

## MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING

December 5, 1985

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lawrence Baggett, Charles Calhoun, Don Carlin, Wayne Chaffin, Patricia Chappell, Don Der, Rae Hansberry, Carlette Hardin, Charles Holt, Ellen Kanervo, Susan Kupisch, Ramon Magrans, Scott Magruder, Harriett McQueen, Ben Nwoke, and Andrea Parodi.

President McQueen convened the Senate at 3:18 p.m.

Magruder moved and Baggett seconded an amended agenda; the motion was passed.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as submitted.

Dr. Kupisch distributed materials concerning name changes which affect the Faculty Senate Constitution and By Laws. Reporting for the Rules Committee, she recommended Senate approval of the changes. The changes were approved by motion of Dr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Nwoke, and subsequent affirmative vote. The changes will go to the faculty for ratification before becoming a part of the Constitution and By Laws.

The Red and White Committee reports were deferred until the February meeting.

Dr. McQueen reported for the Long-range Planning Committee that the committee is reviewing concerns over enrollment during transition to the new mission. The committee is still dealing with statistics at the present time.

Dr. Riggs commented that the transition to a semester system seems preferable, and that the preference is almost unanimous among affected parties. The Academic Council is studying the problem.

The President reported that a study of the core curriculum is underway in Academic Council and other meetings.

Dr. Riggs referred briefly to the SBR activities for December 12, 13, and 14, including a gala on Wednesday evening and meetings on Thursday and Friday at Volunteer State Community College.

According to Dr. Riggs, THEC has projected a 13% budget increase for Austin Peay for FY 1986. This should provide a 5% salary increase (on the average). The proposed music building is still not in THEC recommendations, but may be added at the January meeting.

Dr. Riggs said that the SBR has recommended a second Center of Excellence for APSU; this one in biology, focusing on the Land Between the Lakes. The Center will be approved by both THEC and SBR, with start-up effective July 1, 1986. The State will contribute \$250,000, and the University about \$125,000.

Regarding a question of tenure awarded to a member of the Art Department, Dr. Riggs reported that he (Dr. Riggs) was responsible for the award, and that he had asked the Vice President of Academic Affairs what might be required to retain the faculty member. Upon learning that tenure was desired, the President awarded tenure, subject to Board approval.

Dr. Der asked the President what he would do if a chairperson requested tenure for a faculty member under similar circumstances. Dr. Riggs answered that given the same circumstances he would make the same decision. Dr. Der also asked about the changes in the school calendar, specifically, if the President thought it would be approved. The President responded in the affirmative, remarking that most people are in favor of the change.

Dr. McQueen asked for a resolution from the Faculty Senate in support of the change to the semester system. Mr. Baggett moved, Dr. Magrans seconded a motion to adopt such a resolution. The motion passed.

Dr. McQueen referred to copies of a Motion to Support Semester System distributed at the November Senate meeting, and proposed a change in the first paragraph to include Tennessee State University and "several private institutions." The proposal was incorporated in a motion by Dr. Chaffin, seconded by Dr. Nwoke, which was approved by the senators.

Responding to questions from the floor, Dr. McQueen said she thought that under the new calendar, the school year would begin some time around Labor Day, and extend to December 18th or 20th; then the second semester would begin in mid-January and extend to mid-May. The trend is to change by Fall, 1989.

Dr. Der suggested looking into the legalities of the change, stating that the Academic Council is concerned.

Dr. McQueen said that the President has asked her to appoint a committee for identifying the distinguished professor for FY 85-86. She reported that she has made the following appointments as members and alternates:

MEMBERS

Larry Hoehn  
Debra Jeter  
Jim Goode

ALTERNATES

William Atkinson  
Lynn Darby  
Ramon Magrans

Dr. Burney read and distributed copies of Dr. Hutcheson's summary of the recent faculty forums.

Dr. Corgan read and distributed copies of his own summary.

Dr. McQueen asked for suggestions about further forums. Dr. Der suggested forums on the proposed changes in the calendar.

Dr. McQueen charged the Academic Red and White Committees to proceed with preliminary plans for more forums.

Dr. McQueen recommended that the Senate go on record as expressing appreciation to faculty who presented the thirteen papers at the forums, to faculty

attending, to faculty preparing summaries, and to Dr. Butler for providing the opportunity. Dr. Magruder put the recommendation in the form of a motion; Dr. Kanervo seconded, and the Senate passed the motion.

Dr. Fott asked if the Faculty Senate had been asked to respond to changes in the faculty payload system. Dr. McQueen responded that she has talked with Mr. Bowman, had given her notes to Dr. Calhoun (chairman of the Faculty Red Committee), and had asked him to bring the matter before the Senate, if appropriate. She said that all deans, directors, and department chairpersons had received a memo concerning the intent to pay overload and adjunct recipients one time at the end of the quarter, instead of monthly, as in the past.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

January 6, 1986  
Date

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