# Unapproved Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate, APSU February 27, 1997

<u>Senators Present</u>: James Bateman, Bruce Childs, Don Dailey, Thomas Dixon, Deborah Fetch, Daniel Frederick, Mark Ginn, Buddy Grah, Carlette Hardin, Larry Lowrance, Maureen McCarthy, Bruce Myers, Stephanie Newport, George Pesely, Michael Phillips, Steve Ryan, Linda Thompson, David Till, Mickey Wadia, M.D. Waheeduzzman, Nancy Wright.

Meeting Called to Order: 3:45 pm

Agenda was approved.

President David Till asked that non-fulltime faculty be given permission to speak to the senate. Motion made and carried.

### **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### TBR Subcouncil - Dr. Dolores Gore ex. officio:

- 1. Work is still being done on evaluation of administrators across TBR.
- 2. Other TBR institutions are also concerned about summer school budgets.
- O: Can we see how we compare to other schools?
- A: Yes, that information can be gathered.

## Academic Council - Dr. Mike Phillips:

- 1. We are still trying to make determinations concerning the Culture in Context course.
- 2. Veterans' Day has been reinstated and will be observed on the Monday or Friday closest to the actual holiday. It is still hopeful that a Fall break will be added also, but we must first determine the number of contact hours required and the number we currently are teaching.
- O: Is there a time-table for the capstone course?
- A: No guideline has been established.
- Dr. Steve Ryan: The objective is for the course to be defined within the 1998-99 Bulletin.
- O: Does every department have to have an acceptable course?
- A: Every department will have the opportunity to develop a course, but they may use a course in another department if appropriate.
- Q: Is this course a graduation requirement or will it be counted as a major requirement?
- A: It can count both ways.

#### Deans Council - Dr. Maureen McCarthy:

- 1. The Academic Reorganization Proposal was approved as we recommended.
- 2. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness will be conducting surveys on student satisfaction as part of the formula funding.
- 3. The retirement program is moving forward.
- 4. In developing the Teaching Capacity Model, we are looking at a formula which allows departments to have reassigned time. This is an attempt to level the playing field in respect to reassigned time.
- 5. A Search Committee has been established for selecting candidates for Executive Director of the Solutions Center and Director of the Data Center.
- O: Is money for this coming from the Dean of Graduate Schools position?
- A: I cannot respond.

# Strategic Long Range Planning Committee - Dr. Buddy Grah

1. There will be an open meeting next Tuesday of the SLRP Committee. Faculty are welcome to attend. Anyone wanting to address the committee should e-mail Dr. Harriet McOueen.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Evaluation of Academic Administration Dr. Buddy Grah: Larry Lowrance has volunteered to join the committee. We are meeting with Dr. Butler to discuss past history of evaluation of administrators. We are also meeting with Dr. Pontius to discuss the evaluation.
- Q: How long has it been since one was done?
- A: 1993 or 1994.
- 2. Status of COAS Dean Search Dr. Steve Ryan: We have identified nine candidates and these were investigated. Three of these nine have now been eliminated. We hope to begin the first interviews as soon as a pool of candidates is approved.
- 3. Salary Study Dr. Stephanie Newport: We have met with Mr. Bird to determine the direction of the study. We are frustrated at this point because a proposal has gone forward which does not represent the entire committee. The salary study will not gather information on adjunct pay. The good news in no increase in salary for next year is that it allows us to give careful, reflective study to the salary issue. Lengthy discussion followed.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Committee appointed to study the summer school program and budget: Dr. Pontius would like a committee to study summer school based on the Radford model.
- Q: What is the charge?
- A: To make recommendations about summer school.

  Members of the committee will be: Mike Phillips, Dan Frederick, Bruce Myers, Mark Ginn, Larry Lowrance.
- 2. Committee to prepare copy for Faculty Handbook on APSU philosophy with respect to retention, tenure and promotion: Carlette Hardin is to Chair the committee, Linda Thompson will also serve on the committee.
- 3. March Meeting: Discussion on how the March meeting should be scheduled. Motion made: Within the common hour a forum be sponsored by the Faculty Senate which allows for reports from the President and Vice-President and all faculty may attend. This will be followed by a business session of the Faculty Senate at 3:45 on the same day if possible. Motion carried.
- 4. A request was made for information about summer school philosophy.
- 5. An ad will appear for adjunct faculty in all departments.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:30