

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 1983 MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Members Absent: Senators Velarides, Canarina, McMin, McMahan, Smith,
Fott, Hammel

1. President Billy Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.
2. April 14 minutes were approved.
3. Remarks from President Thompson:
 - a. Constitutional changes were approved.
 - b. Dr. Riggs has replied to a Senate resolution regarding the connection of terminal degree with promotion. His reply noted that SBR policy 502:02, which governs this issue, permits exceptions.
 - c. Senate elections left a vacancy for a humanities representative. This vacancy will be filled by a fall, 1983 election.
4. Report from Faculty Sub Council (Professor Carter):
 - a. The Subcouncil has discussed the following:
 - i. Guidelines for faculty change and assignment of non instructional time
 - ii. Proposed policy on files maintained by supervisors.
 - iii. Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure.
 - iv. Financial Exigency
 - b. As a point of information, faculty should know that there is an SBR media consortium. The Media Center can provide a list of films, records and the like that can be inexpensively duplicated by the consortium.
5. Remarks from Dr. Riggs:
 - a. The anticipated 1983-84 budget is expected to provide for no salary increase and no merit pay. Money for promotion, longevity pay, and an increased state share of health insurance is, however, expected.
 - b. Faculty service pins will be awarded at a May 31 meeting. The newly tenured will be honored along with 10, 15, and 20 year veterans.
 - c. Faculty Committees on Developmental Studies and the Faculty Handbook are recommended.
6. Senate Elections:
 - a. President - Billy Thompson
 - b. Vice President - Gloria Gharavi
 - c. Secretary - Reece Elliott
 - d. Executive Committee - Anthony Golden
- Robert Sears
 - e. Faculty Sub Council - Glen Carter

7. Faculty Student Ratio: Moved that the following statement be endorsed by the senate and forwarded to Dr. Riggs and that the Senate establish a committee to investigate faculty-student ratio.

We, the Faculty Senate, would like to emphasize our view of the student-faculty ratio. We believe that education at Austin Peay has been enhanced by an on campus ratio which has dropped below 20 students per faculty member. This is a major advancement at our university and permits the individual concern for students which should be the primary objective of a small university. We should be publicizing this improved ration in our recruiting. If instead we see this ratio as a problem to be remedied by forcing faculty members off-campus or by eliminating key programs with low enrollments, we may momentarily strengthen the University's finances, but we may also deflate our university's academic impetus. We realize that as a state institution we cannot compete with Vanderbilt's 10 to 1 ratio, but we must resist modeling our actions after the worst universities in the Southeast in order to become more cost efficient. The most cost-efficient institutions process students; they do not educate students.

8. Report from Academic White Committee on Retention of Adult Students (Beiswenger): The Committee's report, a thick document of about 40 pages, has been distributed to Senators. Surveys show that faculty and nontraditional students view each other in a positive light.
9. Moved that the Senate accept the Report on Adult Students. Seconded and passed.
10. Senate endorsement of Academic White Committee recommendations on Adult Students (pp. 34-39).
 - a. Moved that the Senate endorse recommendations 1-5. Seconded and passed.
 - b. Moved that the Senate endorse recommendations 6 and 7. Seconded and passed.
 - c. Moved that the Senate endorse recommendations 8-10. Seconded and passed.
 - d. Moved that the Senate endorse recommendation 11. Seconded and passed.
 - e. Moved that the Senate endorse recommendation 12. Seconded and passed.
11. Moved that the Senate not schedule meetings during the summer of 1983. Seconded and passed.
12. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.