

**Austin Peay State University  
Faculty Senate  
Meeting of Thursday, April 26, 2012  
University Center, UC 307  
3:00pm**

**Call to order** – Senate President Jack Deibert

Recognition of Guests: Chief Terrence Calloway, Sergeant Elizabeth Genthner

**Roll call of Senators** – Secretary Pat Perdew. Absent Senators: Blake, Bonnington, Brennan, Frentzos, Hayes, Hicks, Johnson, Lewis, Lowrance, Matthews, Salama, Shipley, Snyder, Starnes, Sutt, Thompson, Thornton, White-Major, Winters

**Today's agenda approved.**

**Minutes for meeting of March 22, 2012 approved.**

**Minutes for called meeting of April 12, 2012 approved.**

**Remarks**

1. Senate President – Jack Deibert

- This is the last senate meeting of 2011-12. New senators and continuing senators will begin the 2012-13 term next week.
- Senate will elect a new slate of officers at next week's meeting.
- At the Completion Academy held two weeks ago, he thanked Chancellor Morgan for our raises. TBR approval was obtained for APSU to devote more funds to our compensation plan. Roughly 85% of faculty received equity. Thanks to Loretta Griffy for all of her work chairing the Compensation Committee.
- A moment of silence was observed for two retired faculty members who recently passed. Charles Holt was in the Department of Language and Literature for 25 years from 1968 to 1993. Roy Baker was in the Department of Management, Marketing, and General Business for 11 years from 2000 to 2011. Dr. Baker had served on Faculty Senate.

2. University President – Tim Hall

- Away at a THEC meeting. John Moseley, Associate Professor in Communication is receiving an award there.

3. Provost – Dr. Tristan Denley

- Away at a conference in Phoenix.

4. Director of Public Safety – Chief Terrence Calloway

- Began serving as Chief in January.
- In 17 years of service in law enforcement, he never had a better staff than what he has here.
- He wishes to narrow the gap between faculty and campus police. We have common bonds. There should be plans and education regarding fire drills, a shooter program, and a synthetic drug class.
- On September 15, 2012 an event is planned involving faculty and other groups of the campus community to locate potentially unsafe areas on campus (e.g., areas

with lighting issues).

- Question: Can some faculty development events be held at the Teaching and Learning Center? Answer: Yes.
- Comments were made regarding the phones in classrooms. Some may need to be updated.
- Question: If the classroom phone rings does that mean there's a dangerous situation on campus? Answer: No. If there's an emergency they will coordinate with IT to get a notice on computers about it, and text message alerts will go out.

#### 5. Reports from Faculty Senate Representatives

- Dean's Council – Senator Loretta Griffy
  - Had not met.
- Academic Council – Senator Carrie Brennan
  - Senator Perdew gave the report.
  - The following items were approved at the March 28 meeting:
  - From the Department of Health and Human Performance: Coaching Minor, Revision; Health Minor, Revision.
  - From the Department of Psychology: Psychology Major, Revision.
  - From the Department of Social Work: Social Work Major, Revision.
  - From the Department of Mathematics and Statistics: Applied Statistics, New Minor.
  - From the Department of Engineering Technology: Electrical Concentration (Robotics Option), Revision; Manufacturing Concentration, Revision.
  - The following items were approved at the April 25 meeting:
  - From the Department of Art: Studio Art Concentration, Revision; Visual Communications Concentration, Revision.
  - From the Department of Communication: General Communication, New Concentration.
  - From the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences (Interdisciplinary Program): Occupational Health Psychology, New Minor.
  - From the College of Education: Ed.S. in Administration and Supervision (without licensure) Major, Revision.
  - From the College of Science and Mathematics: Pre-Professional Health Minor, Revision.
  - From the Department of Biology: Biology Teaching Major, Revision.
- TBR Faculty Sub-council – Senator David Kanervo
  - Met last Friday.
  - The Chancellor was there. He spoke positively about the Completion Academy at APSU.
  - The GPA issue for transfer students from community colleges resurfaced. GPAs from community colleges won't be calculated into transfer students' GPAs at universities. If the transfer is by the Tennessee Transfer Pathway, a D can be accepted in courses that otherwise require a C or better (e.g., ENG 1010). This rule is part of the Complete College Tennessee Act. GPAs from community colleges will be used for NCAA, however. Also Sub-council passed an amendment so that degree programs requiring certain GPAs could use the

