

Austin Peay State University
Faculty Senate
Meeting of Thursday, August 28, 2008
Morgan University Center, Room 305
Minutes (Corrected)

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Senate President Winters.

Recognition of guests: President Winters recognized the following faculty guests: Inga Filippo and Loretta Griffy.

Approval of the agenda: A motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda for the August 28, 2008, to delete the report on dual enrollment from Julia McGee and Ryan Forsythe. They will report at the September 2008 meeting. The agenda was approved as amended.

Roll call of senators: Senators Roy Baker, Roger Clark, William Glunt, Dwonna Goldstone, Sara Gotcher, Christopher Hardin, Sergei Markov, Stephen Truhon, and Jackie Vogel were absent.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 2008 minutes. The motion passed and the May 2008 minutes were approved.

Remarks:

Senate President Tim Winters

- Welcomed senators back.
- Senate was asked to stand to honor Martin Luther King, Jr., who delivered his / *Have a Dream* speech on August 28, 1963.
- President Winters shared his conversations with President Hall regarding student retention issues and concerns at APSU. President Hall wants the Faculty Senate to pass on any of its ideas regarding student retention to him. He welcomes “fierce conversations” on the topic. Please bring ideas to senate.
- President Winters asked all untenured faculty to stand. Over half of the Faculty Senate stood. President Winters asked the tenured faculty senators to go back to their departments and ask tenured faculty to step up and please serve on senate. The senate needs senior faculty to tackle issues that may be difficult for untenured faculty to address. President Winters encouraged untenured faculty to bring any issues to the Senate Executive Committee that they are uncomfortable bringing to their department chair.

President Tim Hall was out of town and did not attend the Faculty Senate meeting.

Provost David Denton was ill and did not attend the Faculty Senate meeting.

Reports from Faculty Senate representatives:

Academic Council (Dr. Phil Kemmerly):

- Met Wednesday, August 27, 2008.
- Admission of dual/joint enrollment students policy must come before the Faculty Senate before it goes before Academic Council. Academic Council would like a resolution from Faculty Senate by February 2009.
- Policy 5:060 (Academic Tenure) was accepted by Academic Council without the collegiality part. It will move to the President for his signature. 5:061 has been approved and should be signed by President Hall.
- Collegiality Issue—Academic Council wants the Faculty Senate to revisit this issue. Dr. Kemmerly distributed a copy of the AAUP document on collegiality. President Winters provided background information from last year's Faculty Senate discussion on the collegiality issue. The Senate was not proposing that collegiality be a fourth area for the retention, tenure, and promotion process, but was asking if it is an issue, how should it be addressed? The language crafted for collegiality must be for a fair and just process. The Senate was divided down the middle last year. Academic Council is disturbed by the proposed language. It doesn't like that the accuser is left anonymous. Dr. Kemmerly discussed parts of the AAUP Collegiality Document. It's hard to define collegiality. Does the current administration even feel the need for a collegiality document? AAUP believes it really isn't necessary. Collegiality is hard to define and is covered by current policy (misconduct, unprofessional behavior, etc.).
- Curriculum change: Mathematics Department--Math 1110 (Algebraic Problem Solving) was proposed as a core requirement for majors who have a math deficiency and have to have a math course for the major; science majors would take the reformulated first course (Math 1110).

Deans Council (Dr. Ron Gupton)

Did not meet this month.

TBR Sub-council (Kay Haralson)

- Met in July—Bob Adams distributed handout detailing budget cuts across system. See document on Faculty Senate website under TBR Subcouncil.
- Bob Adams discussed TBR policy regarding paying faculty pay for summer school. Institutions must abide by the 1/32 formula. This is not happening at some TBR community colleges.

Second Faculty Senate Summit (President Winters)

President Winters discussed the Tennessee University Faculty Senates (TUFS) meeting at Montgomery Bell State Park on August 15-17, 2008. President Winters, Vice-President Buchanan, TBR Subcouncil Representative Haralson, and Deans' Council Representative Gupton attended the summit. Notes from the summit and constitution of the organization will be posted on the Faculty Senate website. This group existed when Lamar Alexander was governor and then disbanded. Tim Winters was elected President & Lori Buchanan was elected Secretary. The APSU Faculty Senate will vote at next meeting as to whether we want to be a part of this organization. President Hall was the keynote speaker at the second TUFS Summit and Rich Rhoda was the keynote speaker at first TUFS Summit. Senator Haralson mentioned that one very good thing to come out of each summit is sharing of information as to how things are done on various campuses. Several faculty senates have gone back to their institution, asked for, and gotten changes based on what they learned at the summit.

