

Austin Peay State University
Faculty Senate
Meeting of Thursday, January 28, 2021
Zoom meeting | 3:00 pm
Agenda

Call to order – Senate President Dr. Christine Mathenge

Recognition of guests

Roll call of Senators – Roll will be derived from the zoom meeting report

Approval of Today's Agenda

Approval of minutes from meeting on November 19, 2020 (done later)

Remarks:

1. Senate President Dr. Christine Mathenge
2. Interim President Dannelle Whiteside

Welcome all! Updates: Covid: Dashboard maintained. Numbers decreasing. If students have Covid, they are off campus. Low transmission. Some spread in cheerleading. Maxient forms filled out. Profs notified. Covid Command team continuing to meet every day at 8:30pm. Shout out to Jane and Perry.

Governor issued a new work from home order so we can work from home.

We will bring more people back in fall. Density on campus very low. Human Resources workshop today. about vaccines. We have to abide by state's prioritization schedule. Sign up via the state. Chances of being bumped up with K-12 was not successful.

95 people from APSU received vaccines who work at Tennova who were nursing students and faculty. Sumner county vaccines excess who could not store it properly.

Nov 2020 Comprehensive Campaign: 64.2 million dollars raised so far. Target 65 million dollars.

Please look out for Govs Give.

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By December 2020, we had raised over 10 million dollars.

Candle light ball: postponed that to May due to Covid. Cancelled this year. Switch to virtual.

Homecoming: sports: on a Sunday:

Thanks to everyone for unplugging your work stations. We saved 2000\$ a day over the break.

Year of Covid: memorial: love to hear your thoughts. Cancer walk or a ribbon garden. Pause and reflect.

We are planning to transition to face to face classes in fall.

Questions?

Senator: send a chat to moderator.

Thank you, President Whiteside, for advocating for vaccines for higher education employees.

Senator: Are we offering face to face over summer?

President: Provost will talk about it.

Senator: Vaccination required for everybody?

President: Vaccine is under emergency authorization. So we cannot require it by law now.

Legislators might give some prohibitions. It might be only for students living on campus.

Thank you, President Whiteside.

3. Provost Dr. Maria Cronley

Joining from my home office. THEC meeting. Good news: MA in Criminal Justice approved.

Next steps SACSCOC approval. Kudos to the department.

My first time standing a degree program to THEC.

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Office of Academic Affairs is open all days. WE ARE there to help.

Thanks everyone to supporting our students.

We are running 2% low on retention from fall to spring. But still good.

Plans for fall. 3% on campus. 50% online last term. Rest in other categories.

Spring: 13% on ground Face to face. 43% online now. Rest in other categories.

Make clear attendance and participation expectations clear in syllabus.

Summer/Fall plans:

Summer: we will likely see social distancing then. Physical desks separation.

Many classes are online in summer anyway. Continue with mask requirements over summer. Flexibility is the key. End of Feb decision on Study Abroad. Seems unlikely but we will decide later.

Fall: Planning to go back to normal. Registrar will build the fall schedule to regular as per pre-Covid. Then we will manage the exceptions.

Summer camps: No answer yet.

Admissions: AP days will happen. Limit capacity. Smaller groups. Safely in fall done. We will do ROW as well with distancing.

MS in Criminal Justice. Done.

CAFÉ launched: looking for a faculty director for that.

Speak to Lynn Crosby about it if you have questions.

Provost weekly points: redress: great things we have done. Reflect back.

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Strong senate functioning. CAFÉ launched. Loretta Griffy back to Academic Affairs. AP academy launched to support adjunct. 5th year SACS review done. Program Accreditation done. Readiness audit done for our next audit.

Virtual RTP done in a good way.

BS in Kinesiology launched.

Thank you all. Start looking beyond the pandemic. Survive and thrive.

Questions: Move motion to extend time by 5 minutes

Senator question: faculty can request online question

Provost: work with your chair/dean

Senator: We are doing Covid testing on campus with Dr Philips. Who pays for the test?

President Whiteside: Money from CARES act. And HEERF grant from federal govt.

Provost: we received out second round of HEERF funding in late December.

No other questions.

Christine Mathenge: Approved the last minutes from November meeting.

Motion to approve.

Moved.

Second.

Discussion. None.

Approved.

President Mathenge:

Stimulus money: December money. Mitch and Benji was let us know more.

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New Business:

1. Updates on stimulus funds and the university financial status and Q & A – Mitch Robinson (30 minutes)

Mitch Robinson: I signed up for the VRIP program for retirement. But I received a phone call from incoming President Licari. We need a good transition. Hang on a little longer. You will be stuck with me a little bit longer.

Another name on that list is Sonya Stewart. She had signed up too for retirement. Succession planning. Sondra Hamilton taking over from Sonya. She worked as out budget director several presidents ago. If I do depart, Benji can be the interim for me.

Dec 27th: Congress passed: HEERF funds number 2. 2 parts. 4.8 million \$ for students. Over \$13 million for APSU to take care of Covid related expenses. Rules relaxed to help us make up for lost revenue. Turn over to Benji.

Benji Harmon:

Thank you all. Split up in 2 parts. Students and APSU. \$13.6 million for APSU. Some restrictions relaxed. Defray expenses from Covid. What part of enrollment decline was due to Covid and what part was from Fall 2019? People working on that. We might be audited on that.

Distribution from NCAA was by 72%. So many unknowns.

Webinar with Department of Education (DOE): these funds may not be transferred to the general funds.

This award was announced on December 27, 2020. New secretary appointed now in White House. They are being inundated with questions. We want to be extra cautious. Anything we use this for has to be related to Covid19. A direct nexus to Covid19. Any questions?

Senator: So, what do other Universities do? We have a large general fund. Seems odd.

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Benji: We clarified with DOE. We have to find a way to move expenditures.

I totally understand the question.

President Mathenge: We are waiting for the puzzle to be unfolded.

Mitch: I wanted to add few things. We are searching a new VP for HR. We will know tomorrow.

I'm positive about it.

We can give you all another update later before the board budget meeting in March.

President Mathenge: As spring enrollment data is not out yet, it will be presented later by March.

Questions.

Motion to Adjourn.

Second.

Adjourn 3:55pm

Thank you.