

Austin Peay State University Faculty Senate Minutes
May 12, 2004

President Tim Winters called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

Roll Call--Senator Sue Evans

Members Present: Senators Berg, Clark, Evans, Franks, Goldstone, Griffy, Gupton, Hogan, Kenney, King, Koch, Maurer, Newport, Rainey, Rayburn, Roheleau, Shepherd, Silverberg, Tracey, Winters, Zeigler, Perdew, Filippo, Lane, Blake, Prescott, Halbeck, Henderson, Vanarsdale, Reagan, and Robison.

Members Absent: Senators Black, Carpenter, Christian, Jator, Kemmerly, Kitterman, Magrans, Menser, Salama, Smithfield, Steinberg, Hodge, Foote, Myers, and Snyder.

Motion to approve agenda--moved and approved

Postponement on approving April minutes--moved and approved

Comments from President Tim Winters:

Please stand for a moment of silence in honor of David Snyder.

At the last meeting the Senate voted on a no smoking policy and the resolution was sent to the President's Cabinet. The President prefers a no smoking campus, but that did not pass. The compromise was that there would be a designated area for each building for smokers.

The issue which we discussed concerning minors in the classroom during the last meeting is still being discussed and the intent is to

protect the university and faculty from law suits, but there will be continued dialogue related to this issue.

Emeritus faculty status is being discussed, and Floyd Christian's committee is working on this process. There is some concern that the process needs to be more open, and there will be discussions to work out a compromise.

President Winters believes these are the major areas of importance right now.

President Winters commented that the Executive Committee had discussed honoring the Senator of the Year, and this did not happen. However, if he were to appoint one member as the Senator of the Year, it would be Mary Lou Witherspoon based on her long hours and hard work on committees this year. (There was applause from the Senators.)

President Winters reviewed countless emails and phone calls this year which have allowed him to become familiar with members of the university community which he would never have had except for being President. He had no idea how time consuming the office would be even though Kell Black had warned him. In all fairness, he has to give a lot of credit to Dr. Hoppe for talking with him about all sorts of issues. She has never turned him away and spent enormous time working on issues. He appreciates her time and effort in working with compromise situations during difficult times this year. He is thankful for the Senators and the time they spend on the work of the Senate.

We need 18 more votes to make the constitution changes. A faculty member commented that the lack of votes indicates apathy.

President Winters reported that the Senate had about \$500 that had not been spent, and he had asked Dr. Hoppe to increase the budget and she has offered to appropriate \$2000 per year.

In addition, she is also providing a new laptop for the Senate secretary to use for minutes and other activities.

Election of Officers for 2004-05

Kell Black, chair of the nominating committee was not available at the time, and it was suggested that the other members of the ad hoc committee present the slate of officers--no verbal objections.
(Senator Black arrived later)

Member at Large--Marcy Maurer
Dean's Council--Sean Hogan
Academic Council--Dwonna Goldstone
Secretary--Carmen Reagan
Vice President--Robbie Robison
President--Bill Rayburn

Nominations from the floor were requested.

Senator Patti Halbeck nominated Stephanie Newport for President.
Senator Stephanie Newport nominated Steve Clark as Member at Large.

Request for additional nominations from the floor. Senator Prescott moved to accept the candidates. Senator King seconded.

Senator Henderson moved that we accept the candidates nominated without opposition as a block. Senator Blake seconded. No discussion. Vote taken and passed by unanimous voice vote.

A Paper ballot vote was taken for the contested seats.

For President: Bill Rayburn and Stephanie Newport.
For Member at Large: Marcy Maurer and Steve Clark.

Results:

President

Bill Rayburn received majority votes

Member at Large

Marcy Maurer received majority votes

Round of applause for outgoing President Tim Winters

President Bill Rayburn thanked the outgoing Senators and welcomed the new Senators. He would like to have a welcoming event at the beginning of the fall term for Senators

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Motion to adjourn at 4:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Evans, Secretary