

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

UNIVERSITY CENTER, GOVERNOR'S ROOM

Thursday, October 20, 1994

AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call of Senators

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of September 22, 1994, Regular Meeting

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

President, Dr. Sal Rinella - 10 minutes

Vice President Butler - 10 minutes

THEC Student Representative, Keri McInnis - 10 minutes

Committee for Liberal Arts Core - 5 minutes

Nominations and Elections Committee - 5 minutes

Executive Committee (Election of New Senator) - 5 minutes

Academic White Committee (Five Day Plan) - 5 minutes

Academic Red Committee (Tenure Requirements) - 5 minutes

Faculty Red Committee (Faculty Salaries) - 5 minutes

Faculty White Committee (FS Office Space) - 5 minutes

TBR Faculty Subcouncil - 5 minutes

Academic Council - 5 minutes

Dean's Council - 5 minutes

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Unapproved Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Faculty Senate, September 22, 1994

Senators Present: Bateman, Calovini, Dailey, Deitrich, Eaves, Fetch, Glass, Gore, Krau, Matthews, Myers, Noel, Phy-Olsen, Renkl, Richards, Robison, Sears, Shaffer, Sorenson, Till, N. Woods.

The Agenda for the meeting was approved.

The Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 25, 1994, were approved with the following corrections: J. Bateman's name was added to list of Senators Present. Item (5) in the Dean's Council report was corrected to read . . . to prevent students from enrolling in unapproved overloads rather than unreported overloads. Clarification of item (6) from the Dean's Council report was requested. Item (6) is restated as follows: "Graded papers, which are not returned to students, should be held for one year from the time the course grade is submitted to Records and Registration to give adequate time for the grade-appeal process." This is not intended to encourage faculty to stop returning graded papers, rather it provides a guideline for those faculty who make a practice of re-collecting papers after students have seen their grades.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Interim President Richard Rhoda was not present.

Dr. John Butler, Vice President for Academic Affairs, reported that:

1. A TBR enrollment update for September 13, 1994, showed the following % changes from last year's enrollment numbers:

University	Headcount % Change	FTE % change
*Austin Peay	-3.48	-2.28
East Tennessee	-0.38	-0.38
Middle Tennessee	-1.51	-2.76
Tennessee State	+3.56	+4.64
Tennessee Tech	-1.32	-1.54
Univ. of Memphis	-2.93	-1.46
Total Universities	-1.35	-1.06
Total 2-Yr Institutions	-0.26	-0.43

*Austin Peay's enrollment figures show only one FCC session. If the lower enrollment pattern seen in the first FCC session continues in the second session, APSU figures will drop further.

2. The VA audit has been conducted. No official notice has been received, but preliminary results are positive and APSU will still be able to certify students at FCC for Veterans Benefits. Department Chairs and designated faculty have received training to serve as VA advisers. Veterans are asked to go to these trained advisers for decisions relating to courses in their major. General Education courses will still be assessed by Office of Records and Registration. VA will pay only for courses directly leading to a declared major and will not pay for electives beyond those allowed in the major field. There are approximately 300 students at FCC and 400 on Main Campus who will need VA advisers.
3. Faculty interested in the work being done by the committee studying the General Education Core are urged to make their objections and suggestions known to that committee promptly.
4. The Academic Council will meet on October 26, 1994, and hopes election of new members will be complete by that time. Request for Program changes must be considered by the Academic Council before December 1, 1994, to be included in the new catalog.
5. Faculty Staffing plans by the Dean's Council are particularly difficult this year, since the amount of money allocated is not yet certain. We are currently funded at 92-93 % of formula. THEC is changing the funding formula and if General Assembly funds at 100%, we will have funds available for new faculty positions. This will not be known for some time, leaving the number of new positions uncertain.
6. When the October, 1994, budget revisions are complete, relatively few changes are expected. No "new" money is expected.
7. The new Vice Chancellor for Technology, Ms. Jackie Shrago, will visit APSU on October 28, 1994. She is interested in coordinating system-wide goals relating to technological development. Dr. Charles Smith, Chancellor of TBR, has indicated that "he looks for economic development within our system and plans to take on UT and have more money, greater accomplishments, and better visibility than the UT system!"
8. Our new President, Dr. Sal Rinella, visited campus on September 15-18, 1994. He displays a high energy level and a great degree of enthusiasm about his return to TN and to our system. Dr. Rinella met with the FS Executive Committee while on campus and was interested in describing to them the changes he is making in the Presidential residence. Besides expanding the public area of the house, he has suggested general repair and maintenance of other areas.
9. Dr. Butler observed in closing his report that having had Dr. Richard Rhoda as Interim President and Mr. Evans Harvill on the TBR make him optimistic about this year. He feels Austin Peay will benefit and expects planning money to be allocated for a Science Building in 1995 or 1996 budgets if not this year.

Nominations Committee Report -- Nominations for Academic Council -- in progress.

Executive Committee -- Election of New Senator from College of Education -- in progress.

Academic White Committee -- The 5-Day Plan has been revised to include a one-hour noon break in the schedule. The plan will be offered to SGA and the All State for consideration. The committee will report in October.

Academic Red Committee -- no report.

Faculty Red Committee -- Gathering information--report in October.

Faculty White Committee -- Gathering information -- stated that space for a permanent Faculty Senate office may be available next year.

TBR Subcouncil -- no report.

Academic Council -- no report.

Dean's Council reported that:

Staffing needs are being studied and priorities will be identified in October.

A committee was formed to discuss and project policies for use of university computer labs by Continuing Education and others.

No report has been received by VA auditors.

Sexism committee has asked for an ad hoc sub-committee of Faculty Senate to work with them. In addition they have formed a Professional Ethics Committee to address the professional-ethical behaviors and education within the university community.

New Business

1. Faculty Parking -- Roads and Grounds Committee volunteered to investigate the reassignment of several faculty parking spaces and report back.
2. Reprinting and Reformatting the FS Constitution -- Dr. Shaffer will pursue.
3. Sexism Committee -- Robbie Robison, Don Dailey, and Margaret Deitrich volunteered to serve as ad hoc members of the Sexism Committee and represent the Faculty Senate.

The meeting adjourned.