

Unapproved Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting on Nov. 24, 1975

President Fott called the meeting to order. Present were 17 senators; absent were senators McDermott, Lambert, Hochstetler, Till, McLeod, and Stokes. In addition to the senate membership, several members of the Presidential Retirement Committee were in attendance at the meeting. The minutes of the October presidential search interview sessions as well as the November 13 meeting were approved with minor revisions. Senator Nixon, Chairman of the Presidential Retirement Committee, gave a report on the progress of the committee's work while the visiting members of the committee (Cowan, Givens, and Ford) made helpful remarks on the problems being faced by the committee.

President Fott read two letters to the Senate, the first letter was from President-elect Riggs and pledged that he wanted to work closely with the faculty and was "confident that the strength and leadership of this group will be an important resource in our planning." The second letter was from Chancellor Nicks thanking the Senate for its cooperation and support. Next, Fott reported on the dissolution of the Faculty Council and a subsequent meeting with President Morgan assuring a limited budget and watts line use for the Faculty Senate.

Under old business, the list of tentative committee assignments was handed out, and the senators discussed the make-up of the various committees. Senator Woodward made and Senator Hunt seconded a motion to accept the list. The motion carried. Next, the problem of the location of faculty offices within departments was discussed, and it was reported that the Space Utilization Committee of the U.C.P.C.C. would explore alternatives to the current situation. On the definition of a quorum, Senator Woodward made and Senator Frazier seconded the following motion: A majority of senators (12) must be present before any motion can be acted on officially by the senate. No voting by proxy will be allowed. The motion carried.

Under new business, several suggestions were made to aid in the communication between the Senate and the faculty. Some faculty members are not aware, it was felt that all Faculty Senate meetings are open to any interested faculty members. Also, the Senate felt that the agenda needed to be published long enough before meetings and distributed to all faculty members to insure full faculty input on all matters. The final motion made during the meeting caused a significant number of senators to express various opinions about the role of the Senate in selecting university personnel. The motion made by Senator Nixon seconded by Senator Der and amended by Senator Ikerd seconded by Senator Gildrie to read as follows: The Faculty Senate expects to have significant participation in the selection process of the Vice President for Academic Affairs as well as all other administrators at Austin Peay State University. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.