

Austin Peay State University
Faculty Senate
Meeting of Thursday, March 28, 2019
Morgan University Center, Rm # 307 | 3:00 pm
Minutes

Call to order - Senate President Dr. Mickey Wadia

Recognition of Guests: Provost Rex Gandy, Florian Gargaillo, and Ashley Kautz

Roll call of Senators - Senate Secretary Gina Garber

Absences: Tim Leszczak and Pat Perdew

Approval of today's agenda - Approved

Approval of minutes from February 28, 2019 and March 21, 2019 meetings – Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve minutes for the February 28, 2019 and March 21, 2019 meetings

1. Remarks

Senate President - Dr. Mickey Wadia (10 minutes)

Upcoming Events:

Dr. Wadia gave a brief overview of upcoming events that affect faculty. He reminded Senators that they need to contact Dr. Tucker Brown if they are interested in serving on the Executive Committee, cast their votes in the senate election in their constituted area, and select their standing committee.

Moment of Silence:

Dr. Wadia announced that Dr. Albert J. Taylor passed away on March 20, 2019. He worked at Austin Peay for 28 years in the College of Business.

University Provost – Dr. Rex Gandy (10 minutes)

Update on Deans' Searches:

Both the College of Arts and Letters and the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences Deans should be announced mid-April. The interviewing is complete and the Search Committees are in the process of finishing their work.

Taskforce on Wintermester:

Most of the Wintermester students are seniors. Austin Peay's Wintermester was around 400 students. Money from Wintermester goes back to the departments. Two out of four years we have had summer profits. We created a taskforce to look at the Wintermester. The taskforce is meeting and will provide a report during the fall semester.

Questions:

Q: Who selected the taskforce?

A: Provost Gandy and Dr. Wadia

Comment: My experience with Wintermester is that the students are committed.

Comment: We need to do a better job advertising Wintermester.

Q: Are we closer to thinking about adding new lines for the fall?

A: I have seven new lines requested.

Q: What are we doing for adjuncts to increase their pay?

A: We are working to increase adjunct pay. We are also looking at adding money to student success, new lines, raises, and to up the amount for travel pay.

Q: Can you expand on the \$1000 for travel?

A: The proposed travel budget will go from \$1000 to \$1200 a year.

2. New Business

Slate of Officers for 2019-2020 – Dr. Tucker Brown, Chair, Nominations Committee (3 minutes)

Slate of Officers for 2019-2020:

The ad hoc committee includes Dr. Tucker Brown (Chair and Immediate Past President), Dr. Mercy Cannon, and Dr. Perry Scanlan. If you want to serve, feel free to contact Dr. Brown before the April 25, 2019 meeting.

Note: Senate President Dr. Wadia shared that there is release time for some positions. Keep your Thursdays open because the Faculty Senate Executive Committee meets weekly in the afternoons.

Faculty Senate Staff Service Award Committee – Robin Latchem (5-8 minutes)

Faculty Senate Staff Service Award:

Robin Latchem introduced the members of the Staff Service Award Committee: Dr. Jeffrey Thompson (Chair), Bettina Shank, and herself. She provided information about the voting procedures and let the senators know that the nominations go through the Faculty Senate Secretary, Gina Garber. The top three nominees will be determined by the Committee and then presented to the Senate at the April 25, 2019 meeting. The award is on the website at this link: <http://www.apsu.edu/faculty-senate/staff-service-award.php>.

Campus Community Scholarship – Dr. Tim Winters (10 minutes)

Campus Community Scholarship:

Dr. Winters provided information about the Campus Community Scholarship that was created by faculty and staff. In order to have an endowment for this scholarship, we need to have a minimum of \$25,000. He shared information about the criteria for recipients of the scholarship and how this scholarship changes peoples' lives for the better. Dr. Winters also thanked the senators for their service and said we could contact him for more information.

Questions:

Q: Is money collected from both faculty and staff?

A: Yes.

Q: Can a student organization do community fundraisers for this scholarship?

A: We would accept funding from all sources.

Cultural Centers – Ashley Kautz, Coordinator for Adult, Nontraditional, and Transfer Student (ANTS) Center (5-8 minutes)

Campus Cultural Centers:

Austin Peay Cultural Centers (The African American Cultural Center; Adult, Nontraditional, and Transfer Student Center; Military Student Center; and Hispanic Cultural Center) provide important services to our students such as study resources, free Spanish tutoring, text book borrowing, calculators, and a positive environment.

3. Old Business

Faculty Senate Constitution – Senate Vice President Jane Semler

The discussion regarding Article IV, number 4 of the Faculty Senate Constitution continued. Several solutions were discussed about how to handle the issue of ratification of

amendments. Finally, a motion was made and seconded to refer the issue to the 2019-2020 Rules Committee.

Second Reading of the Bylaws – Senate Vice President Jane Semler

Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept the changes to the Bylaws.

Adjourn 4:37 pm