

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be April 17, 1997, 3:45-6:00 pm, in the Governors Room (Room 313) of the University Center.

**Unapproved Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Faculty Senate, APSU
March 27, 1997**

Senators Present: James Bateman, Patrick Bunton, Art Carpenter, Wayne Chaffin, Arthur Eaves, Sue Cloud Evans, Deborah Fetch, Mark Ginn, Buddy Grah, Kay Haralson, Larry Lowrance, Kathy Martin, Maureen McCarthy, Bruce Myers, Stephanie Newport, David O'Drobinak, George Pesely, Jennie Preston-Sabin, Steve Ryan, Abu Sarwar, Paul Shaffer, Lori Slavin, Linda Thompson, David Till, Mickey Wadia.

Meeting Called to Order: 11:50 am

**Motion made to amend the agenda to allow announcements to be made before Reports and Communications.
Motion passed, agenda approved as amended.**

Minutes of the Regular Meetings of February 20, 1997 and February 27, 1997 approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Elections for representatives to the Faculty Senate will take place in April. Please encourage your colleagues to run for the Senate.
2. The Nominations and Elections Committee, chaired by Mickey Wadia, will send surveys to faculty next month requesting preferences for Standing Committee assignments. Actual committee assignments this year did not reflect the recommendations of the Nominations and Elections Committee in many cases. There will be an attempt this year to have faculty placed on one of the committees of their choice. Since many faculty are on ad hoc committees or task forces, there will be a place provided to indicate if you prefer not to be assigned to a Standing Committee due to other committee obligations.
3. Carolyn Forché, the Acuff Chair of Excellence, will speak at a brown-bag luncheon during the common hour on April 17 in the Gentry Auditorium. The discussion will center around the adjunct situation at APSU and across the country.
4. President Rinella found it necessary to call a meeting of the President's Cabinet for this afternoon and indicated he and Vice President Pontius will be unable to speak to the Senate during the afternoon portion of our meeting. Thus, the Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for later today is cancelled.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Strategic Long Range Planning Committee - Dr. Wayne Chaffin (SLRP Committee agenda of March 4 distributed.)

1. The SLRP Committee has been dealing extensively with budget issues. The last meeting on March 4 dealt with impending impoundment.
Q: Are matching grants funds going to be available for grants which have recently been accepted?
A: I cannot answer for sure. This is a mandatory cost item to fund, but the committee can only make suggestions.
2. The Committee is discussing the July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998 budget. Mandatory costs for 97-98 total \$184,598 which includes \$90,000 for faculty promotions and mandatory staff increases and \$50,000 for matching grant funds. High Priority Plan Strategies will cost \$92,500, which includes \$55,000 for implementation of recommendations from the Enrollment Management Task Force focusing on relieving the critical advisement situation at Ft. Campbell.
Q: Is this money to create an advisement center for Ft. Campbell, and to hire a new person to staff it, or is it going to be used for a consulting group to study the matter?
A: **Buddy Grah:** The money is to implement the recommendations of the Enrollment Management Task Force.
Comment from representative of Enrollment Management Task Force: Dr. Tarter indicated this money would be used to pay faculty \$500 for freshman advisement duties.
3. The target reduction for the next year is approximately \$1,031,000. The SLRP committee voted to recommend that this amount be taken out of the budget for next year in the same way as the impoundment is being done

this year. The committee suggested guidelines for areas to use in determining how reductions will be made: current vacant lines, allow people to reduce the number of hours they work each week, travel, equipment, operating expenses, examining summer school. During Summer 1997, students will be paying registration fees based on total hours enrolled, with no maximum fee cap. It is not yet known how much revenue this could generate.

Q: Are there any numbers from other universities which used this method of fee calculation last year?

A: **Dolores Gore:** It did not have much effect at most universities.

4. Concerning the openness of SLRP Committee meetings, the next meeting will be open to all faculty, but not open to the press. No final decisions are being made at these committee meetings. This is a sensitive issue and we do not want misinformation reported. The next meeting will be April 10.

Q: Has the summer school pay scale of 1/32 of your base pay for each semester hour taught come up for discussion?

A: No, it has not come up.

Q: What is the status of the Solutions Center?

A: It may still be funded.

Comment: Faculty find it offensive that administrative positions are being added while faculty is being cut.

Q: Should we draft a statement that we object to new administrative positions in view of the current budget cuts?

Comment: This is a sensitive issue. It is not always administration who want other administrators. Several departments want to have a Graduate Dean.

Comment: The Graduate Dean is not a new position being created. The other proposed positions are inappropriate due to budget issues.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Deans Council - Dr. Maureen McCarthy

1. The TBR mandated general education review will be conducted on campus next month.
2. Deans Council has been working extensively on budget issues.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Status of COAS Dean Search:** The committee will meet this afternoon to come to an agreement on the names to be put forth from the search. Dr. Scott has taken another job, which leaves only three candidates who have been interviewed. The submission of three names has been requested.
2. **Status of Common Hour review:** This committee is chaired by Victor Ukpolo; other committee members include Mike Phillips and Tony Golden. It is the intention of the committee to conduct a review this spring and analyze the data this fall.
3. **Process for Academic Reorganization and Reidentification/amendment - Maureen McCarthy:**
A slight change in wording to the document is offered as an amendment to the proposal. Wording to change as follows (added phrase in bold italics). Under PAGE 2, TIMETABLE FOR CONSIDERATION, Item 1: *By September 15 for the Fall Semester (February 15 for the Spring Semester) the proposal is submitted to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and then forwarded by the Vice President for Academic Affairs to all effected units.* Motion made to accept the amendment as stated, motion passed.
4. **Retention, Tenure, and Promotion: Statement of Philosophy for Faculty Handbook:**
Chair of the committee, Carlette Hardin, not present.
5. **Summer School Study and Recommendations - materials are ready for the committee.**
6. **Status of Administration Evaluation process - Buddy Grah**
In talking with Dr. Butler, he indicates that the whole process was initiated from and administered by the Vice President for Academic Affairs Office. Dr. Butler did not feel any evaluation of administrators should be done during the first year of office. He did not think evaluations should be conducted yearly, but every two or three years. We are not sure if this is something the Faculty Senate should undertake. Discussion followed concerning the way in which evaluations have been handled in the past and what is desired for the future. The committee will continue their investigation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consideration of amendment to Distinguished Professor Award policy - Patrick Bunton:**
The Faculty Senate has been asked to consider the question of changing the name of the Distinguished Professor Award to **The Austin Peay State University Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award**, in order to acknowledge the Alumni Association's financial support of the award. Discussion followed. Request tabled until the next meeting of the Senate due to time constraints.

Meeting adjourned: 1:00 pm

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