

**Austin Peay State University  
Faculty Senate  
Meeting of Thursday, April 4, 2013  
University Center, UC 307  
3:00pm**

**Call to order** – Senate President Elaine Berg

Recognition of Guests: Sue Evans, Steve Ryan, Lori Buchanan, David Major

**Roll call of Senators** – Elaine Berg for Secretary Nicodemus who was out of town. Absent senators: Brockman, Cannon, Di Paolo, Gray, Hayes, Hicks, Hock, Jones, Kitterman, Lebkuecher, Lewis, Lyle-Gonga, Mann, Markov, Nicodemus, Nyonna, Snyder, J. Thompson, L. Thompson.

Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve today's agenda.

**Remarks**

Senate President – Elaine Berg

- Thanked the Faculty Handbook/Policy Committee for their hard work this year on behalf of the faculty: Mickey Wadia (chair), Sue Evans, Karen Meisch, Steve Ryan, and Tim Winters.
- The Faculty Handbook/Policy Committee and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee have approved the changes presented at today's meeting.

**New Business**

1. Senator Mickey Wadia provided an overview of changes to Faculty Handbook for 2013-2014.
2. Proposed changes to APSU Policy 99:013 Misconduct in Research and Other Creative Activities were presented by Senator Jack Deibert. Motion made and seconded to approve changes. Motion passed. See Faculty Senate website for approved document.

Key updates included:

- Allows Provost to bypass the committee investigation and lengthy process if faculty admits wrongdoing
  - Respondent in written response can forgo inquiry process
  - Revisions to membership of standing Inquiry Committee on Research and Scholarly Misconduct
3. Proposed changes to APSU Policy 5:060 Academic Tenure were presented by Senator Wadia in sections (p.1-16; p. 17-27; p. 27-49). Each section was voted on separately. Motions made and seconded to approve changes in each section. Section 1 (p. 1-16) and Section 2 (p. 17-27) were approved as presented. Section 3 (p. 27-49) was approved with changes. See Faculty Senate website for approved document.

Key updates included:

- Addresses due process for appeals for appeals. Gives Provost a second “reconsidered” vote
  - Revision and clarification of even split votes and the ramifications of these actions
  - Revision and clarification of majority/minority reports
  - Reminds faculty of their responsibility to ensure inclusion of Provost and President letters in e-dossier in next year
  - Department representative on college committee has to be present for the departmental meeting on the candidate
4. Proposed changes to APSU Policy 5:061 Academic Promotion were presented by Senator Wadia. Motion made and seconded to approve changes. Motion passed. See Faculty Senate website for approved document.

Key updates included:

- Even split vote is tantamount to a negative decision
  - Clarification of the withdrawal of e-dossier
  - What happens when faculty choose or choose not to appeal two negative recommendations
5. Proposed changes to the Distinguished Professor Award criteria were presented by Senator Wadia. Faculty Handbook needed clearer criteria for eligibility for the Distinguished Professor Award. Motion made and seconded to approve with changes. Motion passed. See Faculty Senate website for approved document.
6. Proposed changes to the Faculty Handbook dealing with a grade of Incomplete were presented by Senator Wadia. The Faculty Handbook needed an area to explain appropriate criteria for awarding an Incomplete grade. Motion made and seconded to accept criteria. Motion passed. The accompanying form for an Incomplete grade was approved with changes. See Faculty Senate website for approved document.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.