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**The next meeting of the Faculty Senate is scheduled for  
Thursday, March 19, 1998  
at 3:20 p.m. in UC, Room 313**

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**Unapproved Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the Faculty Senate, APSU  
February 19, 1998**

**Senators Present:** Dewey Browder, Lori Buchanan, Willodean Burton, Bruce Childs, Stephen Clark, Debbie Cochener, Sue Cloud Evans, Meredith Gildrie, James Goode, Dolores Gore, Buddy Grah, Ronald Gupton, Nancy Hancock, Carlette Hardin, Ellen Kanervo, Tom King, J. D. Lester, DeAnne Luck, Ramon Magrans, Maureen McCarthy, Bruce Myers, Stephanie Newport, David O'Drobinak, George Pesely, Michael Phillips, Bert Randall, Adel Salama, Abu Sarwar, Paul Shaffer, Linda Thompson, and Gloria Wacks.

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**Meeting Called to Order: 3:20 p.m.**

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- Motion made to allow two nonfaculty members to attend meeting, <sup>Dr.</sup> Dr. Aleeta Christian and Mr. Dennis Dulniak, seconded, approved unanimously.

- Agenda approved with the following amendments: Move item #four under new business to item #one.

- Minutes approved with the following editorial corrections: Under new business, item #three correct spelling of "Grier" to "Geier" and under item #four correct "TRB" to "TBR"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Open Forum Monday, February 23 at 3:00 p.m. in the University Center Front Ballroom on University Salaries and Mercer Study.
- The Languages and Literature Department is hosting the Tennessee Philological meeting Saturday, February 28, 1998.

**REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS:**

**1. President Rinella:** Budget increases for the 1998-1999 academic year include an increase in state funding of \$1,280,000 above current base, 2% tuition increase, and another \$50 increase in the technology fee. In addition, there will be money for institution equipment needs. The Science Building remains in place and ground breaking is tentatively scheduled for Fall 1998. Salary adjustments will be the number one priority for next year. The Coordination and Communication Committee (CCC) has begun the process of responding to the Chancellor's recommendations. The Open Meeting Policy would allow all meeting to be open including the Senate, but determination needs to be made about formal representation on the various bodies. The Harned Hall Gallery has been named in honor of Maple Larson who has sponsored the art contest each year. The search for a new VP Student Affairs is under way. The Governor's Task Force for Higher Education will be visiting the campus March 4, 1998.

**2. Dr. Pontius:** Reorganization discussions are in progress between the various departments including FCC and Business. There are written weekly reports in the library. Once proposals go to Academic Council and the Senate, there can only be an acceptance or rejection of the proposal. Summer School changes include 2% budget increase for salaries, increase in adjunct salaries, and flexible allocation for Summer I and Summer II. There is a need for the Senate Summer School Sub-Committee to discuss a rotation plan for teaching and ways to schedule course offerings to meet student needs. Concerns about TBR regulations for DSP are being addressed and a report will be given to the Academic Council in March. TBR legal counsel has been consulted about possible policy modifications.

**3. TBR Faculty Sub-Council (Dr. Dolores Gore):** There have been two meetings since the last Senate meeting. The first meeting addressed faculty governance and faculty involvement in academic decisions. Tenure issues continue to be raised with the Board by legislators. The second meeting addressed the budget and the maximum number of hours for graduation.

Parents are exerting pressure on legislators and thus the Board to limit the number of hours for graduation to no more than 120 Semester hours.

**5. Dean's Council Report (Dr. Dolores Gore):** Budgets are allocated to Deans who are accountable for them.

Clarification was given that faculty moving expenses are not covered by the university unless through Geier. FCC and Main Campus schedules may be combined in the future. The Deans discussed extra pay for late classes and overload pay if enrollment in class more than 50 students. A committee has been formed to approve special leave for tenured Associate and Full Professors with at least eight years at University, and publication history. APSU reorganization changes approved at last Tennessee Higher Education Council meeting.

**6. Academic Council (Dr. Stephanie Newport):** The only action was the approval of a business course. The Cultures in Context courses have been tabled since implementation would increase hours for graduation. There was also discussion of the academic calendar changes.

**7. Strategic Long Range Planning Committee (Dr. Stephanie Newport):** The committee has moved to the budget phase. The survey indicated that salary was the number one priority and that library funding was second in priority.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**1. Report of Committee to Prepare Resolution on Administrative Accountability to Faculty Committees (Dr. Nancy Hancock):** Copy of recommendations distributed to Senators. The introduction addresses shared governance and morale issues. The four major points of the document are faculty involvement throughout the reorganization process, faculty input into chair and interim personnel appointments, respect for and communication with committees, and reporting of violations to the Senate. **Motion made to postpone action until March Senate Meeting, seconded, no debate, approved unanimously.** Suggestions and changes to be sent to Nancy Hancock

**2. Report of Committee to Review Dean's Council Recommendations of Chair-Coordinator-Director Responsibilities and Compensation (Dr. Bruce Childs):** Copies given to Senators in December. The two items in question are chair stipends and responsibilities. The committee has been told that there was no final recommendation from the Dean's Council. Information provided to the Senate indicated that recommendations have been on Dr. Pontius' desk since June. There was discussion of ways to get process moving again and need for chair stipend information for the Mercer Study.

**3. Report of Committee to Develop instrument for Evaluation of Administrators (Dr. Larry Lowrance):** Dr. Lowrance was not present. Report delayed until March.

**4. Report of Committee to Review Summer School Offerings (Dr. Bert Randall reporting for Dr. Frederick):** There are no recommendations. The committee is discussing ways to add classes to schedule based upon student needs.

**5. Report of Rules Committee (Dr. Stephanie Newport):** At this time the committee is organizing issues and determining which will require bylaw or constitutional changes. The committee will present options in March so that the Senate can vote in April. The Open Forum in March will be on proposed changes and the Open Meeting Policy.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

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**1. Academic Calendar Changes (Dr. Mike Phillips & Dr. Dennis Dulniak):** Discussion of changes in Academic Calendar including adding two class days to Spring Semester 1999 and decreasing the drop/add days from three to two days. Purposes of the change are to get students in class and settled before Martin Luther King holiday weekend and to assure 750 class minutes per Semester Hour. Changes are possible due to AP Talk Registration. SGA suggested changes in Summer 1999 schedule to start Summer I earlier so that completed before July 4, 1999. Second term would start July 5, 1999. Concerns addressed included scheduling advising time, opening resident halls early, and increasing faculty work days. Unofficial hand count indicated thirteen Senators in favor of change and nine against change.

**2. Selection Process for Distinguished Professor (Dr. Linda Thompson):** Honors and Awards Committee is asking Senate to approve a change in the Distinguished Professor Selection Process which would insure selection of students from each College for voting and nominations from five instead of four Colleges. **Motion made to add College of Human Services and Nursing to list of colleges and adjust procedure accordingly, seconded, no discussion, approved unanimously.**

**ADJOURN: 5:00 p.m.**

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