

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 1983 MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE
SUBMITTED BY A STAND-IN FOR ELECTED SECRETARY

Members Absent: Senators Bhatia, Eaves, Elliott, Hamel, McCoy, McMahan, Mattox.

1. President Billy Thompson called the meeting to order somewhere around the time it was scheduled. I forgot to look at my watch to record the exact minute, and I hope this oversight will not mess up the minutes and prevent their official acceptance by this august body.

2. Just as I was uncapping my pen to record who moved and who seconded the approval of the minutes, these acts were committed, and I could not recognize the voices or catch sight of those moving mouths. Nevertheless, the minutes were approved.

3. I did get down the word, "Agenda," by the time it was approved.

4. After calling attention to the improvements in the newly named Governors' Room, President Riggs made the following remarks:

a. The State Senate Education Committee has voted against Governor Alexander's Master Teachers Program. The governor has issued an ultimatum regarding salaries, pay raises, budget figures, etc.

b. Budget hearings are in process at Austin Peay. Chancellor Nicks has requested university faculty to write their representatives, urging support of legislation for higher education funding.

c. Commencement Day changes have been presented and ratified by SGA and the Student Affairs Council. The new plans sound reasonable and appropriate.

d. The visiting committee on self-study is expected in the first week of April, 1984.

e. Dr. Groseclose was then invited to give further explanation concerning commencement: The changes were presented. During the following discussion, some senators expressed concern about the lateness of change notice to graduating students. Others expressed criticism toward the extent of the changes as well as support for them.

5. Senator Goode moved acceptance of Rules Committee Constitution and By-Laws recommendations relative to (a) governance and the Senate becoming an advisory body to the Austin Peay president, (c) including an address by the president or his designee at each Senate meeting, (d) making the presidential address the first agenda item, and (e) regular conferences between the Senate president and the university president concerning investigative studies conducted by the Senate. Approved.

6. Senator Fott moved acceptance of Rules Committee recommendation on Faculty Sub-Council representative plus his amendment that the representative shall be nominated for a term of two years. Seconded by Goode and motion carried.

7. Faculty-student ratio agenda item was referred to next Senate meeting.

8. Faculty White Committee reported that the term used to designate distinguished professor at Fort Campbell will differ from that used on main campus. The title will be recommended by Senator Mattox, and the award will be presented at the same time as service pins are given.

9. Faculty White Committee reported on study concerning tenured faculty with master's as terminal degrees. The SBR change occurred July 1, 1976; no grandfather's clause exists. Dr. Sawrey reportedly believes that promotion recommendations would encounter difficulty beyond the university, but he is sympathetic to recognition of service record. Motion made by Senator Gupton and seconded by Senator Ryan that the Senate support the following statement:

The Faculty Senate recommends that the lack of a terminal degree, for faculty members tenured before July 1, 1976, not be used as a basis for denying a promotion to Associate Professor. These individual cases should be judged only on academic assignment, scholarly and creative achievement, and professional activity.

Motion approved.

10. After examining the Policy on Financial Exigency, the Faculty White Committee reported it had referred to Glenn Carter a concern that there is no provision in the document that a faculty member whose job is terminated be given one year to search for a replacement position. The Committee has recommended that this provision be included in the policy.

11. The Executive Committee reported that ballots for Distinguished Professor have gone out from the Honors and Award Committee to all faculty, selected honors students, and selected alumni.

At the end of the regular Senate meeting, President Thompson distributed to all senators present copies of suggested form letters for mailing to political representatives Darnell, Pickering, and Ussery to support legislation for higher education funding in the coming year. Senator Gupton suggested we invite the representatives to visit the campus.

12. Meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.