

**APSU Faculty Senate
Minutes for May 1, 2008**

Call to order – Senate President Dr. Tim Winters

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p. m.

Recognition of Guests – President Hall and Coach Rick Christophel

Roll call of Senators – Mercy Cannon

Senators Baker, Clark, Ellison, Goldstone, S. Gotcher, Hamlin, Markov, Martin, Robertson, Silverberg, Smith-Francis, Vandergriff, Vogel, Webb, and Williams were absent.

Approval of today's amended agenda.

Remarks

President Hall:

- Update on provost search was handled at faculty meeting.
- Budget: Governor Bredesen announced cuts, which will include everyone except K12. The proposed 2% increase in salaries is not expected to be permitted. This is a flat salary year; the Tennessee Regents expect a budget cut, but no one knows exactly how much yet. On May 12, a new budget will be presented by Bredesen.
- At APSU, we should expect a significant tuition increase, possibly 9%, which will produce about \$200,000 per percent; that is, 1.8 million in new revenue.
- Years ago, in a similar budget climate, there was a 2.8% or so cut in AP's budget. Anything over 1.8% will be a "real cut" (i.e., not covered by the increased revenue from tuition increase). If this happens, President Hall will have many eyes looking at the budget. TBR will likely not mandate exactly how the cuts should be handled by the university.
- President Hall does not believe that jobs will be cut; we will likely be able to figure out how to deal with this. Hall noted a strong sentiment to protect positions.
- Things will become more clear in a few weeks, as the governor suggests that there will be a \$550 million dollar deficit. Bad news all around.

Coach Christophel:

Appreciates support for help with student-athletes. Asked faculty to feel free to call with questions or concerns about any student-athlete. Athletics is very proactive when given information. Winning football games is great, but getting athletes to graduate is the real success. Christophel noted that three athletes graduated in Dec, and four or five were graduating in May. He also expressed his thanks for supporting students at games, as seeing faculty in the stands means a great deal. Building schedule with national scene, getting on television is great publicity for APSU. Looking for athletes and the best students for AP.

Senate President – Dr. Tim Winters

David Denton plans to loosen up travel budget. It has come to his attention that faculty who do not travel still have book & software purchases that will help with research, so working to open up travel budget for those sorts of purchases. Will be an option in the fall, more details to follow.

Approval of minutes for meeting of April 24, 2008

New senators introduced.

Old Business

Policy 5:060 update (Dr. Mickey Wadia)

Senator Wadia – Collegiality & conduct policy failed. However, it must go in the handbook, and we need to create a policy that will be approved. Executive Committee will meet in August. Wadia proposes an ad hoc meeting of Academic Committee, get legal counsel, and deliberate until a successful policy is created. Change 8 is the most controversial. People are coming up in the FTP cycle in Sept, so this must be in the handbook in case there are any issues.

New Business

President Winters – Faculty do not have a formal way of recognizing outstanding work by the staff. Would like to create a subcommittee or some mechanism for accepting nominations and awarding plaque/certificate.

It was noted that if there was a permanent committee, bylaws would have to be changed.

Suggestion to make this part of a standing committee's work. There would need to be a system for nominations and evaluations. There was some concern about conflicting with supervisor's evaluation.

Loretta Griffy – Election of Executive Committee for AY 2008-2009. Proposed slate:

President – Tim Winters

VP – Lori Buchanan

Secretary – Elaine Berg

Academic Council – Phil Kemmerly

Deans Council – Ron Gupton

Member-at-Large – Hassan Said

TBR Subcouncil Representative. Kay Haralson is on council as well.

Hassan Said: Recognizes Tim Winters' exceptional work on the Executive Committee. Also, compliments Senate on being so pro-active, pro-student, pro-faculty.

Tim Winters – Awards to 2007-2008 Executive Committee: Mickey Wadia, Hassan Said, Elaine Berg, Loretta Griffy

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p. m.