

**Austin Peay State University
Faculty Senate
Meeting of Thursday, May 6, 2010
University Center, UC 307
3:00pm**

Senate President Lori Buchanan call meeting to order – 3:00 pm
Recognition of Guests – Donna Liverett, Jamie Taylor, Nancy Gibson

Roll call of Senators – Secretary Mercy Cannon. Absent Senators:

Approval of today's agenda – Motion to change agenda, putting election of executive committee first, approved.

Approval of minutes for meeting of April 22, 2010

New Business

- Election of Executive Committee for Academic Year 2010-2011
 - Thanks to Taylor Emery, Phil Kemmerly, and Ann Silverberg for their hard work on the committee.
 - List of nominations:

President	Dr. John Blake, Engineering Technology
Vice President	Dr. Jack Deibert, Geology
Secretary	Dr. Mercy Cannon, Languages & Literature
Deans Council Rep	Dr. William Rayburn, Business
Academic Council Rep	Dr. Fred Matthews, Chemistry
Member at Large	Ms. Elaine Berg, Library
 - Nominations from the floor: David Major for Faculty Senate President.
 - Comments from the floor: Given our current budget situation, it would be helpful to have a Senate President who has been to the TUFS meetings, budget meetings. Suggestion for secret ballot, given the contested nature of the nominations.
 - Ballots given for write-in candidate.
 - Results tabulated by Phil Kemmerly & Pat Perdew: 35 votes – 26 for David Major, 8 for John Blake.
 - Nominations from floor: John Blake for Dean's Council Representative. Blake declines the nomination.
 - Nominations closed. Motion to vote on remaining members approved.

Remarks

1. Senate President – Lori Buchanan

- Senate Staff Award:
On behalf of the faculty, the Senate recognizes Donna Liverett for her excellence in serving the APSU students.
- Thanks to Exec Committee
- Senator Winters on President Buchanan: We would like to honor Lori for the excellent work she has done. She stepped into the job with trepidation, like any sane person. Yet she has done an admirable job, taking on some very difficult issues and troubled times. Thanks, Lori!

2. University President – Dr. Tim Hall

- Thanks to Lori. It has been great working with her.
- Budget: Still waiting on news of the state appropriations [about a 5% budget shortfall]. Does not anticipate across-the-board cuts. Talk of 3% bonuses no longer circulating. We have the money set aside, which we need to spend. We lag in virtually every compensation category, across TBR system. The Chancellor is vigorously lobbying for salary increases, sending out information comparing TBR to THEC. Our salaries are at 73% of our THEC peers.
- Tuition. Possible tuition increases being discussed by Chancellor. We will be able to give raises & bonuses if we get a 5% tuition increase. We are looking at a 6% to 7% increase in enrollment.
- Discussions about adding faculty and graduate assistantships taking place.
- Funding formula still being negotiated. We may benefit from it – we will not begin the year after the formula is put into effect with less (or more) money; it will be the same amount of money as previous year.

3. Provost – Dr. Tristan Denley

- President Buchanan recognizes and appreciates Dr. Denley's work with the faculty and faculty senate this year.
- Dr. Denley thanks Lori & the executive committee.
- Summer enrollment is up by 16%. Very encouraging. Freshmen summer enrollment is up 40% -- a major change.
- Fall enrollment is up almost 20% (this time last year). Freshman enrollment is up 35%. This has good implications for our retention. Junior/senior enrollment is up 8% (in line with overall university growth); in summer, 20%.
- Fall admissions total is up by 15%.
- Overall, we will grow a little over 7% -- if history plays out in the future. It could easily be 10%.
- We are setting up contingency plans to handle the increase of students.
- Question: will the number to "make" the course be more flexible? Yes. Would like us to enrich the curriculum with new courses. This requires some flexibility with class size. Are the increases related to unemployment, and thus likely to decrease when the economy rebounds? Yes, to an extent, but more students from nearby & farther afield are coming.
Could team-teaching, encouraging interdisciplinary focus of the university, be put back on the agenda? The honors program is now incorporating team-teaching, so it's a start.

4. Reports from Faculty Senate Representatives

- Academic Council – Senator Phil Kemmerly
 - Minutes are online. Routine curricular changes in Social Work, Psychology, and Agriculture. The instructional workload issue has been forwarded to the Provost. Proposal on "Sit-out" policy was sent back for revision.

Old Business

- Academic Council Election Results – Vice President David Major
Voting had to be redone because of technological glitch, deadline extended to next week.

Closing remarks

Motion to suspend Faculty Senate meetings unless a called meeting is necessary. Discussion: exec committee may be asked to meet. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.