

**Austin Peay State University
Faculty Senate
Meeting of Thursday, February 28, 2013
University Center, UC 307
3:00 pm**

Call to order—Senate President Elaine Berg

Recognition of guests: Patrice Cheatham, Assistant Registrar

Roll call of Senators—Senator Becky Starnes. Absent Senators: Cannon, Di Paolo, Hayes, Jator, Leszczak, Lewis, McCarthy, Nicodemus, Ntatin, Ruiz-Aviles, Shelton, Snyder, Thompson J.

Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve the agenda

Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve the January 24, 2013 minutes with the following changes made.

Senator Truhon suggested that item two be changed to read that the Cardinals football team is in Arizona not Saint Louis.

Senator Truhon stated the word “cleared” appeared twice in the discussion and that “cleared” be removed in the second to the last bullet point.

Remarks

1. Senate President -- Elaine Berg

- Dr. Chris Gentry wants faculty to know that there is very little student travel money left in this year’s budget. Please tell students to submit their requests now. He thinks the money will be gone by the 1st half of March.
- SASI announcement will go out tomorrow to all faculty. The deadline for SASI proposals is April 1, 2013 by 4:30pm. The proposal guidelines are on the Senate website. Senator Gina Garber is chair of the SASI committee this year. Other committee members are: Don Nyonna, Megan Mann, Michele Robertson, John Blake and Stephanie Hicks. All proposals should be sent to Senator Garber.
- The date of the Senate called meeting has been changed from Thursday, April 11 to Thursday, April 4. Please note that change. This can be a long meeting as we never know what issue is going to spark a spirited discussion, but it’s very important that you attend (even if you are late because of class) because we are voting on changes to the Faculty Handbook and policies governing RTP issues.
- The Faculty Senate Staff Award is awarded annually at the May meeting. Senate will vote on this award during the April meeting. President Berg asked the Academic White Committee to review the nominations and bring nominees to the Faculty Senate at the April 25, 2013, meeting.
- Faculty Lounge renovations are almost complete. We now have a refrigerator/freezer and a microwave. Grand opening will be very soon.

- The TUFs meeting is coming up. It will be held March 22-24, in Cookeville. Tennessee Tech is hosting. Several members of the Senate Executive Committee will be attending.

2. University President – Tim Hall

President Hall was out of town and did not attend.

3. University Provost -- Tristan Denley

- Thanked the faculty for their expressions of sympathy regarding the loss of his father.
- Budget news is positive. THEC has recommended a significant increase in funding. Governor Haslam has shown support for the THEC recommendation, and the issue is now in the hands of the state legislature. Dr. Denley mentioned budget planning on how to use these funds is in process.
- Fall Enrollment Data: The number of students admitted in Fall 2013 is up 10 percent from last year. The number of high school seniors admitted is down 10 percent. The University is identifying and developing new programs to ensure students who have been accepted for admission to the university actually come. Data suggests that students who have been admitted, but haven't come for a campus visit, don't always attend.
- Out-of state tuition waivers have been well- received and generated much interest. Students must have an ACT score of 26 or above to be eligible.
- Data from the Academic Alert program indicates the program is successfully helping the university to retain students. However, student contacts need to be made more quickly.
- Starting Fall 2013 APSU will be working with a company called Inside Track. In this pilot program, the company will provide life skills coaching to about half of incoming freshman students. The purpose is to increase the proportion of the freshman class that will return the following semester and the following years.
- At this time, a motion was made, seconded and approved to extend Dr. Denley's time.
- Dr. Denley mentioned that sequestration would likely have some, but not a large, impact on APSU. Programs that could be affected include TRIO, financial aid, and federal work-study.

4. QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) Think Tank – Dr. Loretta Griffy

- Progress is being made on the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) which is part of the SACS reaffirmation process.
- APSU's last QEP focused on student retention and resulted in the creation of APSU 1000, advisement services, and the academic alert process.
- The focus for the new plan is the development of real-world, high impact learning experiences, and practices that will allow our students to demonstrate, outside of the classroom, what they have learned.

