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Senators Present

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Tentative Faculty Senate Minutes

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President Hoppe

Enrollment is in good shape as counted by FTE, though we are lower in head count as of now. FTE is up. We'll know more after Fall II at FT Campbell. This will not affect salary increases. Those increases will come in November paychecks.

We are under 1% impoundment, which translates to about \$300,000.

Positions are automatically frozen when they become open - this affects staff more than faculty at this point. Administration is trying to protect the salary increases - impounding \$100 of the facultys' individual travel funds, so that faculty travel is \$400 for the academic year 01 -02. The impounded \$100 is going to be set aside to be returned to travel funds unless required elsewhere.

Compensation study is keeping with the original deadlines -- ~March 15 to get it to TBR in time for them to act on it.

Personnel evaluation task force will begin work in the next few weeks - on the faculty side it will address academic administration personnel - chairs, deans, VPAA.

September 4th, the regional meeting of the TBR initiative "defining our future" is meeting on campus. We are encouraged to come. The point of this TBR initiated meeting is to discuss how we can continue to operate efficiently with less money. This is our opportunity for input. It will be in the MMC.

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Vice President Speck

TBR's town hall meeting comes out of a meeting here on campus. That meeting provided ideas to the regional meeting. We (higher education in TN) are being driven by the legislature. Some of the things he sees coming at us:

- k-16 program that allows for complete articulation between schools:
- making sure that the credit hours are reduced and that there are more hours taken at cc's instead of in universities.

This year may be looked back on as one of the heydays of funding for higher education. Doom and gloom for the next two years because of the situation in state with legislative movement.

Liberal Arts core committee is going to have a document available in January.

Campus Pipeline. It was a good idea. Pipeline's grant model is still free – but it doesn't work well. On the other hand, they will sell us the traditional model for \$135,000 plus \$27,000 per year. It appears that we will not be using Campus Pipeline this year. As things appear now, will try to make do with what we have, and look to other ways to provide students with better email access. For \$8,000 we could possibly create and use a portal that is similar to Pipeline, though this alternative may not work as well as previously thought. Faculty will still have access to web for faculty, and students will have access to web for students, but we won't have the interface on the front end.

Technology – all faculty will be expected to use email.

Status of the search for the Director of the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs: We've interviewed two candidates, both were liked, but both turned it down. One based on salary and the other based on other issues that were not clear to the VPAA.

54 55 VP Speck has begun conducting exit interviews with employees and plans to continue doing so to.

VP Speck is looking at reorganization of his office with a mind to cost cutting.

Teaching Load Credit – Lab hours for sciences: Our policy tells us how we are going to calculate lab hours for faculty load, but we haven't followed it for the past 9 years. VP Speck told Dean of A&S and others that we will begin following policy as of January 2002. Policy was changed by practice. VPAA is working with A&S chairs make this as painless as possible.

General discussion ensued with comments expressing:

- concern for the fairness to faculty involved,
- the good cooperative spirit of the dealings with the chairs of the science departments,
- and the idea of rewriting policy to fit practice.

President Robison

Higher Ed has an image problem. Talk radio is slamming us. We need to get involved. We need to get out into the public, to make sure that people know that we are contributing money to Clarksville.

Go to the tailgate party and get free food and then support the football team. It will be good public relations.

Approval of May's minutes

Motion made by Senator Winters with second by Sen. Simms Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda

Agenda approved – mostly.

Sec. Hunter was asked to put the Senate Roster on the web.

Old Business

Sen. Hunter made motion to amend APSU Policy 5:010

Sen. Witherspoon seconded. (Motion to amend 5:010 attached as attachment A.)

Kitterman / Gildrie made motion to amend by inserting the following language:

"Faculty members under review shall have the opportunity to read any and all reports and to respond in writing before the dossier advances to the next level. Such responses will become part of the dossier." To be inserted after the new text in new number 4.

After considerable discussion about inserting language that would allow a faculty member under review to respond to minority or majority report in the Retention and Tenure process Hunter moved to table the motion. Motion to table passed.

Pres. Hoppe requested that she meet with representatives of both sides of the discussion, VPAA Speck, and the TBR attorney to discuss any legal ramifications of the suggested alterations to 5:010.

Post tenure review

What is the origin of the new form for Post tenure Review? Filippo said that it came from two or more deans. It came in response to the perception that the form currently in use is not effective.

Nominations and Elections Committee

The new Nominations and Elections Committee will meet to arrange an election to replace Senators Margaret Duffy and Steve Pontius.

Senator Gildrie left us with the admonition to not underestimate the folks in Clarksville

Adjournment at 5:31.