to be the case at TTU also? Will vaccinated faculty, staff and students no longer wear masks? It was my understanding that even with the vaccine, we are still supposed to wear them.

