

TSU Spring 2019 Report

For most of the year the Faculty Senate has been working together without drama. The more mundane faculty differences have paled in light of lower than hoped for enrolment. The shortfall from lowered enrolment has led to 3 sets of budget cuts this year.

We are trying to stay calm since the President has stated that there would be no lay offs in the ranks of the tenure track faculty. The interpretation of the statement is complicated by the engagement of a consulting company that is working on buy out strategies, and a letter asking deans to rank all their positions (filled and unfilled).

The latest difficulty is based on the faculty member of the board of trustees. The chief trustee's feeling that "perception forms reality" has led to total loss of voice by the faculty board member.

The election for the faculty board member has had to be re-advertized because of difficulty in advertizing and making the criteria for nomination, and appeals procedure transparent. April will be a busy one.

We are concerned but hopeful about the future.

Sincerely submitted,

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