



years. Faculty workload issues were raised as a possibility for the decline in student research presentations. Dr. Pani replied that he is working on faculty workload issues. Fall enrollment for graduate students is down 169 students. Dr. Pani provided a report regarding enrollment for each College over the past three years. The decrease is not as bad as it sounds. In summary, there was a slight increase in the total number of degree seeking students and an increase in average SCH from 6.53 to 7.74. It was agreed that the FS should help promote graduate education.

A question was raised concerning funds to charter the football team for the Middle Tennessee game. Dr. Pani stated that the funds did not come from the general fund, and he thought a booster paid for the plane.

Advising was discussed in the Executive Committee meeting. The average advising load per faculty member continues to increase. Dr. Pani feels that advising is very important for retention and that each advising session should last approximately 30 minutes. Some faculty members are currently assigned around 100 students which makes these 30 minute sessions a daunting task. Again, faculty workload was alluded to, and Dr. Pani said he was working on it.

President Sylvester charged the Fiscal Affairs Committee with determining the best way to organize a state-wide lobbying campaign to raise awareness concerning the formula disparity that affects both ULM and ULL.

The Academic Standards Committee provided a report of their Registrar's Office task force meeting including issues of concern as well as recommendations. The dominant issues identified were:

- The delay in transcript evaluation for transfer, returning, and international students
- Lack of customer service attitude in the Registrar's Office
- Coding issues in Banner
- Billing and Financial Aid issues

This task force will meet with Dr. Pani in the next few weeks to discuss this report.

The Faculty Welfare Committee met and is moving forward on the faculty survey.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

The Executive Committee was asked to raise the issue of how classes are being eliminated without consultation of the affected faculty at the next meeting.

The next FS meeting will take place on November 15, 2012 at 12:30, in Student Center #170.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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<p>*indicates excused absence. (Name/Name) indicates Moved/Seconded</p>
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