

Austin Peay State University
Faculty Senate
Meeting of Thursday, 26 September 2019
Morgan University Center, Rm #307 | 3:00 pm

Minutes

Call to Order – Senate President Rod Mills

Recognition of Guests: Alysa White, Lynne Crosby, Anne Black, Rex Gandy, and Andrew Luna

Roll call of Senators – Secretary David Rands

Absent: Talon Beeson, Terry Damron, Brad Fox, Timothy Leszczak, Philip Short, Allyn Smith, Jennifer Thompson, Tim Winters

Approval of today's agenda – Approved

Approval of minutes from 26 September 2019 meeting – Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve minutes for 26 September 2019.

Remarks

Announcement of SASI Committee with Antonio Thompson as chair

Senate President – Dr. Rod Mills

University President – Alysa White

Report on the Board of Trustees Meeting

Governor renewed all trustees

Discussion of what the physical aspects of the university will look like

Dealership properties are paid for

Working to get a Health Professions Bldg.

Explanation of student dining masterplan

Will include a vegan option

Current bookstore site to be remodeled to new dining options

Explanation of merit pay

No Questions

University Provost – Rex Gandy

Nursing accreditation visit was successful

Enrollment increases to about 11,050 students

Increased adjunct pay to \$750 per credit hour; faculty and staff pay did not increase

Introduced pending business regarding adjunct pay and suggested that he would rather not have specifics in the policies to allow for budgetary flexibility

Introduced including the career teaching ladder for instructors in the university compensation plan

Introduced pending business establishing titles for temporary employees

Questions: Question regarding comments about increasing Travel and Research funds

Requests were made for increased Travel and Research funds, but they were not able to be provided. However, a one-time 10% increase was allotted.

New Business:

Dr. Lynn Crosby – Presentation of Policy 2.064 Policy on Credit Hours – first reading

US Department of Education stipulates that courses must be assigned specific credit hours to be overseen by regional accreditation bodies. SACSCOC looks to the APSU policy revised in January 2018. Consultants, hired by the university, have recommended updating this policy to avoid an infraction on the university's review due to the addition of Creekwood HS being added as a teaching campus with dual enrollment.

235 courses will be audited across campus which is seen as reasonable and feasible.

Questions: Is this about credit hours or rigor? Implications are that this is focused on rigor.

Standards are set for an average "C" undergraduate and "B" graduate student.

Understanding student involvement with non-traditional students is challenging.

Comments were made about the form being very difficult to understand.

Policy 2.048 – Policy on Adjunct Pay – first reading

Changes in policy seek to allow the Provost flexibility to set pay while setting a lower boundary of \$750

Current policy states that faculty must be paid at the same rate as contracted work (ie. Adjuncts)

A question was posed regarding whether there needed to be connections between the adjunct and full-time policies.

Old Business:

General Education Committee

Mission and vision of General Education read

All in favor by voice vote

Administration of Surveys

Establishes protocols for administering surveys. Scope of the policy was discussed

Friendly amendment to exclude Faculty Senate surveys from policy

Amendment passed with one abstention

Friendly amendment to change wording to a classroom or departmental research pool

Amendment passed

Vote on policy passed with one opposed

New policies for academic approval and program accreditation postponed

Motion passes with one opposed

Motion to adjourn was supported through voice vote

Meeting adjourned