

Austin Peay State University
Faculty Senate
Thursday, January 19, 2017
University Center, UC 307
3:00pm
Called Meeting
Minutes

Call to order – Senate President Tucker Brown

Recognition of Guests: Lauren Wells and Melanie Barron

Roll call of Senators – Senate Secretary Christina Chester-Fangman

Absent Senators: Christopher Bailey, Lisa Barron, Kenisha Burke, John Byrd, Lee Gray, Brian Hock, Barry Jones, Barb Peterson, James Prescott, Ken Shipley, David Snyder, Lisa Sullivan, and Cameron Sutt

Approval of today’s agenda – Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve today’s agenda

Old Business

- Faculty Workload Policy (Action Item) = Motion made, seconded, and passed to “un-table” the revised policy;
- Discussion:
 - Biggest change is departments will determine class size;
 - Theatre & Dance had specific requirements due to teaching load credits which they wanted to see and those were added;
 - Same for Rad Tech:
 - Friendly amendment #1 = Senator Scanlan notes that there is no longer a BIOL4084A/B, only RLTN 4084A/B;
 - Was there any mention of changing the credit hours for theses?
 - Friendly amendment #2 = Would like to see TLC for thesis direction changed to 2 or 3;
 - Was there any adjustment on extra hours for classes of more than 60 seats?
 - Senate President Brown noted that this has come up a couple of times, and the President and Provost have both said no, because it is set at 100 at most universities;
 - With the class sizes of 60 or fewer, if an academic department thinks it should be 30 will it be set at 30, or will a chair or dean be able to say that it should be closer to 60? Will there be some sort of consultation for setting class size?
 - Senate President Brown said that we should be able to set the class size, with the caveat that the Provost wants to be sure that the class location will be based on the appropriate size classroom. Other than that, the Provost is “hands off” with these issues and the administration will not “be in the weeds of how we do curriculum.” If we make these determinations, we just need to be sure they are logical and we can defend them with a substantive argument that will make sense to him. **[Parliamentarian called for time extension]**; no other discussion;
- **Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve the revised policy as written with the two friendly amendments discussed (none opposed, no abstentions)**

Motion made, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 3:09pm