

TBR Faculty Sub-Council Notes from Meeting of January 9, 2009

The TBR Faculty Sub-Council passed the following proposals/recommendation at the meeting Friday:

- Motion was passed to request that Chancellor Manning withdraw his "New Business Model" memo sent to the Presidents on Nov. 20.
- TBR Faculty Sub-Council Proposed Revision of Amendment Creating a TBR Furlough Policy: Notwithstanding any other policy or agreement, given the current severe state budget shortfall and state impoundment, the Chancellor may give specific written authorization to presidents\directors upon their request to reduce compensation across the board for the remainder of the year, to mandate furloughs without pay and/or reduce the amount of time worked, on a case by case basis with the understanding that this subsection with regard to furloughs shall have a sunset date of June 30, 2012. Any such request submitted by a president or director shall include a letter of agreement of non-agreement from the institution's faculty senate or council. (The part in yellow are wording changes and additions passed by the sub-council.)
- The TBR Faculty Subcouncil proposes the following guidelines and assumptions for all member institutions to follow during the budget reversion process:
 - Quality of an education is directly related to the relationship formed between the faculty and the student.
 - Quality of education cannot be sacrificed merely to meet financial requirements.
 - Quality online teaching requires more work, not less.
 - Cost saving proposals coming from the member institutions should form the basis of the TBR cost saving plan to address our current budget shortfall.
 - Development of this overall plan should include best practices supported by research.
- Motion was passed to request that the Faculty Regent and the Student Regent be added to the current Chancellor search committee. (current has 5 regents, no one else, no faculty, no student, etc.)
- Motion was passed to recommend that all possible avenues be explored to encourage legislature that would minimize the financial hardship placed on students due to the removal of the 12 hour cap on tuition by:
 - Increasing the Hope Lottery Scholarship to offset tuition increases by awarding the scholarship based on the number of credit hours in which a student is enrolled.
 - Increasing state grants in proportion to tuition increases.
 - Increasing state awarded academic scholarships in proportion to tuition increases.