

**Austin Peay State University
Faculty Senate
Meeting of Thursday, August 22, 2013
University Center, UC 307
3:00 pm
(Unapproved)**

Call to order – Senate President Chad Brooks

Recognition of Guests: Dr. Tim Winters, Athletic Director Derrick van de Merwe, Erin Lynch

Roll call of Senators – Secretary Lynn Sims.

Absent Senators: Dunn, Garber, Goldstone, Hicks, Hickson, Lowe, Markov, McCarthy, Pitts, Wadia

Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve today's agenda

Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve the May 2, 2013 minutes

Remarks

1. Senate President – Chad Brooks

- Requested a moment of silence to recognize passing of Dr. Jeannine Hirtle (College of Education)
- Recognized the many positive attributes of working for and attending Austin Peay State University
- Recognized President Obama's focus on the cost and accountability of higher education, noting also College Scorecard, a new website maintained by the U.S. Department of Education
- Recognized Provost Denley's move to Tennessee Board of Regents as Vice Chancellor
- Thanked all who attended the Faculty Senate Breakout Sessions and those who made presentations: Dr. Griffy, Dr. Major, Dr. Boggs, Dr. Byrd, David Felts, Dr. Wadia
- Encouraged faculty to use the Faculty Lounge; Stated that brochures, academic calendars, and student success portfolios will be available for faculty in Faculty Lounge
- Announced that Phil Kemmerly will continue to be the Ombudsman for the 2013-2014 academic year.
- Announced (former) Provost Denley's thanks to the university for the creation of a scholarship fund in memory of his father, Joe Denley

2. University President – Tim Hall

- Acknowledged attention APSU has received due to President Obama's praise of APSU's use of Degree Compass. Discussed President Obama's proposed federal

rankings for colleges and how this ranking will be linked to financial aid. President Hall discussed his thoughts about this change.

- Discussed upcoming relocation of Don Jenkins' car dealership to Old Trenton Road and APSU's interest in obtaining this property when it comes on the market. The city of Clarksville is also interested in the property because of tax purposes.
- Question: Do we know the enrollment numbers for Fall 2013? Hall: Ft. Campbell enrollment is down. Stated that we will not have an accurate main campus count until academic purges are complete. However, it looks like enrollment will be up.
- Question: Are there any upcoming fund raising activities planned? Hall: Discussed Capital campaign and stated that we are in the third year of this campaign. Expect to raise goal of the campaign to a new target of 50 to 60 million. Also discussed details of the Regaining Hope program. Stated that APSU is working with a foundation that will match half the funds.
- Question: Is the Corlew property for sale? Hall: No, that property is not for sale.
- Question: What strategies are being considered to recruit high school graduates? Hall: Discussed many strategies for both local, out-of-state, and international students.
- Question: Do we know the enrollment numbers for the state? Hall: Numbers appear to be down, but will not have accurate account until after the 14th day of classes.

3. Interim Provost – Jaime Taylor

- Discussed fundraising issues and different department models that have been successful.
- Discussed different recruitment activities, including AP Day, different strategies to recruit international students, and what different departments do to attract students to APSU.
- Responded to faculty input regarding recruitment of students who live outside of general area and also outside of United States. Stated that APSU has approximately 17 out-of-state students and that that number should be up to around 100.
- Discussed QEP and high impact practices. Stated that Dr. Griffey and Dr. Major would be happy to answer any further questions.
- Discussed the importance of SACS and the assessment of students at the beginning and end of the semester.
- Stated that he looks forward to working with faculty, Faculty Senate, and President Hall.

4. Guests – Athletic Director, Derek van der Merwe

- Discussed his personal background, the importance of taking risks, breaking football stereotypes, and his interpretation of what it means to be successful.

5. Reports from Faculty Senate Representatives

- Dean's Council – Senator Benita Bruster
 - Reported that the Dean's Council had not met
- Academic Council – Senator Phyllis Camilleri
 - Reported that the Academic Council had not met

- TBR Faculty Sub-council – Senator Pat Perdew
 - Discussed the following 3 Action Items:
 1. Revision of Policy 5:02:03:30, Academic Freedom and Responsibility. Stated that the purpose of this revision was to include language that protects speech used in the context of shared governance.
 2. Resolution of TBR Partner Benefit Equality. Stated that this resolution passed.
 3. Revision of Policy 2:02:00:04, Credit for Extra-Institutional Learning and Accompanying Guideline (Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)). Discussed the A-30 Guidelines and stated that the awarding of extra-institutional learning credits must follow these guidelines. Credits will transfer within TBR if one institution approves prior learning credit.

Senate President Brooks added that this information will be posted on Faculty Senate website and we will discuss at next Faculty Senate meeting.

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- Approval of Faculty Senate Standing Committees:
 - Motion made to remove Senator di Paolo from Faculty White committee. Replacement senator for di Paolo not selected. Motion to accept, seconded, approved.
- Initiatives to enhance student engagement and student success
 - President Brooks briefly discussed and indicated that a list of all initiatives is located in the Faculty Lounge. Dr. Griffy discussed Starfish, a software project funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The Gates Foundation wants this project to be successful and is giving APSU \$150,000 to help faculty channel students into the right major. This software will help faculty obtain more information about students more quickly and from a single location (OneStop). Starfish is expected to come on-line by the end of fall or early spring. Members who serve on the Faculty Senate will be charged with piloting the program once it comes on-line.
- Information Item
 - Common read for APSU 1000 is ‘The Saints at the River’ by Ron Rash, who is scheduled to visit campus on Thursday, September 26. No discussion followed.
- Report from Tennessee University Faculty Senates – President Chad Brooks and Vice President Mercy Cannon
 - Discussed TUFS (Tennessee University Faculty Senates) meeting at MTSU in August, attended by Brooks and Cannon. Vice President Cannon explained the purpose of TUFS and discussed the details of the meeting. One key topic is the perception legislators have toward faculty. Faculty Senators discussed various ways to help change legislators’ perceptions. Senator Winters discussed why TUFS was created and reiterated the importance of TUFS. President Brooks

stated that Faculty Senate will continue to discuss ways to create productive relationships with our representatives. TUFS information will be posted on the Senate website; suggestion to put contact information for our local TN legislators, such as Rep. Joe Pitts and Senator Mark Green.

- Charge to Faculty White to reevaluate APSU policy 2:011
 - Social Security Number is required on form. Committee will investigate and get back with President Brooks. Policy may require a possible change of language.

Closing Remark

- President Brooks restated the importance of high impact practices, stating that we need to establish a metric that will help us evaluate the campus experience.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35.