

Unapproved Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Faculty Senate, May 4, 1995

Senators Present: (N) identifies new senators and (R) retiring senators. Steve Anderson, Mickey Badgett (R), Patrick Bunton (N), Susan Calovini, Art Carpenter (N), Wayne Chaffin (N) Don Dailey, Frank Dillard (N), Arthur Eaves, Sue Cloud Evans (N), Mark Ginn (N), Rebecca Glass (R), Dolores Gore, Robert Halliman (N), Kay Haralson, Ramon Magrans (N), Maureen McCarthy (N), Rebecca McMahan (N), Sallie Noel, David O'Drobinak (N), Michael Phillips (N), William Renkl, Robert Robison, Adel Salama (R), Abu Sarwar (N), Bob Sears (R), Paul Shaffer (R), Lori Slavin (N), Karen Sorenson, Linda Thompson (N), David Till, Mickey Wadia, Hollie Walker, Danielle White (R), Charles Woods, Nanci Woods, Nancy Wright (N), M.D. Waheeduzzaman (N).

The Meeting Agenda was approved with the addition of three items (1) Report on Standing Committees by Nominations Committee and (2) Remarks by FS President Paul Shaffer-Old Business, and (3) Discussion of Proposal to Reorganize the Colleges--New Business.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 1995, were approved.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

President Sal Rinella was not available to present a report.

Vice President John Butler reported

(1) that the Enrollment Management Task Force is working to maintain the current level of funding by suggesting a number of ideas to prevent further decline in enrollment. A 5% reduction in enrollment would reduce funding effective in the subsequent year. The Office of Admissions extended thanks to four departments for their assistance with new students--Biology, Chemistry, Nursing, and Health & P E.

(2) Dr. Butler also wished to thank those faculty who have been calling top students and working to recruit them for APSU.

(3) Pre-registration has been completed for Fall and preliminary numbers are 5-6% below that point last year. Each student who did not graduate and did not pre-register will be contacted by mail. Advisors are also asked to contact such students and encourage all with GPAs above 1.9 to re-enroll.

(4) In reference to the interest shown concerning discussions of College reorganization, Dr. Butler commented that there is no perfect organizational pattern. He said that new presidents frequently change the existing organizational pattern and feels that if a selected pattern receives committed support it will be successful. Those that will be affected by any reorganization should examine any factors which might affect accreditation or impact students seeking licensure standards subject to state laws.

(5) Dr. Butler stated that APSU has benefitted greatly from the presence of special guests

from other countries. He strongly encourages participation in international activities. Such awareness of the world external to the United States results in personal growth and enhances teaching. APSU has had excellent success in recruiting an internationally experienced faculty.

Academic White Committee, chaired by Nanci Woods, requested that the new senate continue its efforts to obtain a Copyright Clearinghouse on campus.

Academic Red Committee--no report.

Faculty White Committee, chaired by Rebecca Glass, reported on a topic previously assigned to her committee--that of securing office space for the faculty senate. Her committee suggested that we investigate the suitability of space vacated in Claxton by the Psychology Department's animal lab.

Faculty Red Committee, chaired by Robbie Robison, presented a two page condensation of the 15-page THEC *Funding of Tennessee*. Dr. Robison distributed copies of the document, succinctly explained the complexities of formula funding, and was commended by Dr. Paul Shaffer on behalf of the senate. A copy of the document is attached.

TBR Subcouncil representative, Dolores Gore, reported

- (1) The Board discussed summer school and the problems associated with pay rates and use of adjunct faculty for staffing classes.
- (2) Chancellor Smith was available to answer questions and is seeking more contact with the campuses. He hopes to visit APSU next year. Despite his budget concerns related to TennCare, Chancellor Smith feels the state's revenue is improving. He commented that Formula Funding is not well understood by the Legislature and that lack of information in all probability affects funding.
- (3) Faculty are encouraged to respond to Agenda 2000 if they have concerns.
- (4) Rates of "charge back" (funds paid back after formula funding is finalized) will be capped at 1994-1995 rates.
- (5) Chancellor Smith has as one of his goals to obtain for Higher Education the image he feels now exists for K-12 Education

Academic Council--no report.

Dean's Council--no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominations and Elections Committee Chairman, Robert Sears, distributed copies of the 1995-1996 Standing Committees. This information will be made available to the faculty in the usual handbook.

Faculty Senate President, Paul Shaffer, thanked the Executive Committee, senators, and faculty for a good year. He stated that he particularly appreciated President Rinella's

openness and his inclusion of faculty and Senate Executive Committee in planning and discussions in the past term. He once more commended Robbie Robison for his work on faculty salaries and formula funding, stating that this has laid the ground work for the new senate. He further suggested that perhaps an ad hoc committee of former Faculty Senate presidents should be formed to meet once a semester and make recommendations.

The slate of officers nominated for 1995-1996 was presented and candidates were elected with no additional nominations from the floor. The following slate comprises next year's Executive Committee:

President--Steve Anderson
Vice President--Karen Sorenson
Secretary--Robbie Robison
Faculty Senate Rep. (At Large)--Sallie Noel
Rep. to Academic Council--Nanci Woods
Rep. to Faculty Subcouncil--Dolores Gore

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Steve Anderson presented retiring President Paul Shaffer with a plaque and assumed the office of President. He thanked the senators for the support he has received in the past and pledged efficient and effective leadership.

The Senate voted to suspend June and July meetings.

Steve Anderson opened a discussion of the possible reorganization of colleges and stated that the proposals are not yet final. Dr. Butler commented that information has been provided to the two departments most affected and discussions are being held. Dr. Anderson offered to discuss the matter with Dr. Rinella and report to the senate more fully at a later meeting.

No further business was introduced and the meeting adjourned.

