

Unapproved Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Faculty Senate, March 23, 1995

Senators Present: Steve Anderson, Mickey Badgett, James Bateman, Susan Calovini, Don Dailey, Margaret Deitrich, Thomas Dixon, Arthur Eaves, Deborah Fetch, Rebecca Glass, Dolores Gore, John Matthews, Sallie Noel, Allene Phy-Olsen, Charles Richards, Susan Robbins, Robert Robison, Adel Salama, Bob Sears, Paul Shaffer, Karen Sorenson, David Till, Victor Ukpolo, Mickey Wadia, Danielle White.

The Meeting Agenda was approved.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 1995 were approved.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

President Sal Rinella reported

1. that the final VA report was favorable and served to vindicate APSU and the efforts made to comply with regulations. He thanked all those who helped achieve this result.
2. the Enrollment Management Task Force, chaired by Steve Anderson, after consultation with Charles McCorkle and others recommended (1) that APSU increase the amount of money allocated to students for honors. To achieve this, \$50 000 from the Wasson Scholarship Fund will be used to create scholarships to attract good students (2) that efforts be made to market APSU and help remove any stigma associated with the recent VA audit (which in part resulted in a 25% decline in enrollment at FCC). To accomplish this, \$4000 will be used to purchase a tastefully designed billboard advertisement (3) \$2000 is set aside for a series of *Leaf Chronicle* advertisements (4) a drive to directly involve faculty in recruitment will be made. Forty faculty members across campus will be contacted to participate (5) \$4000 has been set aside for postage, calls, etc.
3. the Formula Funding Task Force, chaired by Steve Anderson, and composed of Senators Gore, Robison and staff members, will continue to analyze the "rules of engagement" with TBR.
4. the Technical Committee is seeking to answer such questions as (1) what credentials would a computer "GURU" have and what would be expected of such a person (2) what are the baseline computer specifications desired for each faculty member--286, 386, 486? (3) what is the state of our infrastructure as far as power-fiber optics are concerned? This committee has been asked to design an attractive package by which APSU will be able to "lease with option to buy" in order to make better technology available more quickly. It is hoped they will then develop into a Search Committee and locate the right person for the job.
5. Searches--(1) Education Dean has been hired (2) Affirmative Action search is down to

four candidates (3) VP for Finance search has narrowed to 3 or 4 candidates.

6. Chancellor Smith has extended the date for completion of the Five Year Plan to Fall 1995 rather than May. Because of the extension, planners can now use "Insights and Ideas" document to plan more effectively.

7. Chancellor Smith has released his Agenda 2000 and has asked President Rinella to seek community input. Dr. Rinella will ask same 100 "Insights and Ideas" respondents to respond to it as well.

Vice President John Butler reported that he:

1. is pleased with the scholarly work of faculty who are now in midst of personnel review process--feels this involves students effectively.

2. finds no real change where salary increases are involved. Raises will not occur until later in year and perhaps not until 1996. APSU will forego merit and equity pay raises--promotion raises will occur when feasible.

3. looks forward to upcoming campus events--Honors and Awards programs and the week to commemorate Holocaust, April 24-28. He complimented Susan Calovini for the successful coordination of events celebrating Women's History and appreciates the efforts made by the library, Trahern Gallery, and Harvill Lobby for their excellent exhibits which add much to the campus environment.

Question (so familiar--answered without being asked. . .)

Answer: No, we do not know with certainty the status of funds formerly put aside for planning money for new Science Building. Dr. Rinella feels we can remain encouraged as efforts continue to keep this a part of the TBR agenda.

Concern was expressed over the TBR's excessive increase in administrative positions and other appropriations made to increase TBR office staff, etc. Dr. Butler agreed that the increase was unprecedented and he, too, would prefer that funds go toward "production rather than management."

Athletic Director, Kaye Hart addressed the Faculty Senate with a theme of "seeking common ground." She asked the group to imagine being "Athletic Director for a Day" and decide what the goals would be and what outcomes would be sought. Answers included (1) market and seek recognition for Women's Softball Team (2) create a World Cup Soccer team (3) seek equity among males/females in all sports (4) improve communication between athletic department and academic departments (5) move in direction of being seen as leader with opportunities for women. Dr. Hart responded that these items are basically a part of her 4-phase plan (1) stimulate and gain publicity that will lead to self-generated revenue (2) enhance male and female basketball program to reach excellence (3) move toward gender equity (4) continue to develop other sports--not just football. She is encouraged by the work of her staff. The work of Joe Luckey on behalf of student athletes was complimented by members of FS. Dr. Hart believes his work is showing measurable positive results where retention and academic performance of student athletes are

concerned. She feels strongly that attendance and support for athletic events needs to increase.

Academic White Committee represented by Deborah Fetch distributed a summary of information relating to establishment of a Copyright Clearance Center at APSU. The committee made no recommendation to the FS, since they had been unsuccessful at this time in determining the cost APSU could expect to incur.

Academic Red Committee--no report.

Faculty White Committee--no report.

Faculty Red Committee--no report.

TBR Subcouncil--no report.

Academic Council--no report.

Dean's Council--no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Dolores Gore and seconded by Steve Anderson to reconsider the *Recommendation of Consensual Relationship Policy* statement previously referred to the Dean's Council for consideration. The motion passed.

The FS Executive Committee has issued the call for nominations for senators. Letters have been sent to all faculty.

FS President Paul Shaffer distributed copies of the attached document (SREB Data Exchange May 1994 and Campus Budgets October 31, 1994) to senators and encouraged senators and other faculty to read Chancellor Smith's *Agenda 2000* and let thoughts be known to Dr. Rinella if there are concerns.

No new business was introduced and the meeting adjourned.