

Unapproved Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the Faculty Senate, October 20, 1994

Senators Present: Anderson, Bateman, Calovini, Dailey, Dixon, Eaves, Glass, Matthews, Myers, Noel, Phy-Olsen, Renkl, Robison, Salama, Sears, Shaffer, Sorenson, Till, Ukpolo, Wadia, White, N. Woods

The Agenda for the meeting was approved following the addition of one item (report by Dr. John Matthews, Roads and Grounds Committee).

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 22, 1994, were approved without corrections.

## REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**President Sal Rinella** was welcomed by the Faculty Senate and after greeting senators and guests, reported the following items:

1. That he had identified strengths at APSU which strongly attracted him during the Presidential Search. Among them were (1) a sense of genuine affection within the university community which he believes is reflected within the community at large (2) a distinct "sense of self" that he feels gives a public university such as APSU the character of a private university (3) a balance between the liberal arts and professional programs that he sees being exemplified in the Heritage Program, Emerging Leaders Program, and the newly developed Environmental Geography major (4) the Centers of Excellence which he feels identify and enhance areas of particular skill within the university.
2. To facilitate his becoming more thoroughly acquainted with the university community, he has sent a set of questions to a broad base of individuals. His plan is to review the responses personally, then forward them to the Office of Institutional Research for the development of a condensed report for distribution to the university community.
3. Finally, he wished to report that he and his wife are now settled into their new home and are pleased with the progress of the general repairs as well as the improvements in the public portion of the residence.

**Vice President Butler** did not give a report but offered to answer questions.

1. An inquiry was made concerning a reported 25% decline in headcount at FCC for Fall II term (Leaf Chronicle). Dr. Butler confirmed that the enrollment is down and attributed this both to an inflated enrollment following Desert Storm and the military's present readiness for involvement in Haiti and elsewhere. An additional factor may be that the VA audit is causing potential students some concern about pay for courses.
2. When asked about a recent 2% salary increase for faculty, Dr. Butler reported that the increase will be included in the October 31 payroll.

**THEC Student Representative, Keri McInnis** reported that her experiences as a student representative have widened her understanding and allowed her to see the workings of THEC and TBR from a different perspective. She offered to serve as a liaison for anyone desiring contact with THEC.

**Committee for Liberal Arts Core, Danielle White**, stated that representatives from the committee have met with representatives from each department. The committee continues to welcome specific suggestions as they continue their work.

**Nominations and Elections Committee, Robert Sears**, reported the results of the election for Academic Council. Elected for three year terms were: Lawrence Baggett from the College of Business, David Cochener from College of Arts and Sciences, and Danielle White from the College of Graduate and Professional Programs; School of Nursing; Fort Campbell Center.

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee** reported that Kay Haralson from Developmental Studies has been elected to the Faculty Senate to fill the College of Education seat vacated by Judith Bartley.

**Roads and Grounds Committee, John Matthews**, reported Bill Taylor's (Physical Plant) response to three complaints the Roads and Grounds Committee had received concerning parking spaces on campus. (1) Spaces behind Harvill allegedly reassigned to food services are needed by catering services and were never assigned to faculty. To designate loading/unloading spaces in that area (as was suggested) would block a fire lane and cannot be permitted. (2) The designation of several spaces near the Armory for ROTC rather than general faculty will be investigated. (3) The third complainant deemed the allocation of a reserved parking space as a "doorprize" during United Way reception "inappropriate." Mr. Taylor claimed no responsibility for that action. The Roads and Grounds Committee was asked by Pres. Shaffer to investigate the policy of permitting faculty to purchase two parking tags.

**Academic White Committee, Nanci Woods**, reported that the 5-Day Plan for Final Exams had not been acted on by SGA, since she had met with a delay due to SGA's meeting schedule. The plan will be submitted to Academic Council for consideration.

**Academic Red Committee, Bruce Myers**, reported that his committee has met and is evaluating tenure requirements. He solicits input from concerned faculty.

**Faculty Red Committee, Robert Robison**, distributed copies of a graph comparing salaries for ranks of Assistant, Associate, and Full Professor at Regional Universities' Shared Core Peers and Regional Universities' Individual Peers. These data once again highlight the fact that APSU salaries are far below average at each rank, but are notably discrepant at the rank of Associate Professor.

**Faculty White Committee** - no new information regarding FS Office space.

**TBR Faculty Subcouncil** - no report

**Academic Council** - no report

**Dean's Council** - no report

There was no New or Old Business. The meeting adjourned.