



**Faculty Senate/Council Report to the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates
Truman State University
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Important motions/issue addressed by the FS:

- Long discussion about possibility of “Shared Faculty Positions,” report from investigating committee suggested that Benefits and Retirement issues (particularly as related to state regulation) make such positions very difficult to allow, interested department continuing to look into matter
- Process for awarding honorary degrees received lots of attention, FS has sent some encouragement for a policy that includes input from various university constituencies to Board of Governors as they deliberate and design policy, BoG committee expects to finalize their recommendations in February
- Considering a smoke-free campus based on recommendation from campus and community groups, a survey has been conducted and we will hear back on results

Important campus news

- Curriculum review continues: long discussions at Undergraduate Council on how to proceed since there was little agreement among faculty displayed in survey
- Search for new president likely to end very shortly with appointment of Provost Troy Paino, at which point it is likely that another provost search will commence
- Truman Institute has begun activities and received many proposals, working with Boeing for Truman to become a “preferred provider” for their employees pursuing advanced education
- Provost remains committed to increasing faculty salaries (which are on average about 25% below other state schools and our peer institutions nation wide), but reemphasizes that in this budget climate such increases can only come if overall faculty size is reduced