

Tentative (unapproved) Minutes for  
APSU Faculty Senate Meeting of September 22, 2005  
Sundquist Auditorium, E106A SSC

**Preliminary Information**

The meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate President Dr. John Foote at 3:56 p.m.

Roll call was taken by Dr. Ann Silverberg, Senate Secretary. The following senators were absent: Goldstone, Jator, Lane, Maurer, Prescott, Tracy.

Dr. Foote announced that Professor Phil Kemmerly has agreed to be parliamentarian, though he is not a senator.

Foote also introduced the members of the senate executive committee members.

Senator Kell Black made a motion to approve the meeting's agenda, as posted on the senate website and it was unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the minutes of the last three regular senate meetings (for March, April, and May 2005) as posted on the web was made and unanimously approved.

**Remarks**

**University President Dr. Sherry Hoppe**

The President of Austin Peay State University, Dr. Sherry Hoppe, concentrated on two topics in her opening remarks, both of which were approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents. Austin Peay's new M.A. Military History degree program will be sent to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission for consideration in November or January; courses will be offered as early as fall, 2006.

Dr. Hoppe explained that this year's approved pay equity adjustments will occur in three parts. The first part is a bonus of one percent (or \$500, whichever is greater) for full time faculty and staff employed for a year \$250 if employed by Austin Peay for less than a year. The second part is a 2% equity increase for faculty; the third part a distribution equivalent to 1% to all faculty whose pay is less than 100% of their target. Assuming the approval letter goes out in next month, adjustments will be effective in January, and are not retroactive. Bonuses will possibly appear in October 31 checks.

Dr. Hoppe reported that she participated in a conference call regarding access. A proposal to admit only Hope scholarship winners to universities was broached and is considered a bad idea.

There is also a proposal to change the name of technology centers to colleges, but these do not offer two-year degrees; a special committee has been appointed to consider this change.

Foote announced that salary equity information will be available next week; this will show what segment of the faculty will receive raises and whether the same individuals received raises in both years, one but not both years, or neither year, etc. A small presentation may be made on this subject at next month's meeting.

The University Provost was not present.

### **Senate President John Foote**

Dr. Foote hopes to work for betterment of university and the interests of faculty; he encouraged all to speak freely, and bring their concerns to the executive committee.

Several faculty have asked about early input of spring classes, actually it is not early (same date as last year).

Dr. Foote has asked the administration to consider reinstating Presidential Research Scholarships, which were last funded in 2002-03. Drs. Hoppe and Speck have agreed to reinstate the program. The process of collecting names for this committee and information regarding this program has begun. Former President Senator Rayburn voiced his appreciation of Foote's advocacy of this program.

### **Reports**

The following reports were presented:

#### **The TBR Subcouncil**

##### **Senator Griffy**

The terminal degree list for faculty in various disciplines was still being discussed at the July meeting of the subcouncil; TBR staff has not figured out what to do with this list. Some areas are hot issues and will be further debated at the next meeting (in October). Senator Rayburn asked if the list is cast in stone and Senator Griffy replied that it is not. Some areas have not addressed: for example, allied health was not listed at all; nursing is also a problem. The frustration of having no formalized list seems to affect other institutions more than Austin Peay.

#### **Academic Council**

Academic Council has not met yet this year. **Senator Goldstone** was not present.

#### **Deans Council**

##### **Senator Hogan**

Deans Council representative Senator Hogan reported that the group has held approximately eight meetings since the last senate meeting. Hogan's notes are posted on the website. Senate minutes for last year are also archived there. Key points discussed by the Deans Council recently include student withdrawal from university and the definition of web enhanced courses. The office of Student Affairs will no longer be able to decide if a student may withdraw from the university due to extenuating circumstances. This policy will go into the next undergraduate bulletin; it will allow withdrawing students to

obtain Ws rather than Fs in courses. Deans felt they needed to know why a student is allowed to withdraw rather than taking Student Affairs' word that the cause is legitimate. The definition of web-enhanced courses is still being worked on by Dean Groppe. These are not standard classes; this is a "special" category, requiring web-based class meetings, for example. The Deans Council also discussed hybrid classes, which will allow for better utilization of classroom space. Deans Council stressed the importance of submitting grades in on time, posting them on web. The last final exam is December 15 this semester; grades are due December 19. Deans will work with chairs re: timely grade posting, an email will go to faculty in advance to facilitate reporting grades on web.

