

**Austin Peay State University
Faculty Senate
Meeting of Thursday, January 24, 2013
University Center, UC 307
3:00pm**

Call to order – Senate President Elaine Berg
Recognition of Guests: Beverly Boggs and Telaina Wrigley

Roll call of Senators – Secretary Paul Nicodemus. Absent Senators: Brockman, Di Paolo, Frentzos, Hayes, Hickson, Shea, Snyder, Stewart

Agenda Approved

Minutes for meeting on November 15, 2012 approved

Remarks

1. Senate President – Elaine Berg
 - Moment of silence for Ed Irwin, former chair and professor of Languages and Literature Department
 - Phil Kemmerly, serving as the Senate Ombuds, is on campus this spring teaching and his contact information is on the Faculty Senate website
 - SACS Internal Review Committee has begun review of the Reaffirmation Report
 - A new standing committee has been formed: University Calendar Committee-will have broad representation across the University and will include 3 faculty representatives (faculty senate rep, Fort Campbell faculty rep, main campus faculty rep)
 - Faculty lounge renovations are nearing completion
 - Reminded senators of the upcoming called meeting in April to deal with updates to the Faculty Handbook/policies

2. University President –Tim Hall
 - Presented enrollment data for this school year
 - Fall enrollment was down 2.5%
 - Spring enrollment was less than 1%
 - Discussed progress on capital projects
 - D2L and APSU have signed contract regarding D2L's acquisition of Degree Compass
 - Football coach Rick Christophel resigned
 - Went to Arizona Cardinals
 - TBR agreed to allow us to move faster with hiring process – expecting to hire within 6 weeks
 - Governor Haslam presented important budget information in State of the State address
 - THEC recommended to appropriate a little more than in the past--APSU may receive an increase of approximately 3 million dollars
 - Austin Peay is making major investment to bring in new program for outside counselors, who are trained to navigate student issues
 - Contact on week by week basis
 - Check for possible personal/academic problems
 - Program should pay for itself over a few years
 - Update on major capital projects

- New dorms should be completed by summer
 - New Math/IT building completed year from now
 - Half way through planning phase for new stadium improvements
- THEC/TBR funding for next capital project
 - New Fine Arts building
 - Some of the money to be spent on Trahern improvements
 - Austin Peay will be responsible for approximately \$5 million
- Current layoffs by Hemlock Semiconductor should not impact Austin Peay much
 - Of the initial students enrolled in the program, 1/3 went to work for Hemlock, 1/3 found employment in other companies, and the final 1/3 continued their education in related fields
- Plans for student recruiting
 - Advertise more broadly
 - Spend money to increase yield of applicants
 - Want to improve yield more than 20%
 - Coming to campus for a visit increases likelihood of enrollment
 - Recruiting emphasis on Latino population – we have a larger population of Latinos than any other state institution

3. Provost – Tristan Denley

Provost Denley was out of town and did not attend

4. Reports from Faculty Senate Representatives

Dean's Council – Senator Mercy Cannon (November & January meetings)

- First summer research symposium for award winners to present on campus
- Looking for more participation across disciplines, not just STEM
- Research course in physics and math
- Projects can be turned into presentations
- New award created for research mentors for encouraging and assisting undergraduate students develop research abilities
- Council for Undergraduate Research reported that Provost Denley has underwritten membership so any faculty can join for free with membership increasing from 5 to 69
- Discussion on internship with indication it might be time to create an office to handle coordination, requests, background checks, etc.
- Raising profile of university calendar by requesting that events be listed and to consider other events when planning to help avoid conflicts
- BRAVO loop closing – departments are to finish up this work now (late November)
- University Assessment Committee is meeting to give feedback on BRAVO
- Springfield campus creating a 2 + 2 for criminal justice and looking for ways to move students from Volunteer State to APSU
- Similar signing is being devise with Pellissippi State
- College of Business cleared second hurdle a year ahead of time and is two years away from accreditation
- Completion Academy working on opt-out system which creates a pathway to keep students on track to graduate within 120 hours – involves waiting to register until grades are posted
- Academy is looking for ways to automate system

- Report from Service Learning
 - Advisory Board, website with faculty resources, volunteer helping with community partners
 - Course redesign grants, second round, starting in September, will be similar to RASI – can find information on website
 - Currently 7 courses which apply to Carnegie classification for campus engagement
- Donna Price in Financial Aid reported
 - Increasing number of students not meeting satisfactory academic progress guidelines with gaps between attempted hours and earned hours which is a serious problem
 - New limits on Pell grants-attempted hours are counted not just the completed hours – serious problems because students can run out of aid with 40 hours left to complete degree
 - Tools that can be used include: Degree Compass, higher likelihood of success, and tutoring resources
 - Provost Denley would like to create a group to address: communication with students, information to faculty, and plan of action
- Wintermester seemed successful with 550 students enrolled compared to 400 the previous year
- Initiative – out of state scholarship for students with ACT above 26 equals in-state tuition; similar initiative for out-of-state graduate and transfer students
- Actively recruiting in high schools' college fairs in San Francisco, Louisville, and Atlanta
- Bookstore reported the spring semester's book orders were the first time all textbooks were ordered for all classes on time
- Enrollment Management evaluated grade distribution for blocked and non-blocked courses and found blocked classes influence success with statistical evidence
- Graduate Extravaganza has acquired its first grant from Tennessee Department of Health

Academic Council – Senator Becky Starnes

- College of Arts & Letters made revisions to the German minor
- Minor revision completed in the Psychology major with adding concentrations
- College of Business working with accreditation reevaluated core classes and made some minor changes concentrations
- College of Education minor changes with one new class-tabled proposal
- Approved a mechanical engineering specialization in Engineering Technology
- APSU recently signed a 2+2 agreement in Criminal Justice with Volunteer State Community College
- APSU will be signing a 2+2 agreement in Engineering Technology with Mississippi State Community College
- 2+ 2 agreements for nursing are being discussed

TBR Faculty Sub-council – Dr. David Kanervo-- Sub-council has not met since our last meeting

5. Police Chief – Chief Terrance Calloway

- Chief Calloway was ill and Office Ramsey filled in for him
- Homeland Security video was shown to instruct faculty what could be done in dangerous situations
- Pay attention to odd occurrences (IEDs, placing bags and leaving them in public places, person involved in information gathering, bulky clothing uncommon to season, person attempting to gain unauthorized entrance to secure building, someone who does not belong in a particular place, trucks/cars being left intentionally in inappropriate places
- Provided plan on what to do in life-threatening situations
- Evacuate premises, hide out, fight back, know exits, barricade self in when staying in classroom, lock classroom doors, hide away from doors and windows, hold hands out if police come into building to notify police you are not a threat
- Reported that a mock trauma enactments are scheduled to educate what to do in real life threatening situations

Old Business

- TBR Faculty Sub-council action on University of Tennessee Knoxville Resolution for benefits for same-sex couples
 - Motion was made and seconded to support University of Tennessee Knoxville's resolution
 - The vote was taken by secret ballot and the motion passed
 - Dr. Kanervo will inform the TBR Faculty Sub-council of results
- APSU Resolution – Senators Kitterman, Gray, and Lowrance
 - President Berg asked that the Senate finalize the language of the resolution today and that we vote on the resolution at the February 2013 meeting in order that all faculty have a chance to discuss and the motion with senators in their represented areas
 - Resolution was presented to the Senate
 - Revisions to wording of document were made
 - Motion to accept the language of the resolution passed

New Business

- No new business

Adjourn 4:42 p.m.