

**Austin Peay State University  
Faculty Senate  
Meeting of Thursday, March 28, 2013  
University Center, UC 307  
3:00pm**

**Call to order** – Senate President Elaine Berg

Recognition of Guests: Lori Buchanan, Dr. David Major, and Telaina Wrigley

**Roll call of Senators** – Secretary Paul Nicodemus. Absent senators: Brockman, Cockrell, De Young, Di Paolo, Hayes, Hicks, Hock, Jator, Jones, Kitterman, Mann, Meyer, Pitts, Robertson, Ruiz-Aviles, Semler, Shelton, Stewart

**Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve the February 28, 2013 minutes with the following change made.**

Senator Blake was present at the February meeting.

**Remarks**

1. Senate President – Elaine Berg

- Faculty/Staff Award nominations are due April 5.
- SASI application deadline is Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and should be sent to Gina Garber. Guidelines are located on Senate website.
- Encouraged senators to participate in Public Agenda focus group on April 16 and please let Joanne Shepard if you are planning on attending.
- The APSU Wellness Committee is planning activities that for faculty and staff this summer. If you have any ideas or suggestions for activities that promote healthy lifestyles, please speak to or send your ideas to Senator Deibert, as he is the faculty senate representative on the this committee.
- Encouraged senators to participate in The Chronicle's Great Colleges to Work For survey which is open until April 15.
- Grand opening for faculty lounge will be on April 1, from 12 noon until 1pm. Special thanks to Provost Denley's office for supplying the refreshments.
- President Berg, Senator Cannon, and Senator Wadia attended the TUFS meeting this past weekend. There were several guest speakers including Tenn. Tech. President Philip Oldham, Dr. Dave Larimore who gave presentation on the cost & benefits analysis of intercollegiate athletics, and Rebecca Hargrove who is the President and CEO of the Tennessee Lottery.

2. University President –Tim Hall

- Budget situation preliminary picture appears to be as much as 13% state appropriation overall 3% for APSU.
- Formula outcomes will be about \$1,416,800.00 and straight performance money about \$1,363,500.00 (not money that will be present every year).
- We do not know about tuition increase for APSU, yet. We think it may around 3%.
- Use of money to include inflationary increases and continuation of SASI and RASI grants.
- President Hall has invited each department to submit requests for needed funds.

3. Provost – Tristan Denley

- Provost Denley was out of town.

4. QEP Think Tank Update – Dr. Loretta Griffy, Senator Tim Winters, Dr. David Major

- Discussion of idea of how to proceed.
- Training students to be good students.
- Subgroups are investigating elements of how QEP would look.
- Goal is to have students leave APSU with more than just a degree.
- Goal of having every student at APSU actively engaged in extracurricular work outside the classroom.
- Long term project with a five year plan.
- Type of anticipated activities include but not limited to: internships, practicums, undergraduate research, study abroad, service learning, and others. The plan will not have to be developed from scratch because these types of activities are already occurring on campus.
- Need to find out where all these activities are occurring on campus.
- Possibility of using a portfolio system to document these activities.
- Next step of the plan will be the actual writing of the plan and why, what, and how teams will assist in the development of QEP.

5. Reports from Faculty Senate Representatives

Dean's Council – Senator Mercy Cannon

- Positive budget news is the tuition increases will likely be around 3%.
- Provost concentration effort to retain students due to approximately 2% drop in retention for fall.
- Identified group of 200 students not likely to come back.
- Non-retention factors seem to include: permanent residence 50+ miles from campus, not going to campus events, and predicted to earn low grades.
- Plan to reach out via campus housing and GOV's Ambassadors.
- Broad-based scholarship will be aimed at returning students, with any student admitted as freshman, who returns in the fall in good standing, with at least 15 hours, will receive 3 credit hours at no cost.
- Asking for more careful consideration of Form B (addition of new classes) especially on connecting new course to University Mission (BRAVO).
- Fraud workshop by Graduate School was well attended with 60 attendees from APSU and Volunteer State.
- Distance Education is looking at student learning outcomes and assessment in the "closing the loop" with the working of proctor services whether as face-to-face or online (webcam, third party, and password protected).
- Military tuition assistance was suspended which will affect Spring II enrollment Congress has reinstated, but without any funding behind it.

Academic Council – Senator Becky Starnes

- Department of Communication revised the Public Relations concentration..

- Department of Health and Human Performance revised the Health concentration, terminated the Health major, and developed a new Sport and Wellness Leadership concentration.
- Department of Psychology revised the major, along with the Mental Health Counseling (M.S.) program, and the School Counseling concentration.
- Department of Biology revised the Pre-Professional Health minor.
- Department of Chemistry revised the Chemistry major.
- Department of Computer Science and Information Technology revised the Database Administrative concentration and the Internet and Web Technology concentration.
- Department of Geosciences revised the Water Resources Management concentration.

#### TBR Faculty Sub-council – Dr. David Kanervo

- Had not met since last Senate meeting.
- Provided response to questions regarding the upcoming changes to insurance for adjuncts.
- If worked 30 hours a week, insurance must be met by employer.
- Not certain if teaching 3 courses would constitute 30 hours.
- Adjuncts may be limited to 3 to 6 credit hours.

#### 6. Academic Misconduct – Dean of Students, Greg Singleton

- 18.5% up in misconduct.
- 84 cases in fall compared to 91 cases last year.
- Formal and informal disciplinary actions with formal actions resulting in 2 being placed on probation in the fall.
- Gender- males - 30 cases; female – 28 cases.
- Only 2 cases found not guilty.
- Actions taken: Fs, probation, and alternate assignments.
- Plagiarism more prevalent in academic misconduct.
- Of 84 cases, 63 were freshman.
- Spring experienced more sophomore cases.
- Also reported other areas of disciplinary actions other than academic misconduct.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

#### Upcoming Senate Elections – Vice President Brooks, **Information Item**

- Vice President Brooks reported on open Senate seats for the different areas and the specific number of seats to be filled in the upcoming Senate spring election.

#### Nomination of Nominations Committee – Senate President Berg, **Action Item**

- The Faculty Senate Executive Committee is charged with nominating the Ad Hoc Nominations Committee. This ad hoc committee nominates a slate of officers for the 2013-2014 Executive Committee. The Executive Committee recommends Jack Deibert, Loretta Griffy, and Tim Winters. There were no nominations from the floor.
- Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept the ad hoc committee.

Item(s) from Faculty Handbook Committee - Mickey Wadia, **Action Item**

- Policy 5:029, Chairs, Coordinators, and Directors – Proposed language allowing the University President to delegate authority to appoint department chairs to the Provost. Motion made and seconded to approve change. Motion passed.
- Policy 3:033, Course Grade Appeal – Proposed changes include insertion of calendar specifying the timeline when students may appeal course grades. This calendar was necessary in order that all individuals who are involved in the process are available. Policy disallows course grade appeals during summer. Motion made and seconded to approve change. Motion passed.

**Meeting was adjourned at 4:35**