

**Austin Peay State University  
Faculty Senate  
Meeting of Tuesday, May 5, 2009  
University Center, UC 307  
3:45 pm  
Minutes (unapproved)**

**Call to order** – Senate President Tim Winters called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m. Michael Becraft was recognized as a guest of the Senate.

**Roll call of Senators** – Secretary Elaine Berg called the roll. The following senators were absent: LuAnnette Butler, Roger Clark, Dwonna Goldstone, Mike Gotcher, Amy Hamlin, Christopher Hardin, Marcus Hayes, Sergei Markov, Karen Meisch, Bruce Myers, Melan Smith-Francis, and Michelle Williams.

**Approval of today's agenda** – A motion was made and seconded to approve today's agenda. The motion passed and the agenda was approved.

**Approval of minutes for meeting of April 23, 2009** — A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 23, 2009. Senator Carson-Grefe asked that one correction be made. The motion passed as amended and the minutes were approved as corrected.

**Remarks**

- **Senate President –Tim Winters**
  - Welcomed new senators.
  - Compensation Plan—President Winters forwarded to President Hall the resolution regarding the Compensation Plan that senate voted on at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
  - SASI Grants—notifications of awards are going out in the next few days.
  - Travel policy—asked for any changes/corrections to wording of document on senate website. Tim gave a brief background of why this policy is needed. Senator Carson-Grefe distributed copies of the document.
- **University President – Tim Hall**
  - Mentioned how much he has enjoyed working with Tim Winters these past two years and that he is looking forward to working with Lori Buchanan or whoever is the next Faculty Senate president. He senses that this body works very effectively. Looks forward to the next year.
  - He concurs with the Faculty Senate that tabling the Compensation Plan until fall is the wise thing to do to give everyone time to examine and comment on the plan.
  - The other big issue is the budget. He thinks it's looking pretty good. However, the current budget loss will be permanent. In 3 years, the stimulus money will be

gone. It's a significant amount, 21 million dollars. The stimulus money has restrictions, but we can use it to help with the gap over next two years. Assuming that enrollment will increase and assuming a modest tuition increase with the uncapping of tuition, he hopes that this growth will be enough to offset the loss of state funds and perhaps allow a salary raise (not this year but next year). Additionally, we have to keep pace with our enrollment growth. We need to have half a million dollars to add faculty to keep up with enrollment growth. We can spend stimulus money on things that will save money down the road. Energy-saving projects totaling about five million dollars have been identified.

- **Questions**— A question was asked about the Crime Stoppers sign on water tower near campus. President Hall answered that it will be repainted in 2010 with the APSU logo. What is going to happen to existing dorms after the new dorms are completed? President Hall answered that groundbreaking will take place in November 2009, for new dorms in Castle Heights. Then the three oldest existing dorms will be taken out of service.

President Winters said it's been a pleasure working with President Hall. He was especially appreciative of President Hall's taking the time to explain the budget process to the Senate Budget Committee. President Hall also calculated a figure for how much it would take from each tuition dollar to grow (new enrollment). The explanation was very much appreciated.

- **Provost – Tristan Denley**

- Said it has been refreshing to be part of a university where there is such a good relationship between the Faculty Senate and the Administration.
- RTP Process—has been in the air since he came here. This fall seems the right time to examine the process. He will be asking each department to take a hard look at their guidelines. Departments with no guidelines will need to start from scratch. He wants a basic framework from them. He is suggesting that the guidelines go through a "process." Departmental faculty from all ranks will look at the guidelines to see if they function for them. Once he gets input from the departments, the guidelines then will go to the college dean who will give feedback. The entire department will vote on the guidelines. College Committees will look at guidelines from the departments in their college and then send on to Provost Denley. He is looking for some global uniformity when possible at the college level. He realizes guidelines will be all over the place because of the diversity of disciplines.
- President Winters said RTP issues came to Senate Executive Committee from a lot of different departments with all sorts of questions. This examination of the RTP process was initiated by faculty not the Provost.
- Several questions were asked. How will reassigned time work? Will faculty who come in under one set of guidelines be subject to new guidelines before they apply for tenure and promotion? Provost Denley said some departments will have big changes, some minor changes, and some no changes.

- Provost Denley mentioned that Dr. Pinder will stay until Dec. 31, 2009, as Dean of Graduate Studies. A search will be conducted to fill the position. The role will now be combined with an Associate Provost for Research and Sponsored Programs. Jennifer Chin is leaving and that position will be placed under the Provost's office. The Provost will be in a better position at the national level to make sure APSU is well-positioned to know about these grant opportunities.
- There will be a search for a Vice President for Student Affairs.

## **Old Business**

Academic Council Election Results – Vice President Buchanan reported that Pat Perdew and Don Luck are the new representatives for the two new colleges: Business and Education.

## **New Business**

Election of Executive Committee for Academic Year 2009-2010 – Secretary Berg presented the 2009-10 Executive Committee slate to the Senate and asked for a motion to accept the slate. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate. Secretary Berg asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. The motion passed. The new Senate Executive Committee is as follows:

President—Lori Buchanan  
 Vice-President—David Major  
 Secretary—Mercy Cannon  
 Academic Council—Phil Kemmerly  
 Deans' Council—William Rayburn  
 TBR Faculty Subcouncil—Loretta Griffy  
 Member at Large—Stuart Bonnington

President Winters turned the meeting over to new President Buchanan. President Buchanan asked if 3:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday is still a good meeting time. The senators present indicated that it was, and full senate meetings will still be held at 3:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month. A motion was made and seconded to not have regular Senate meetings during June and July. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.