Old Business:

Faculty Handbook (Dr. Mickey Wadia)

- APSU Policies 5:060 & 5:061 are awaiting President Hall's signature. TBR has approved 5:061. TBR approval not required for 5:060.
- All changes to APSU Policy 5:060 approved by the special called meeting of April 3, 2008, (minutes posted on Faculty Senate website) passed Academic Council vote, except the collegiality issue. Academic Council wants the Faculty Senate and Faculty Handbook Committee to revisit the collegiality issue and forward something to the Academic Council by February 2009. APSU policy must be at least as strong as TBR policy. President Winters mentioned the collegiality issue at the 2nd Faculty Senate Summit and learned that the other institutions in attendance do not have collegiality in their personnel policy. One institution has an ethics committee.

Faculty Senate Staff Award (President Winters)

President Winters asked for volunteers to form an ad hoc committee to develop guidelines for the Faculty Senate Staff award to recognize outstanding service. Senators Sheila Pirkle, Perry Scanlan, Mike Gotcher, and Tom O'Connor volunteered to serve on the committee.

New Business:

Academic Council Elections (Vice-President Buchanan)

Vice-President Buchanan said the new Academic Council members need to be in place by 9/15. She has to set up an online ballot for the election. Vice-President Buchanan showed the ballot and accompanying message to Senate. It consists of a slate of four (4) candidates with write-ins possible. Anne Black, John Blake, Sally Lundin-Schiller, and Jeanie Randall are on the ballot. She asked senators to spread the word about the Academic Council election and ask faculty in their areas to vote. A question was asked about how the new college reorganization will affect the apportionment of Academic Council. The Academic Council is going to write a new constitution and it is hoped that it will address the college reorganization. Currently, there are ten (10) faculty members on Academic Council. Three are appointed by the President of APSU and seven are elected as determined by the Faculty Senate. This doesn't include the Faculty Senate Representative to the Academic Council.

In-state Tuition for Veterans Resolution (President Winters)

President Winters introduced language for a resolution asking for in-state tuition for armed forces veterans. The issue was discussed at the second TUFSS Summit. The state of Ohio has adopted such a resolution.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the resolution. Discussion followed. The in-state tuition will not apply to dependents. A motion was made to amend the language Motion (Pirkle) and seconded (Foote). The motion passed. A motion was made to approve the original motion as amended (Kemmerly) and seconded (Scanlan). The motion passed. The language of the resolution follows.

Whereas, men and women of the United States armed forces have served our country in both peacetime and in war, bravely accepting risk of life and limb, and whereas, the defense of freedoms rests heavily on an educated electorate, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Austin Peay State University recommends to the Tennessee Board of Regents that said individuals having been honorably discharged be accorded in-state tuition rates irrespective of their legal residence at all Tennessee Board of Regents institutions and be it resolved that this be in force beginning January 1, 2009.

Proposal for Two Commencements (President Winters)

President Winters told senators that President Hall asked him to bring the proposal for two commencements to the Senate for our input. There would be two ceremonies for the Spring and Fall commencement. President Winters asked that senators take the issue back to departments and ask for comments. Discussion followed. Would faculty attend only the ceremony with their college

or all ceremonies? Some students and faculty (music & communication) will have to attend all ceremonies. Additionally, these same faculty and students attend the high school graduations.

Academic Alert Language for Syllabi (President Winters)

Dr. Harriet McQueen has asked that faculty consider adding language regarding academic alert to their syllabi. President Winters introduced the issue and asked senators to poll their faculty for comments and input. The suggested language to include on syllabi is available on the senate website in the document review section.

Faculty Senate Committee Assignments (President Winters)

President Winters announced committee assignments and discussed the charge of each committee. The collegiality issue will go to Faculty Red.

Minors on Campus Policy

Senator Scanlan mentioned that the policy on minors on campus needs to be addressed since we now have high school students enrolled in Middle College.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Elaine W. Berg
Faculty Senate Secretary