

**Austin Peay State University
Faculty Senate
Meeting of Thursday, January 27, 2011
University Center, UC 307
3:00pm**

Call to order – Senate President David Major

Recognition of Guests: Dr. Mickey Wadia, Ms. Moniqueka Gold

Roll call of Senators – Secretary Mercy Cannon. Absent Senators: Bonnington, Butler, Ellison, Frentzos, Griffy, Jator, Meisch, Meyer, Myers, Nelson, O'Connor, Rocheleau, Schlanger, Smith-Francis, Snyder.

Today's agenda approved.

Minutes for meeting of November 18, 2010 approved.

Remarks

1. Senate President – David Major

- Chancellor Morgan has been on a listening tour. President Major met with him in January, happy to say that Morgan set a positive tone for the meeting.
- The TUFS April meeting may include Morgan & President Hall.
- Policy reviews will be coming through Senate for a vote, even if Provost Denley and the policy committee agree that the policy needs no change. There will be three policies maximum to review each month.
- Dossier problems are being examined by the administration. There may be new ideas about presenting dossiers.

2. University President – Dr. Tim Hall – Attending THEC winter board meeting.

3. Provost – Dr. Tristan Denley

- Summer Research Fellowship program is underway, seeking proposals.
- Will be starting listening meetings and will host Provost teas to talk about key topics.
- Library is under renovation (first floor) – more ambitious changes will be taking place over Spring Break, new furniture. This is an important hub for student life.

4. Reports from Faculty Senate Representatives

- Dean's Council – Senator Bill Rayburn
 - Met December 1.
 - Clark Maddux, chair of Service Learning Advisory Committee, will be conducting a survey through deans and chairs.
 - David Major presented Policy 5:060.
 - Rebecca Jones spotlighted the new website for undergraduate research.
 - Brian Johnson – RTP process, changes in timing. Deans will notify Academic Affairs of RTP candidates and committee make-up. Departmental-level administrative assistants do not have dossier access, but college-level administrative assistants do.
 - Loretta Griffy presented on the PASS program.
- Academic Council – Senator Fred Matthews
 - No meeting, no report

- TBR Faculty Sub-council – Senator Loretta Griffy – Unable to attend due to Title III duties.

Old Business

- Compensation plan – Senator Griffy – Unable to attend due to Title III duties.
Dr. Major relayed message: The plan is underway, report to President Hall by mid-February.

New Business

- Diversity Task Force – Moniqueka Gold
 - Motion to postpone until Ms. Gold arrives approved.
 - Chairperson for university-wide Diversity Committee. Tasked by President to develop a new diversity plan. The task force will be responsible for implementing the plan. Ryan Forsythe, Donna Price, and other key personnel. Report due Feb. 11.
 - Question: Is there a major initiative being suggested? Answer: No, we are looking at undocumented students.
 - President has suggested a program called “critical mass” –every class to include a critical mass of diverse students.
- Proposal on suspension appeals for PASS students – Senator Haralson
 - There is currently no consequence for students not passing the course. The proposal asks that a change is made to the bulletin denying early suspension appeals to probationary students who don’t pass/attend the class.
 - Statistics & evaluations from students who do pass the course are overwhelmingly positive.
 - Question: How are these students flagged? Answer: List from the registrar & suspension committee.
 - Comment: No one works harder for this group of students than Kay Haralson – Thank you!
 - Question: Can we tell the student that they are not allowed to appeal? Answer: Right now, we do – but sometimes students are let in early.
 - Also trying to get the registrar to enter the information into OneStop to flag failing students.
 - Motion to approve adding language to bulletin approved.
- Advising committee survey—Senator Lowrance
 - Have a proposal – a survey to ask peer institutions regarding evaluation of academic advising. Requesting input from senators to bring back to the committee.
 - Please email this or next week. Plan to send out survey in February.
- Update on Stopping the Tenure Clock and Verifying Notification of a Document Not Normally Part of a Dossier – Dr. Mickey Wadia
 - Documents online for review.
 - Clarification on “stop the clock” – scholarship (articles, etc.) that appears in print when the clock is stopped should count toward tenure.
 - Question: Why is the “disagreement” statement included? Answer: This covers issues such as performances in which the creative work was done while the person was well, but the show was put on during the “off” period.
 - Questions: What about articles submitted during the stop the clock period but published afterward? Answer: No, submissions during leave are not allowable.
 - Motion to add language approved.
 - Verifying Notification: New issue – How to determine whether the candidate was adequately notified? Proof of communication (a procedural change) would be an email sent with receipt options.

- Motion to accept language approved.
- Comment on Appeals Sequence – Dr. Mickey Wadia
 - Change: Appeals board placed before Provost in the order of appeals process.
 - Senator Winters gave notice that he intends to move to amend the Appeals Sequence passed in October 2010 at the February 2011 Senate meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 pm.