MTSU Faculty Senate

What is happening and why it matters to you....
Welcome to MTSU!

Overview

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What does the Faculty Senate do?

ARTICLE I -- DUTIES AND POWERS

Section 1. The Faculty Senate is the principal representative body of the faculty and is responsible for its own organization and procedures, policies, and regulations, as well as other matters referred to it by the President, Provost, administration, faculty or students of the University. The Faculty Senate has the responsibility to promote policies which set and maintain the efficacy of the academic programs. At the same time, the Faculty Senate advocates for the faculty and academic policies within the University Community at large. The Middle Tennessee State University Faculty Senate shall further have those duties and powers delegated to it by the faculty of the University. Such duties and powers shall at all times be consistent with the legally prescribed roles of the faculty and its relationship to the administrative staff.
In short:

We are the voice of the faculty.....

Shared Governance –

We advocate for the faculty and academic policies and issues for the betterment of students, faculty and the university

Work to be proactive, rather than reactive

University Standing Committees - they make the university work! mtsu.edu/provost/comm.php
Who can serve on the faculty senate?

Tenured/Tenure Track Faculty

Must be at MTSU for at least five consecutive semesters

Administrative responsibilities must be less than 50%
Three-year terms; maximum of two consecutive terms

Steering Committee – Comprised of one Senator from each College selected at-large (also includes Faculty Senate the President, Vice President, Secretary and TBR Rep.)

http://mtsu.edu/facultysenate/index.php
Faculty Senate Update

• New Board of Regents
  – Faculty Board Member - Dr. Tony Johnston

• Revision of all MTSU policies

• Plans for the senate this year
  – Form working committees
Humble Advice

• Be an engaged faculty member
• Stay Informed
  – Attend/View open board meetings
  – Ask your representative for senate updates and/or read the senate minutes
• Refer to policy and read it for yourself, ask the senate for help on interpretation if needed.
QUESTIONS?
Welcome to MTSU – The Faculty Senate and I are here to represent you!

Let me know if I can help