

Unapproved Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Faculty Senate, December 15, 1994

Senators Present: Steve Anderson, Mickey Badgett, James Bateman, Don Dailey, Deborah Fetch, Kay Haralson, Bruce Myers, Sallie Noel, Allene Phy-Olsen, William Renkl, Charles Richards, Robert Robison, Bob Sears, Paul Shaffer, Karen Sorenson, David Till, Victor Ukpole, Hollie Walker, Danielle White, Charles Woods, Nanci Woods.

The Agenda for the meeting was approved.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 1994, were approved without corrections.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Because of a special called meeting of the TBR, President Sal Rinella, Vice President John Butler, and Dr. Dolores Gore (TBR Subcouncil) were not present to make reports.

Academic White Committee (Nanci Woods) reported that the Five-Day Plan for Final Exams had been approved by SGA and Academic Council and will be in place for the Fall 1995 semester. A copy of the approved form is attached. The Academic White Committee was given a new commission to investigate the possibility of establishing an International Clearinghouse for Copyright Laws on campus. No date was set for their report.

Academic Red Committee (Bruce Myers) was instructed to investigate a question that has arisen concerning the setting of attendance policy in classes.

Faculty White Committee (Rebecca Glass) was asked to determine if policies concerning faculty evaluations by students were consistent among the Colleges. The committee was also asked to consider the feasibility of reinstating the evaluation of administrators by faculty and report to the senate.

Faculty Red Committee (Robbie Robison) was directed by President Shaffer to prepare a list of recommendations of ways Austin Peay State University can increase funding within the present Funding Formula.

TBR SubCouncil--no report.

Academic Council (Danielle White) reported that the council implemented several changes in the structure of core requirements in an attempt to comply with a directive from the SACS study concerning courses in Oral Communications Skills.

Dean's Council (Mickey Badgett) reported results of discussions from three meetings of the Dean's Council:

November 23, 1994:

- (1). VA does not recognize CARE and Fresh Start. A new Fresh Start form was distributed.
- (2). The possibility of listing courses alphabetically in the University Bulletin (rather than by Departments) was discussed.
- (3). Twelve vs. fifteen hours for full-time equivalents was discussed. Clarification of FTE is determined by THEC. Our average FTE may be affected by the number of part-time students.

November 30, 1994:

- (1). GRE requirements will change in 1997. Students will select from two packets and must determine the test required by the institution to which they are applying. Computer literacy is required and students will take the GRE by computer. A writing component will be added.

December 7, 1994:

- (1). Spring enrollment (Headcount) is down--4670. An Enrollment Management Task Force was established.
- (2). Major/Minor forms will be changed to permit Records and Registration to retain a copy.
- (3). TBR legal council will attend a future meeting of Dean's Council to discuss protection of faculty and students from students who pose a threat.

President Paul Shaffer reported that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee had met with Dr. Sal Rinella for two hours on December 6, 1994, and had discussed several questions from a list of "Insights and Ideas" distributed earlier by Dr. Rinella. Shaffer commented that Dr. Rinella viewed the VA audit's being sent to Washington D. C. for the final decision as a positive sign for Austin Peay, but does not expect a final decision for a few more weeks. He also mentioned Dr. Rinella's suggestion that we examine the possibility of experimenting with some very large classes (no number given) which would be held in a large lecture hall on campus and then divided into several seminar groups for fine-tuning the instruction. He instructed the senate that anyone interested in pursuing the details of that morning's discussion should contact any member of the Executive Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Allene Phy-Olsen presented a Draft of a Resolution Concerning International Travel by Faculty Members. The International Education Committee feels that international experiences of students and faculty are not considered equivalent to comparable domestic experiences and that this attitude is not consistent with Austin Peay's role as a liberal arts institution. The resolution (see attached copy), with minor revisions, was approved by the Faculty Senate.

No further business was introduced and the meeting adjourned.