- students' community college GPAs.
- Evaluation of administrators: Paula Short, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, will head a taskforce to determine a system-wide evaluation process.
- There is no rule in TBR to prevent a faculty member from contacting a legislator. Some campuses have discouraged it, however.
- Dale Sims, Vice Chancellor for Finance, stated that in addition to the across-the-board raise, TBR will permit local campuses to add monies to that with no cap.
- Comments regarding the GPA rule included: a student who gets a clean slate after transferring from a community college can graduate cum laude, when a student who was at the university all four years with similar grades would not; a separate GPA record for NCAA and honor societies would have to be kept, presumably by the Registrar's Office; calculating GPAs for honor societies when the GPA isn't in Banner will be a "nightmare"; it creates an advising problem because you don't know the academic background of students without seeing grades; in response it was stated that students' transcripts will be scanned and viewable.
- Comment on the issue concerning communication between faculty and legislators: If a campus is discouraging faculty from talking to legislators we should respond with a united voice that faculty do have that right. Response: The tone in the meeting was that faculty do indeed have the right. A request for the Attorney General's opinion has been made. One restriction that already is in effect is the Hatch Act which precludes a faculty member from engaging in such activity when he or she is supposed to be on campus fulfilling employment obligations.

### **Old Business**

- Proposed changes in Senate Bylaws – Vice President Berg, Chair of the Rules Committee
  - Bylaws change recommended that the ad hoc nominations committee may be selected at, or prior to, the April meeting.
  - Bylaws change recommended so that the areas are stated in article V. section F., and delete "occupational studies" in number 7.
  - Motion and second to approve both items.
  - Friendly amendment to change language to "before or at" instead of "prior to or at".
  - Motion was unanimously approved.

### **New Business**

- Academic Red Committee report on Grade Appeal Policy – Senator Myers, Chair
  - (See Document Archive for the report.)
  - Their task was to examine a case when an appeal is made in a course (e.g., APSU 1000) that isn't in a specific department. Current policy states that appeals go to the department chair, but this is ambiguous in such a case.
  - Recommended that the policy be changed so a director of a program can hear such an appeal.

- The next senate will choose how to act on this recommendation.
- Faculty Red Committee report on Class Evaluations Procedure – Senator Amy Lebkuecher, Chair
  - (See Document Archive for the report.)
  - Added language to specify that the faculty member can't be in the room during an evaluation.
  - Discussed who can administer evaluations.
  - Discussed the issue of absent students including the possibility of an online evaluation option for absent students.
  - Discussed security issues including a drop-box for evening classes.
  - Faculty Senate will vote on the recommendations in the future. Then these ideas will be given to the Provost.
  - Comments: Security during the time the evaluations are in the departmental office before going to the dean should be addressed; comments regarding an option for absent students to complete an evaluation were both pro and con; online courses have low participation in their online evaluations; evaluations in enhanced sections of courses were separated into two reports though it's just one class.
  - Due to the importance of evaluations, particularly in the RTP process, the Senate should invest time next year to look into these issues in the evaluation process.
- Results of Senate Elections – Vice President Berg
  - Results announced for the elections of new senators and on the open academic council seats. (See Document Archive for the report.)
- Vote on Staff Award – Academic White Committee – Senator Jones, Chair
  - The vote was conducted by secret ballot. The winner will be announced at the meeting next week.
- Nomination of ad hoc Nominations Committee – Senate President Deibert
  - The Faculty Senate Executive Committee is charged with submitting a slate of senators for the ad hoc Nominations Committee. This committee nominates the 2012 - 2013 Senate officers. The Executive Committee recommends Bruce Myers, Loretta Griffy, and David Major.
  - A motion and second was made to approve their appointment to this committee.
  - The motion was unanimously approved.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:09 pm.**