

Austin Peay State University
Faculty Senate
Called Meeting - Thursday, March 18, 2021
Zoom meeting | 3:00 pm
Minutes

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Call to order – Senate President 3pm

Special Called meeting. Thank you.

Roll call of Senators – Recognition of guests; Roll will be derived from the zoom meeting usage report. Please put the word “guest” in front of your name. Send chat to specified members of the executive committee to be recognized, if you want to speak. Guests cannot vote but can discuss.

Approval of Today’s Agenda

Moved

Second

Motion approved

New Business:

1. APSU Policy 2:063 – Policy on Academic Promotion – Elaine Berg, Chair,
RTP Policy Committee (7 minutes)

Proposed

Please see document on Faculty Senate website

Discussion

Senator: what is the process for determining the terminal degree?

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Academic Affairs: In some disciplines MFA is the terminal degree like fine arts. Department chairs proposed to the Provost what is acceptable. Aviation Science bachelor's degrees where instructors can have such degrees like the bachelors as a terminal degree. Same for vet tech.

Vote: All in favor, please vote yes or no.

25 yes, 0 no.

Senator: Do a poll instead

46 votes say yes.

Motion passed.

2. Updates in the Tenure Procedures and Guidelines (P & G) Document – Elaine Berg, Chair, RTP Policy Committee (45 minutes)

Document goes back and forth between the RTP committee and Academic Affairs. Formatting will be made consistent in future. Thanks to the policy committee for their hard work. Divided into 3 sections for voting.

See document on the Faculty Senate website.

Supplemental material: you must include it. Change the language to “Supporting”

Send chat to executive committee

Include in the statement of intent: that you have received “x” number of years towards promotion or tenure.

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If you are going up for 2 actions like promotion and tenure at the same time: submit 2 separate e-dossiers for 2 separate actions. (in bold)

p.24. Departmental Review: chairs going up for promotion and tenure reviews.

Chairs review. Substitute chairs appointed by Dean to serve as chair for dept chair review. But they are not familiar with the chair's functioning. Odd. Recommending that chair going up for RTP action, there is no chair's report. Chair can give response to that report. Precedent in the library.

Senator question: dept chair responsibility was to convene the meeting
we need to address that.

Senator: if everyone agrees, we could do it

Senator: external dept chair

Guest: yes, we have to amend the language to do that. Someone did it for Music couple years ago.

Senator: I think I stayed and collected all the votes. I did write a report.

Senator: we identified our faculty member who would serve as the chair of the RTP comm. Would have solved the situation?

We can bring this back for a vote later.

Senator: not a big deal.

Senator: odd situation.

Statement about presiding officer in the meeting. Friendly amendment. Asking RTP committee to craft language about what we spoke about.

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Senator: We would trust the parliamentarian in her group to craft the language

Senator: second question: statement clarify years of service towards tenure or promotion

Would we know that?

Ready to vote. Presiding officer convening the meeting.

46 votes. 45 yes, 1 no.

We support the friendly amendment.

Senator's amendment: poll?

Senator: Redact my statements now.

Differentiation between years towards tenure vs promotion.

Make another poll about the changes presented as amended. Chair's language.

Poll: Do you support all the changes that have been presented up to the point of the friendly amendment?

47 votes. 46 yes, 1 no.

Passes.

Part 2 of the document:

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Motion to move: The presiding officer shall informally notify by email the candidate under review of the committee's recommendation (not the vote) no later than next business day

Second

Discussion: please send a note to Perry or Rod to be recognized to speak.

None.

p.36: updates.

Bottom: under: who signs reports? Use DocuSign to sign reports. Signing does not indicate that the faculty members do not agree/disagree.

No comments.

p.39 bottom and p. 40.

Presentation of candidates at committee meetings. Optional to do this.

Questions:

Senator: email about the yes/no. if no, then might be an issue. Puts the committee in an awkward position.

We wrestled with that too.

Senator: they would not .

Poll ready:

Do you support the changes presented to part 2?

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Yes, no

46 responses. 42 yes. 4 no.

91% yes, 9% no.

5 minutes: motion to extend time

Moved and seconded

Part 3:

Documents not ordinarily part of content and order requirements

Formal appeals and informal optional written responses

Any questions/comments

Covid situation for virtual RTP stuff

Appendix A.

Questions:

None.

Part 3 changes: Voting on these changes.

Poll: Do you support changes presented in part 3 of the Tenure P&G Document?

46 votes, 45 yes, 1 no.

Passed.

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Old Business:

1. Proposed changes to Senate Bylaws – Jane Semler, Chair of the Senate Rules Committee

(35 minutes)

Document on Senate website

How do we vote?

5 distinct items:

Will go into effect next year

1. The Rules Committee proposes to remove gender specific pronouns from the document

Him/her removed to delete the gender specific pronouns

Any discussion.

Poll: Do you support the changes presented in the Senate ByLaws referred to as area one?

45 votes. 44 yes, 2 no.

2. Faculty rep on senate: faculty remove from Lib, Admin, Education will be grouped with Library faculty: reapportionment for seats on senate.

Poll: Area 2 poll

Do you support the changes in the Senate ByLaws presented as Area 2?

7 people on reaction: can't people see the polls?

45 votes, 43 yes and 2 no.

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3. Remove language related to TBR sub council representative

We have our own Board.

Discussion:

Area 3

Poll: do you support changes as presented in area 3?

44 votes. All yes. No no vote.

4. Eliminate contradictory language in Trustee election process.

Questions. Area 4.

Poll: Do you support changes presented in area 4?

44 votes. All yes. 45 yes. 1 reaction.

Area 5:

Role of VP as President elect.

Discussion:

Senator: which conversation you are coming from

Senator: does not support the idea. It is not necessary.

Senator: knowing what to do. What if Vice President (VP) goes crazy?

Senator: VP duties different than President. Start work when it knows what it takes to do the job.

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Guest: Officer of the Senate can be removed.

Motion to extend time: by 10 minutes

Senator: VP experience helped to knowing the position of President.

Senator: no one has gone rogue on us in the past. No evidence.

Senator: be more humane about how tough the job is.

We are ready to vote

Vote:

Poll: area 5

Subpoll: Vote to stop discussion.

42 votes: 35 end discussion 7 no.

Vote on area 5:

Do you support changes presented as area 5?

48 votes. Yes.

18 yes, 25 no, 1 abstain.

Thank you all.

2 housekeeping things;

Voting for senate ends tomorrow.

Next Thursday regular meeting.

Thank you.

Meeting adjourn.

Moved

Second

5:14pm

Adjourn