

**Faculty Senate Meeting with the President
April 16, 2018**

Members present: Douglas Airhart, Ismet Anitsal, S.K. Ballal, Jason Beach, Tammy Boles. Troy Brachey, Debra Bryant, Andrew Callender, Corinne Darvennes, Ahmed ElSawy, Billye

a financial plan for students looking four years into the future. This is very hard to predict with any accuracy.

either the Tennessee Promise or HOPE scholarship to be required to complete 30 academic hours in 12 months or risk losing a portion of their award.

Millard Oakley's Resignation

We have a vacancy on our Board of Trustees now, as Millard Oakley resigned recently. The Governor is working to fill this position. We expect confirmation hearings before the Legislature is done this month.

Faculty Senate Website Comments

- a. Questions were submitted about the \$3M the State is giving engineering, and if the University can put \$1M toward something else. President Oldham replied by saying if this comment is related to this coming year, VP Stinson showed us the \$900K+ gap between expected resources and where the budget needs were. That gap continues to be worked on.
- b. Someone asked why another budget shortfall is to be split 50/50 between administration and academics when academics is not overspending. President Oldham said the 50/50 split is to distribute money the same way. We are taking a strong look at analytics, with enrollment expectations. Not all campuses split the same way. We are trying to be more transparent by showing more to everyone. This is the s is now more transparent. Our strategy has been to stay engaged in Tennessee eCampus, but prepare to be on our own. \$500K+ gap in closing out our budget this year, due to a drop in eCampus revenue due to fewer students because of other institutions pulling out of the eCampus consortium. There is no additional financial hit now, as funds from vacant salary lines are being used to cover some of this. ETSU and MTSU pulled out of Tennessee eCampus, and are now doing it themselves. How can we avoid these gaps each year? Data can help, so we can predict this better and look out further in the future. This may be our new norm. We need to act more like a private institution that relies on enrollment for revenue. The total budget for the campus has been increasing, and most of that increase has gone into salaries. But demands are also increasing. More general education courses online will also help. Cuts on the academic side hurt students. VP Stinson is doing a financial analysis with the Chair of Finance on the Board.
- c. Some pieces of construction materials get blown around on the library grounds during the re-brick project. President Oldham explained why we are doing this project. It was managed by TBR 30 years ago, when there was no one on campus to do this and oversee construction

- d. A question about the possible research misconduct investigation and the parties involved was posed on the website. President Oldham recused himself, so
The process is ongoing, and proceeding. The first stage deadline is this Friday to see if an investigation is needed.

Criminal Justice Online Program

From the Senate comments last December, President Oldham met with Interim Provost Stephens and Associate VP Wilson. They assured President Oldham that they have dealt with this matter

done in the matter of the Criminal Justice online program. Provost Bruce will pay close attention to all online programs. Individual units have done good job with online strategy. Now we can go to the next level with a more universal strategy. The primary driver should always be the academic unit, but they need external support. Tech

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Lee, Faculty
Senate Secretary

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