

Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting  
October 13, 1975

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The organizational meeting of the newly elected Faculty Senate was opened by Chairperson Tom Pinckney at 4:00, Monday, October 13, in Room 313 of the University Center. Present were 20 senators; absent were senators Frazier, Lambert, and Stokes. Prior to electing officers, Senator Der moved to accept Pinckney's method for determining the staggered terms of office for each senator. This plan was accepted after some discussion, and the sheet delineating the terms of office was handed out to each senator. Then Pinckney accepted nominations from the floor for President. Solie Fott was subsequently nominated and elected unanimously. President Fott formally opened the session and proceeded to entertain nominations for the other offices and members of the Executive Committee. The following senators were duly nominated and elected: Ernie Woodward to Vice President, William Barnette to Secretary, and Don Boren and Lea Larson to the Executive Committee. Senator Gildrie moved that a formal vote of thanks be given Tom Pinckney for his painstaking efforts in administering the elections and supporting the idea of Faculty Senate. The motion carried unanimously and was given to the secretary for action. Senator Nixon proposed a motion concerning the role of the Faculty Senate in the Search Committee. His motion was amended by Senator Woodward after much discussion and finally approved in the following form:

Whereas, the Austin Peay State University faculty is vitally interested in the selection of a President, it is moved that Dr. Thomas Pinckney be recognized by the Faculty Senate as the representative of and spokesman for the faculty on the committee appointed by Chancellor Roy Nicks in the search for a new President of Austin Peay State University. Further, it is requested that a record of this action be sent to Chancellor Nicks and members of the Search Committee.

A discussion ensued with several senators asking Tom Pinckney about the state of affairs in the Search Committee's deliberations. Pinckney replied as candidly as possible, and the Senate agreed to meet on Wednesday at 4:00 if any new information had been made available at the Tuesday afternoon meeting of the Search Committee. Pinckney invited President Fott to attend the Search Committee's meeting in an ex officio capacity, and President Fott agreed to attend. Senator Boren underscored the need for a permanent meeting time to be established early; the seemingly endless conflicts over tentative meeting times seemed to support his position. President Fott urged the senators to be thinking about viable functions of the body and possible committees to fulfill these functions before our future meetings. As a result of some questions of parliamentary procedure, President Fott said he would take the question of Parliamentarian under advisement. President Fott also said the question of establishing a meeting time would be expedited by having a senator compose a formal request for released time next quarter to be sent to the President, division heads, and department chairpersons. Lea Larson was commissioned to write the request. It was also felt that the meeting times for this quarter would have to be established as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned.