

Non-Tenure Track Issues Committee – AY 14-15

We began the academic year working with The Office of Research and Engagement and successfully changed the Quest Scholar of the Week program to include non-tenure track faculty and graduate students with active research streams.

Created data for the first time revealing the number of total non-tenure track faculty at UT-Knoxville (attached). Prepared first-time reports on the apportionment of the faculty senate in terms of tenure-track and non-tenure track faculty members, overall and by College (attached).

Participated in healthy discussions regarding proposed forced apportionment of faculty senate seats - these discussion dominated three scheduled NTTI committee meetings and 1 extraordinary meeting.

Late in the academic year, the NTTI Committee began work on an equivalency structure for Non-tenure track faculty relative to tenure-track faculty, i.e. is Distinguished Lecturer equal to an assistant professor, an associate professor, or a full? We are also parsing the Faculty Handbook to see where that would make a difference, for example, “the Faculty Senate President must hold the equivalent rank of Associate Professor or higher”.

During the course of the year, we began successfully using ZOOM for our regular meetings, leading to a higher availability of member involvement.