5. Reports from Faculty Senate Representatives

Deans' Council -- Dr. Loretta Griffy for Senator Cannon

- Met February 27, 2013
- Admitted students 10% up; working to contact potential students and invite them to campus. A 25-30% increase in acceptances of scholarships; 11 students accepted out-of-state scholarship (target was 10).
- Retention dropped around 2%, other state institutions did, as well.
- Change in return behavior: Local students were more likely to return; significant drop in students who lived 50 miles away or further (specifically students who lived on campus). 2/3 dropped out of higher education because of economic issues; 1/3 enrolled in a local institution (community college, etc.).
- Initiative to identify & reach out to students likely to leave; make APSU class experience unique.
- Performance funding is supposed to be fully funded; modest increase in tuition likely.
- March 5 – Graduate Research & Creativity Extravaganza – please come!
- U.S. Department of Justice: March 20, 8:30, MUC 305 – presentation on grant fraud. All PIs should make an effort to attend. It is a rare opportunity.
- Public Relations – major push to remind students to make appointments with advisors for Fall registration.
- Academic Alert – trying to catch students early, after missing two classes.
- APSU 1000 has a curriculum committee & a group of Fellows, acting in an advisory capacity to Student Transitions. Also, working on bundling APSU 1000 with academic courses.
- Distance Education is circulating a list of courses offered online since 2008. There are 582 distinct courses, with 112 new courses added in 2012. Departments/programs are assessing levels of online offerings. Addressing issues of intellectual property rights. Working on short form for new online course. Fifty percent of APSU students take at least one online course. Hired a new Director of Distance Education.

Academic Council -- Senator Becky Starnes

The requests below were approved by the council at their February meeting.

- Revision of the art history minor (Art Department)
- Revision of the leadership science minor (College of Behavioral and Health Sciences)
- Revision of the applied exercise science concentration (Health and Human Performance Department)
- Revision of the health care management concentration (Health and Human Performance Department)
- Revision of the health minor (Health and Human Performance Department)
- Revision of the political science major with a legal studies concentration (Political Science Department)
- Revision of the social work major (Social Work Department)

- Revision of the sociology major (Sociology Department)
- Revision of the pre-professional health minor (College of Science and Mathematics)
- Revision of the computer science concentration (Computer Science and Information Technology Department)
- New minor in emergency management (Public Management and Criminal Justice Department)
- Revision of the visual communications concentration (Art Department)
- New Pre-K3 specialization under the K-6 concentration (Teaching and Learning Department)
- New 4-8 specialization under K-6 concentration (Teaching and Learning Department)

TBR Faculty Sub-council -- Dr. David Kanervo.

- TBR Faculty sub-council met on January 25, 2013.
- TBR dropped the requirement for incoming freshman to complete two foreign language courses because this is now a state requirement for high school graduation. As a result, very few college freshmen will need these courses.
- A proposal has been made for the current maximum salary rate for adjunct faculty to become the minimum salary for each rank.
- The Affordable Health Care Act will be fully implemented in January 2014. Employees working 30 hours or more per week must receive health insurance benefits paid for by the institution. Individuals working less than 30 hours per week will not be offered coverage. An unanswered question is will adjunct faculty teaching nine credit hours meet the 30 hours requirement and be provided health insurance coverage. If so, will this requirement limit the number of course hours an adjunct can teach? TBR will develop a formula for determining how adjunct teaching hours equate to the 30 hours requirement for health care insurance. Overall, the cost for university health care coverage will increase.
- Dual credit courses are taught by high schools (not advanced placement). Dual enrollment courses are taught at higher education institutions. Dual credit courses are state initiative courses.
- LGBT rights will be discussed at the next meeting.

Old Business

APSU Resolution on Benefits Equity—Senate President Berg

A motion was made and seconded to approve the APSU resolution supporting the UT-K Faculty Senate Benefits Equality Resolution and expanding employment benefits for domestic partners and dependents of such partnerships, regardless of sexual orientation. This resolution was introduced at the January meeting. President Berg asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A secret ballot vote was conducted and the resolution passed.

New Business

A university scholarship has been established in Dr. Denley's father's name. Elaine Berg will collect donations and deliver the funds to the Advancement office.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.