

APSU Faculty Senate
3:30, May 8, 2003
University Center, Room 307
Call to Order --3:35

Roll call of senators:

Present: Kell Black; Rhonda Bryant; Elaine Busey; Michele Butts; Steve Clark; Loretta Griffy; Ron Gupton; Lynette Henderson; Barry Kitterman; Susan Koch; Marcy Maurer; Bruce Myers; Shirley Rainey; William Rayburn; Robert Robison; Jordy Rocheleau; Miguel Ruiz-Aviles; Nancy Smithfield; Mary Lou Witherspoon; Tim Winters; Faye Zeigler

Also, these new senators were present: Jill Franks, Sean Hogan, Ramon Magrans, Matt Kenney, Ann Silverberg

Not present: Elaine Berg Art Carpenter; Sue Evans; Richard Gildrie; Rebecca Glass; Sara Gotcher; Phil Kemmerly; Thomas King; Vicky Langston; Mark Michael; Adel Salama; Greg Steinberg; Janet Tracy; Mohammed Waheeduzzaman

Agenda approved
Minutes approved

Pres. Hoppe:

We may be negotiating a further reduction in our funds. It is unlikely our board will approve a tuition increase until the last week of June. We will not know until then what we may be able to restore.

President Hoppe took questions.

Sen Gupton: The evaluation instrument coming to us has 3 categories: average, above average, below average. This seems inadequate. In addition, the evaluation document is different from what the committee put out.

Pres Hoppe: We are not fully implementing the new system until next year. But it is my understanding that those forms are the ones the committee approved. The form is cumbersome, but it was designed by a committee of peers.

The other form is a leadership assessment form, not part of the formal system. Direct reports will have this chance to evaluate supervisors.

These are two different processes.

Sen Gupton: I still have a concern about how these forms are worded. If that three part system is used, no one either fits the top or the bottom rung.

Prof. Haralson requests permission to speak: Committee members feel this document is substantially different from what we turned in. We never defined the top rating or the bottom rating. I believe there are substantial differences between what the committee looked at and what we have been sent.

Pres Hoppe: I'll go back and talk to Dr. Meningall.

Prof. Haralson: One other question: my understanding is that the faculty will evaluate chairs, and chairs will evaluate deans.

Pres. Hoppe: Faculty will not evaluate deans.

Prof Haralson: The forms do not say that.

Pres Hoppe: We will go back and research that. It was my understanding that faculty will not evaluate deans.

Thank you Pres. Hoppe.

VPAA Speck:

I sent out a campus-wide email saying the president had approved the liberal arts plan. We will not implement that plan at this time. There are no resources. But we will implement it in the future.

Sen Witherspoon: There is confusion between the freshman experience course and the liberal arts course.

VPAA Speck: The freshman experience course will start up this fall, with 10 pilot courses.

We will send out an email trying to clear up confusion about the two new courses.

Thank you VP Speck.

Pres Black: I want to thank everybody for your hard work, especially the folks on the executive committee. Everybody on committee agrees that they would not have passed on the chance. Almost everybody.

Muffled, cruel laughter.

President Black: I want to encourage everyone to participate. In recent elections, two whole areas did not respond. Although we are an advisory board, we have the ear of the president and vice president.

New business:

Committee reports:

Sen Robison on Academic Council: We met and approved changes in degree counts. Personally, I found it disgusting that legislatures can dictate how many hours we require for degree work. It will come back to haunt us. Our proposals now go to TBR.

We approved the on-line masters in education.

Sen Witherspoon and Sen Henderson brought up further issues about this new degree. Sen Henderson stated that in the next 3 to 6 months we will be given new guidelines from the state.

Sen Robison: So this will come back before the academic council in the fall.

Sen Griffy: No meetings of the TBR subcouncil. Any one have questions for me? No questions.

Elections:

Nominations were opened, but there were no nominations from the floor.

President Black presented the following slate:

Tim Winters, President
Bill Rayburn, President elect
Elaine Berg, Secretary
Rhonda Bryant, Academic Council
Lynette Henderson, member at large
Loretta Griffy, TBR subcouncil

Other nominations?
None that were serious.

Nominations closed.

Slate approved by acclamation.

New Pres Winters: Thank you for your vote of confidence. I will work to see that everyone is represented equally.

By consensus of the senate, there will be no regular meetings this summer.

Adjourned at 4:10

After reading the minutes of the final faculty senate meeting, Dr. Hoppe would like to offer this correction: Faculty will have the opportunity to directly evaluate their deans, as well as their chairs.