### **Old Business**

Kay Haralson (Developmental Studies Program) presented results of implementing the computer-based course system. Highlights: In summer, 2005, new courses were piloted: these included two sections of Math 800, one of Math 850, and one of Writing 800. 700 level courses were taught by Nashville State. Study skills and reading deficiencies were waived until student complete APSU 1000. Students surveyed in Math 800 they hated computer based courses; Math 850 students loved it. Computers in Psych lab were well utilized. However, an update of course software created great problems which were not solved until after the fall term began. My Math workshops did not have great attendance. When all 60 computers attempted to access streaming video, the campus' computer bandwidth was maxed out. The first two weeks of Fall were a nightmare: computers froze up, wasting lots of time. Some problems were at the university level, some were Course Compass problems. These problems seem to be resolved now. Approximately 100 students did not have a textbook; some just bought it this week; courses cannot be accessed without purchasing a textbook. After one test and one quiz, all Math 800 students are attending, and all are passing to some degree. One student has taken the final exam, early exit is possible. The new Math 850 begins at mid-term; students reactions to computer-based DSP instruction are both positive and negative, some in the middle. This type of instruction is good for some, not for others. If students do what they are supposed to, they are successful, they will be tracked in core classes to check on their learning. Bandwidth may need to be increased when Fort Campbell Center is added to the system. Eleven sections of DSP writing have begun; this program was jumpstarted by Aleeta Christian. Incorrect codes for registration created problems initially. ENGL 1010 classes beginning at midterm are available for students who quickly complete their DSP English requirement. GAs need office space; writing students also may need reading course. No one is sure that APSU 1000 is remediating reading deficiencies, The computer-based Development Studies Program in writing is doable if: 1. computer glitches can be worked out; 2. assistance is adequate (GAs needed); 3. students utilize all components. As of now, this type of DSP instruction is our only option. Dr. Hoppe publicly thanked Dr. Haralson, who in turn thanked her DSP colleagues for their hard work on this project.

### **New Business**

#### **Food Services**

Mary Mosely, the Assistant Director of Housing, and Jeff Richardson, head of Aramark food services, asked to address senate and make a presentation regarding food services.

Mosely is contract coordinator for Aramark. Richardson came to the Senate to solicit information from the faculty (he is also talking to staff and students), including suggestions, opinions, etc., on food services. The contract is available at [apdining.com](http://apdining.com) on the internet. Last year's Dining Services committee was not particularly successful in terms of attendance or adjustments to food services. Several Senators offered comments on food services, some positive, some negative. Senator Newport offered positive observations. Debiting foodservice cards \$5 for hotdogs was questioned; Mr. Richardson said this should not happen and will be corrected. Senator Foote commented that he eats in the cafeteria 3-4 days per week and has noticed that the selection of entrees and vegetables is smaller, and that there has been a decline of efforts in preparing desserts. He said that the sandwich bar and buffet often look unappetizing; the line is not kept clean. This is a significant change from last year. According to Mr. Richardson, the menu has been revamped. Fried catfish had become fishsticks, but now fishsticks are gone, and more vegetables have been added. Senator Foote also commented that clean silverware and glasses are not always available; Richardson responded that 700 glasses have been newly bought, but theft is a problem. Senator Filippo asked if salad greens are sprayed, as she reported an allergic reaction to salad; Richardson responded that Aramark staff do nothing more than take salad greens out of their packaging; greens are prepared by the produce company. Faculty requested that a Boca burger, or veggie burger be made available; Richardson reported that two regular and one vegetarian entrée are usually served. The popularity of some items (such as fried chicken) and much higher participation in the meal plan sometimes leads to shortages of certain items. Richardson stated that meal plan card values can be traded for dollar equivalencies anywhere on campus. The cafeteria and foodcourt are very busy. Senator Filippo asked about apparent unevenness in prices, and Richardson responded that cashiers are making estimates, resulting in some variation in prices charged. The "all you can eat" buffet is still best value. Senator Foote thanked Mr. Richardson and Ms. Mosely for their presentation and they left the meeting.

Senator Robison commented that at freshman convocation he had his first experience with Professor Kell Black. He would like to thank Black for singing with his ukulele at the event: 750 people sang along with Black, adding much to the event.

### **Adjournment**

Senator Robison moved adjournment, was unanimously approved at approximately 5:00 p.m.