

Full Senate Meeting Nov 19, 2020

Austin Peay State University

Faculty Senate Meeting of Thursday, November 19, 2020

Zoom meeting | 3:00 pm

Call to order–Senate President Dr. Christine Mathenge

Recognition of guests (put the word guest in front of your name)

Roll call of Senators–Roll will be derived from the zoom meeting report

Approval of Today's Agenda

Approval of minutes from meeting on October 22, 2020

Moved

Second

Approved

Remarks:

1.Senate President Dr. Christine Mathenge

Thanks for pushing really hard to get to this point. It is even more unprecedented than before.

2.Interim President Dannelle Whiteside

I echo the excitement. Thanks to all.

Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program: Deadline November 20, 2020

50 people signed up so far.

We are sad to see you go.

Voluntary Furloughs: another savings identified by the Financial Task Force.

Congrats to Elaine Berg for being the Faculty rep to Board of Trustees (BOT).

Thanks to the faculty advisors in the colleges. Please reach out to students to complete registration.

Spring Calendar: We don't know the exact modality right now. Scott Brower on loan to the Governor's Covid 19 unified command. Stay at home orders: absolutely not. At this point no.

Jan 1, 2021: last holiday.

BOT audited by Controller of TN: Sunset audit: long process:

2 findings: Clery Act reporting.

Record keeping, accurate minutes of votes taken,

Tuesday hearing went well.

BOT has been extended by 6 years. Happy about that.

After thanksgiving, when you leave offices, please turn off the power. \$1000 a day savings.

Any questions:

Senator Q: for VRIS: Do you know the staff vs faculty %

President: we don't know now.

Thank you.

3.Provost Dr. Maria Cronley

Nice to see everyone.

Thanks to everyone for your hard work.

Congrats to Elaine.

Thanks for all faculty's flexibility.

Course delivery modes:

Students want more info about the delivery modes.

Why did the delivery mode change during the semester?

Be as flexible.

Help students better understand the delivery method.

Clear attendance expectations. I will send out in my Provosts weekly tomorrow.

Faculty should populate their D2L shells 2 business days before class begins. Syllabus and Week1 posted. By Jan 14, 2021 by 8:30am.

Admissions:

We were down over 30% down in apps last time. Now down 20% compared to last year. 4000 Applications and 1800 admitted now.

Waiting period. Economy.

Challenge: access: community colleges and HS are not allowing any access to us.

Admissions are doing Pop up events in the community.

Call out: Please contact Amy Corlew if you have ideas.

Successful 134 prospective families on campus for AP day last week. 110 applied. 65 students admitted that day.

Admissions will hold a special day in December for this.

Structuring our scholarships: more diverse individuals.

Advising: we appreciate all faculty reaching out to students.

We have gap scholarships. Send students back to Financial Aid office.

Retention at 4% now.

A new initiative being launched after Thanksgiving: Faculty development center (teaching, scholarship and service improvement)

Questions:

Senator: Expectations for Spring: synchronous online class: is attendance be a part of their final course grade?

Provost: We are open to all faculty. Show grace and compassion.

Senator: for AP day can we ask which departments they want to meet?

Provost: yes, we can coordinate.

Senator: 8:30am or pm for course shell population

Provost: 8:30am

No more questions.

President:

Advancement: Comprehensive campaign: goal to raise 65 million (already raised 61 million)
3 million gift for the health building.

Questions: none

New Business:

1. Recognition of next Faculty Representative to the APSU Board of Trustees –Senate President Dr. Christine Mathenge
Congrats to Elaine Berg!! Elaine will take over from Mickey in July 2021 as the faculty rep to BOT.

2. Policy 2:041 University Excused Absences for Students -Senate President Dr. Christine Mathenge
Senate Executive Committee has looked at this document and the changes are in order.
Formally include the language to excuse students in ROTC, active duty, National guard etc.

Motion to accept
Moved
Second

Discussion:
Send comments to Kathy.

Senator Exec Committee member: Can you make me as a co-host.
Yes.

No discussion.

Are we ready to vote?

Voting to accept to policy 2:041:

Reaction button: yes/no
Under participants: yes/no

Senator: we can't see the button
1 abstain
47 yes,
0 no.

Policy changes are moving forward. Thank you.

3.Tenure Procedures and Guidelines –RTP Committee Chair Elaine Berg

We are correcting and clarifying the document. We are asking to consider it.
Last word lies with Office of the Provost.
Email will be from dept chair or dean with a compelling reason.

Moved
Second

Discussion/Q's
Send chat to moderator.

No questions. In time for Spring RTP actions.

Vote please.
Vote in support of the changes to unlocking the e dossier.

48 YES.
2 ABSTAIN
0 no
We move forward with the changes.

4.University Curriculum Committee report –Senator Kathy Heuston

We have meetings for the past 3 months.

Please see document posted on the senate website.

Any questions:

None

Old Business:

1. Staff Service Award Committee - Senate President Dr. Christine Mathenge
I did not present to you in the Sept meeting.

Committee members: Bobette Bouton, Michael Dickins, Gloria Miller
Bulk of their work is in Spring.

2. APSU Zoom Privacy Guidelines - Senate President Dr. Christine Mathenge
Title changes. Having APSU in the title.

We worked with academic affairs about this.

Single page document.

Connections between student privacy and FERPA.

Removed the word FERPA.

We still stay true to the document and also about student privacy.

We can insert some of these para's in the syllabi for Spring.

Motion to accept the document

Moved

Second

Discussion

Senator: "presently" means soon and not a synonym for "currently"

Replace the word.

Motion: yes

Second

Discussion

Vote on the change from "presently" to "currently"

YES/NO buttons

33 yes

Amendment done and is carried forward

New discussion:

Senator: second sub bullet of bullet number 1 and bullet 4 in the document: saying the same thing:

Could we add: in parenthesis to the second sub bullet of bullet no 1.

Senator is making the motion to amend the language:

Motion to vote:

Second

Vote:

44 yes

Amendment done.

Senator Q:

Student Code of Conduct (SCC)

Should we be more specific the language as most students don't go there to see the SCC.

Senior Leadership:

I checked with Dean Singleton about this:

2Q. Any violation can be investigated by the SCC

University Committee Review is being done for the SCC and related sections of the student handbook.

Make the motion to change that language?

Senator: No, it is okay. I understand.

New Senator: first draft of this: my comments: student camera on/off has been addressed here?

Senior Leadership (SLT): Ask the online course committee chaired by Matt Jones will be looking at the sections removed from this document.

Senator new: we can tell them to turn their camera on?

SLT: nothing in writing which prevents the faculty member to ask them. Legal affairs has said that there is no legal justification to turn on the camera. But that happens only if the student challenges the premise.

Senator: Community of language teachers: camera off is better for mental health.

Senator: want legal back in here. They need to be more versed in academic integrity. How can any of the performing arts function without camera? We need to deal with it quickly if there are litigious students. Seems ridiculous if camera is off.

Senate President: do we accept the document with 2 amendments.

As amended

Motion to approve the doc with 2 amendments

Moved

Second

VOTE:

46 YES

0 NO

5 ABSTAIN

Guidelines will proceed with amendments.

Parliamentarian: Please Vote on the Committee
Staff Service Award Committee

Senate President: Motion to approve

Move

Second

Vote

46 yes

0 no

Several abstaining

Committee approved

Motion to adjourn

Moved
Second

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Adjourn time: 4:23pm