

Austin Peay State University
Faculty Senate
Meeting of Thursday, 30 January 2020
Morgan University Center, Rm #307 | 3:00 pm

Minutes

Call to Order – Senate President Rod Mills

Recognition of Guests: President Alisa White, Provost Rex Gandy, Rhee Bicknel, Timothy Catalano

Remarks – President Rod Mills

Roll call of Senators – Secretary David Rands

Absent: Soma Banerjee, Kim Coggins, Michael Dickins, McLean Fahnstock, Gloria Miller,

Approval of today's agenda – Approved with correction to note date change for previous minutes

Approval of minutes from 21 November 2019 meeting with note to remove Stephen Truhon as absent, seconded and approved.

Remarks:

President Alisa White:

Met with high school students in Paris, TN, who had questions about class sizes and programs

Noted that the university would learn more about the state's support for an Institution of National Security initiative with the release of the budget

Praised VP for Legal Affairs & Secretary to the Board Danielle Whiteside for her initiative to provide a free legal clinic

Noted that the university has not signed an impact lease

Announced that the search for a Provost is moving forward

Announced that athletics is "on fire" and that the national exposure from the football team was valued at \$39 million. Overall athletics lost money, but due to strong fundraising efforts, the postseason was revenue positive.

Time extended for 3 minutes

Noted that she would be meeting with the governor that evening.

Provost Rex Gandy:

Spring enrollment up 1.1% (9873 students)

Out of state enrollments up 13%, transfer students up 5%, dual enrollment students up 40%, international students up 27%, and Ft. Campbell is steady

3 new degrees MA in Speech and Language Pathology, BS in National Security Studies, MS in Criminal Justice

Search for a Dean in STEM down to 10 candidates

Faculty Scholarship report has been submitted and ties into next year's review of RTP criteria

Student success is improving – up at a modest 0.5%, but at-risk students seeing 4-5% increases

Faculty development funds increased by 10% on a year-to-year basis

Curriculum Committee Report – Michelle Robertson:

Committee met on 12/2 and discussed 122 items. Of note was the Foreign Language Proposal to include Foreign Language as a Humanities requirement. Passed with 1 opposed. However, the vote was later rescinded and the motion tabled as impacts of possibly returning to pre-2012 enforcement of the state Foreign Language Requirement. Senators wishing to discuss the matter further should contact a Curriculum Committee member

Vote to accept report was unanimous

Treasurer Report – Phyllis Camilleri:

No change in budget

Vote to accept report was unanimous

New Business:

Policy 2.038 Admissions Policy

a letter of good standing from an accredited graduate program can be used in lieu of undergraduate transcripts for non-degree seeking students

Question of how the mandatory 2.5 GPA would be enforced was brought forward

Policy 2.010 Retention Standards

Modifies the forgiveness policy for transferring students

Policy 2.011 Makeup, membership, and responsibilities of the Curriculum Committee

Clarifies composition and responsibilities of the Curriculum Committee

Discussion of need to specify ex-officio members as “non-voting”

Policy 2.049 Chairs, Directors, and Coordinators

Seeks to shift oversight from the President to the Provost

Utilizes Academic Chair Survey form from each faculty member in annual evaluations

Provides for one rebuttal in response to evaluation and appeal to the Provost

Note of typo “Chair shall be permitted one”

Note that terminology such as “Chair shall articulate policy” should be not be interpreted as an ability of the Chair to create or change policy.

Old Business:

Policy 2.048 Adjunct Pay and Overload Pay

Full-time/adjunct rate correlations limit the ability to compensate adjuncts therefore full-time employees tied to 75% of adjunct rate. Also eliminates variation by rank.

Discussion: Questioned whether this would be viewed by the Staff Senate since staff members may be impacted. Questioned the rationale for lowering pay of full-time employees.

Questioned whether this will lead to overload teaching due to economic pressures

Motion Passed (26 in favor, 10 opposed)

Policy 2.03X Combination of Facilities

Motion Passed Unanimously

Policy 2.041 Excused Absences
No objection to approval by Executive Committee

Motion to adjourn was supported through voice vote
Meeting adjourned