

Unapproved Minutes of the December 3, 1981 Meeting of the Faculty Senate

Members absent were: C. T. Mattox, Danielle White, Alton McConnell, Roscoe Shain, Billy Thompson, Camille Dillard, Joe Miller, Betty McMahan, Pete Wenger, Olen Bryant, Dil Bhatia, Ralph McCoy, Ellen Weed.

1. President Carter called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.
2. Minutes of the November 12, 1981 meeting were approved with a correction and amendment:
 - a. Regarding item #3A, Dorothy Smith and Max Hochstetler were elected to the Academic Council.
 - b. Regarding item #8 (faculty representation in University Assembly), failed motions to amend were these:
 - (1) To provide two representatives from each college.
 - (2) To delete item #3 of the Faculty White report (providing one representative from each college).
 - (3) To provide that each area be represented.
3. Remarks from President Carter:
 - a. The Faculty Senate election in Applied Arts and Sciences ended in a draw; a second election will occur.
 - b. Regarding free or reduced rate parking for faculty, Mr. Gilbert has replied that he sees no justification for faculty to have a special privilege.
 - c. President Riggs has indicated willingness to have Faculty Senate representation on the ad hoc planning committee.
 - d. Dr. Sawrey has indicated that there will be little change in the merit pay system except that an appeals procedure may be added.
 - e. Summer quarter will be eight weeks in order to meet funding requirements of veterans.
 - f. Regarding TV courses, Dr. Sawrey has indicated that departmental control is current policy and that a special WATS line is too expensive (see November 12 minutes).
4. Moved that the following resolution be passed:

Resolved that the Faculty Senate of Austin Peay State University commends President Robert O. Riggs for his support of First Amendment rights as reported in the All State of November 4, 1981. In his assertion that "student newspapers should not be censored," President Riggs has defended an important academic principle against significant public pressure. The Senate recognizes and applauds his integrity and strong leadership.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Faculty Senate Absenteeism (report from Faculty Red Committee):
- a. If a Senator misses two meetings without notifying Executive Committee, he should be dropped from the Senate.
 - b. If a Senator's schedule will keep him from Senate meetings for a quarter, he may provide a substitute with approval of the Executive Committee.
 - c. Proxy votes should be permitted.
6. Moved that the Senate favors item #5c. Motion seconded and passed.
7. Moved that proxy should be held by faculty member from the same division as the absent Senator. Motion seconded and passed.
8. Recorded that the sense of the Senate is approval of item #5B with the addition that substitutes should be from the same division as the absent Senator.
9. Rules Committee is charged with proposing a constitutional amendment reflecting items #5-9.
10. Funds for Faculty Travel (Faculty Red Committee): Discussions will continue; departmental chairs will be queried.
11. Academic Calendar (report from Academic Red Committee): The Committee offered three proposals as worthy of consideration:
- a. A calendar which provides a long spring break and quarters of equal length by interrupting fall and spring quarters with vacation time and by starting early in September.
 - b. A calendar which fine tunes the current system (short spring break) to provide more equal (but not exactly equal) quarters.
 - c. The calendar proposed by the Academic Council, which provides a long spring break and equalized quarters by extending spring quarter to June 9.
12. Moved that item #11A be accepted as the Senate's preferred calendar. Motion seconded and defeated.
13. Discussion of item #11 tended to move around the possibilities of combining Proposals B and C. During the course of these considerations the sense of the Senate was recorded that finishing the year by June 1 should have priority over an extended spring break. Regarding Proposal B, there was a concern that its Thursday-Friday fall registration would encourage late registration and an observation that postponing registration until after the weekend would not only solve this problem but would also provide more nearly equalized quarters.
4. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. for lack of quorum.