

Tentative (unapproved) Minutes for
APSU Faculty Senate Meeting of November 17, 2005
Sundquist Auditorium, E 106A SSC

Preliminary Information

The meeting was called to order at 3:51p.m. by Faculty Senate President Dr. John Foote

Roll was taken by Faculty Senate Secretary Ann Silverberg. **Senators were** absent.

Approval of the meeting's agenda was unanimous.

Approval of minutes for the October meeting was postponed to the next senate meeting (Jan. 26, 2006).

New Business

Dr. Foote mentioned two items:

We need to find a **new time for senate to meet** next semester.

We should consider a **Smoke-free Campus faculty referendum**

The Senate motion against a smoke-free policy passed by vote of 9-7 last month. The senate members present constitute a quorum. Students are doing a referendum.

Staff council will do a referendum. Dr. Hoppe asked the Senate's Executive Committee to consider a referendum, and the executive committee is asking the senate to consider it.

Senator Blake moved to have a faculty referendum on instituting a Smoke-Free Campus policy. The motion was seconded by Senator Prescott, and discussion followed. The motion to have a faculty referendum on instituting a Smoke-Free Campus policy passed with three votes opposing.

Dr. Foote noted that the ballot for the Senate Representative to the Academic Council should be out next week, we hope to have a new representative voted in before next Academic Council meeting (December 1).

Remarks

University President Dr. Sherry Hoppe

Dr. Hoppe discussed the position of **Austin Peay faculty salaries** versus peer institution salaries. We have individual THEC peers for TBR and UT systems, so that is our comparison.

Dr. Hoppe attended a **Tennessee High Education Commission meeting** today. The consensus is that there will be no higher education dollars. .

Austin Peay is No. 16 on TBR **capital outlay** list (for the renovation of the Trahern building).

We also have two **capital maintenance** projects:

Marks Building: for code correction \$600,000, for an elevator, etc.

McReynolds Building, for code correction \$930,000

Dr. Hoppe told the Senate that Dr. Speck is interviewing for another job. He is a finalist at West Texas A & M University. Dr. Hoppe would hate to lose Speck.

University Provost Dr. Speck did not attend the meeting.

Senate President Dr. Foote

Dr. Foote introduced a **new senator, Professor Holly Gillom** (School of Nursing, constituted Area 6), who was elected to fill the seat vacated by Senator Treacy earlier this semester.

Dr. Foote reported that post-retirement faculty have received their discretionary raises. He conveyed Dr. Speck's request that faculty apply for post-retirement programs by December 15.

Dr. Foote noted that Developmental Studies faculty were included in voting for our academic council representative. Regarding the definition of hybrid and web courses: this problem has been sent back to Drs. Speck and Hoppe: we may need to have a third category with more flexibility.

Reports

Senate Academic White Committee, reviewing Academic Advisement Senator Filippo

Senators Snyder, Lane, Deibert, Franks, and Filippo met and looked at two advisement assesment forms: one from committee (McQueen), one from the Deans Council.

Using these forms as guidelines, a shorter, more precise form was created. Students use yes or no on this one. Advisor evaluations will yield statistical data, with the possibility of naming outstanding advisor of year. Nominations and recommendation would result in an award of \$500 to that person.

There will be no voting on the form today, as it has not been posted. There is a graduate student category. Senators raised the problem of advising well when degree audits are typically in error.

Dr. Foote asked that comments on the form be emailed to Senator Filippo.

Dr. Foote asked that Senate Vice President Prescott announce the results of election of new senator from constituted Area 6; Senate Vice President Prescott stated that Holly Gillom won.

TBR Subcouncil

Senator Griffy

Senator Griffy reminded the senate to get comments in about **Common Calendar**. A number of senators offered comments and complaints about the Common Calendar.

Academic Council

Senator Goldstone noted that the Academic council meets in 2 weeks.

Deans Council

Senator Hogan

Senator Hogan attended several meetings which were not terribly active. There was an audio seminar on assessing teaching and thinking skills, the PBS documentary “Declining by Degrees” was shown. Senators are reminded to expect no privacy on email or internet access. There are now four levels of student employees, with pay differentials for each. Deans Council will meet with Department Chairs tomorrow (November 18, 2006).

Adjournment was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved at approximately 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann L. Silverberg
Senate Secretary