

**Austin Peay State University
Faculty Senate
Meeting of Thursday, May 3, 2012
University Center, UC 307
3:00pm**

Call to order – Senate President Jack Deibert
Recognition of Guests: Lori Buchanan

Roll call of Senators – Secretary Pat Perdew. Absent Senators: De Young, Frentzos, Hayes, Hicks, Johnson, Jones, Lebkuecher, Leszczak, Lowrance, Markov, Robertson, Shipley, Snyder, Starnes, Jennifer Thompson, Linda Thompson, Thornton, Winters

Today's agenda approved.

Minutes for meeting of April 26, 2012 approved.

Remarks

1. Senate President – Jack Deibert

- Reminder from the Provost that U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander will speak at the afternoon graduation ceremony.
- This Senate meeting is one of celebration, like an awards ceremony.
- The Staff Award is given to someone who demonstrates excellence and contributes to the smooth operation of his or her department, and the university as a whole. Norma Jean Smith is this year's recipient. She has been the Department of Music's Administrative Assistant for 22 years. She has been a state of Tennessee employee for 41 years, with 31 of those years at APSU. Anne Silverberg, professor of music, said Norma Jean Smith exhibits patient attention to detail; she coordinates disparate groups in the music department, and does the equivalent of two to three people's work. A plaque will have her name engraved on it, and it will be placed on a Wall of Fame in the University Center.
- President Deibert thanked senators whose terms have ended. They served faithfully for the last three years. However, David Kanervo will continue as TBR Sub-council representative. He will retire after next year so this was his last term. It may be Bruce Myers's last term as well.
- Thanked the Senate Executive Committee. Each of them devoted every Thursday afternoon for the Senate's work. A plaque was given to each member for their service. (See the Document Archive for the list of the 2011 - 12 Senate Executive Committee).
- Thanked newly elected senators for stepping forward to be a part of shared-governance at APSU.
- Mentioned the major accomplishments of Faculty Senate during 2011-12.
- At the next faculty retreat in August, Dean Singleton will speak about student appeals on Academic Misconduct.
- President Deibert thanked the Senate for allowing him to serve as President.
- Thanked President Hall for his tenure here during the past five years and all of the accomplishments during that time.
- Past President David Major presented President Deibert with a plaque for his service as Faculty Senate President.

2. University President – Tim Hall

- Enjoyed the opportunity to work with President Deibert. In the course of their weekly meetings, he got to know him better and it has been a pleasure working with him. He had monthly meetings with the Executive Committee and those meetings are his most enjoyable times during each month. He speaks about the Faculty Senate of APSU as a model for other institutions. The time here at APSU has been the best five years of his life.
- APSU's budget was submitted on Friday. He worked with the ad hoc Budget Committee consisting of people from Faculty and Staff Senates and administrators. There is \$2.7 million of new money in the budget. The two sources of this new money are from APSU being at the top regarding performance-based funding and from a 3% tuition increase. Any additional monies from an enrollment increase will be on top of that, and will be taken into account in the October budget adjustments. We expect a 2 - 3% enrollment increase, but Nashville State could impact that.
- With the \$2.7 million in new money, three major items are planned:
- The largest portion of the new money, \$1 million, will be used for an equity increase, which is in addition to the 2.5% across-the-board raise just passed by the legislature yesterday.
- About \$250,000 will be used to hire four new staff members. We have hired 73 new faculty members, but not new staff. The new staff members will be in high-service areas: registrar's office, admissions, financial aid, and classroom IT.
- We will set aside around \$200,000 to grant scholarships for ACT performance.
- The rest of the money will go to recurring expenses and a variety of other things.
- Other universities aren't in as good a condition financially as APSU.

3. Provost – Dr. Tristan Denley

- Congratulated us on a very successful year.
- Regarding performance-based funding, our numbers from 2011 – 12 will go into the formula in the fall for the next annual budget.
- For this commencement we have 1075 graduates. A total of close to 2000 degrees were awarded in 2011 - 12. That's a substantial increase from the 1778 awarded in 2011 – 11. That data carries the most weight in the funding formula; so we'll do well again next year.
- Another portion in the formula is based on grants. At APSU, external grants have grown to \$6.5 million from \$5 million.
- Another factor in the formula is student progression. We don't have all that data yet, but he is confident it will be good.
- This campus is focused on the mission of helping students succeed and graduate.
- The \$1 million that will go to equity came from money given to APSU through the funding formula. So we here at APSU will be rewarded for the great work that we do.
- The Completion Academy was excellent. The guests on campus were helpful and very impressed with APSU. Chancellor Morgan stated it was the proudest he'd ever been of APSU.
- The teams had great ideas on how to move forward. We are implementing some of those right now. We also have a war chest of ideas for moving forward in the future.

4. Reports from Faculty Senate Representatives

- Dean's Council – Senator Loretta Griffy
 - Elaine Berg gave the report.
 - Met Wednesday.
 - Mickey Wadia presented the Faculty Handbook items that Senate approved at the Called Meeting.
 - The Completion Academy put forward the idea that every department have a four-year degree plan for students on their website by May 20th.
 - A database for faculty research and publications is being set up. Submissions are due by the end of May.
 - A draft of the SACS report will be done by December 2012. It will be presented to Dean's Council in January 2013 and then go to a professional editor.
 - The QEP will come out of the SACS review after their visit.
 - Summer enrollment is currently up 20%.
 - Pell grants can't be used in the summer, but Hope scholarships can be.
 - There will be an online orientation for Fort Campbell students.
 - There is a new number, 931-292-GOVS, that is devoted to texts from new students regarding questions about APSU. It will be available May 12th.
 - Advising was a strong theme in the discussions at the Completion Academy.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- College Committee RTP Majority Report Form – Senator Mickey Wadia
 - On RTP forms, the line that has name of the majority report writer will be deleted. Previously this line was deleted on minority report RTP forms.
 - Motion and second made to approve the item.
 - Motion was unanimously approved.
- SASI Committee Report – Senator Chad Brooks
 - The SASI funding process was briefly discussed. (See Document Archive for the committee report.)
- Election of Executive Committee for 2012 - 2013 Senate – Senator Loretta Griffy
 - The ad hoc nominations committee submitted the following slate of officers for the 2012 – 2013 Executive Committee.
 - President – Elaine Berg
 - Vice President - Chad Brooks
 - Secretary - Paul Nicodemus
 - Dean's Council Representative – Mercy Cannon
 - Academic Council Representative – Becky Starnes
 - Member-at-Large – Mickey Wadia
 - TBR Sub-council Representative – David Kanervo
 - Motion and second made to approve this slate.

- Motion was unanimously approved.
- President Deibert passed the gavel to President Berg.
- The bylaws state that Faculty Senate must vote whether to have summer meetings.
- Motion and second made to not hold summer meetings. It was unanimously approved.
- The first meeting will be in August.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.