

**Austin Peay State University
Faculty Senate
Meeting of Thursday, November 19, 2009
University Center, UC 307
3:00pm**

Call to order – Senate President Lori Buchanan

Recognition of Guests -- Doug Rose; Steve Wilson; Mark Jarrell; Donna Price

Roll call of Senators – Secretary Mercy Cannon. Senators Brennan, Carson-Grefe, Diehr, Evans, Goldstone, Hardin, Markov, Rabidoux, Salama, Schlanger, Shipley, Vogel, White-Major, and Williams were absent.

Approval of today's agenda

Approval of minutes for meeting of October 22, 2009

Remarks

1. Senate President – Lori Buchanan

- Executive committee updates: Grade Appeal policy now in place.
- Middle College Review accepted last senate meeting. Concern regarding MC students taking up space in class – Senator Hamlin has not yet gotten information on this issue. Any other concerns about Middle College should be emailed to Senator Hamlin, who will be meeting with Dr. McQueen regarding classroom space.
- The Senate Ad Hoc Advising Committee is now reviewing data from survey regarding academic advising. Any further concerns should be directed toward Dr. Michele Butts.
- Multiple good things happening on campus: International Night, a great success. The Wind Serenade Concert, thanks to Greg Wolynec. Gregg Schlanger & colleagues opened up downtown art space, "Whatever." Sports teams have been recognized -- 68% of student athletes graduated. Congrats to Bruce Myers, who helps support student athlete success.

2. University President – Dr. Hall will be at THEC.

3. Provost – Dr. Tristan Denley

- Student evaluations: Last year, problems with Scantron. This summer, Provost Denley investigated the possibility of scanning the evaluations on campus, which is possible – and will save us loads of money (in the tens of thousands of dollars) and will result in a faster turn-around. Also being investigated, increased visibility of online evaluations so that students will get the information more readily, which will increase the number of returned evaluations.
There should not be an issue with taking off the written comments in order to upload for e-dossiers. The problem with missing sections should also be taken care of.
- Renaissance Center: Courses have been offered since beginning of semester. The intention is to offer a degree, not just a clutch of classes. Not all classes may be face to face, but there is a commitment to supporting degree completion. A Bachelor of Business Administration is being offered.

“Memorandum of Understanding”: APSU is partnering with Nashville State to offer courses. APSU has agreed to offer lower division courses: APSU 1000, MATH 1530, THEA 1030, ENGL 2030. These courses will not be offered by Nashville State. Enrollment data & student demographics were presented. APSU is heavily advertising our presence at the Renaissance Center, and we are continuing efforts to offer events there. The goal is to show Dickson that APSU is a distinct, positive presence in the community.

4. Webmaster for University – Steve Wilson

- Changes in APmail & OneStop. The username change in D2L occurred in October, and the change was designed to streamline multiple usernames (not using A-number).
- For December 1, the new username will transition to OneStop & APmail. A new email system = Microsoft Live = has much more storage space, takes the new username.
- APmail will be the official system for the university’s communications through the fall. On January 31, APmail will cease to exist.
- Faculty email will not change, only students. The old emails will not be automatically transferred to the new system – but students will be given instructions on how to export their old emails.
- D2L email will not be affected. They are looking into ways to integrate D2L into OneStop.

5. Financial Aid Director – Donna Price

- We are now in the second year of bookstore debit program: students can get books from APSU’s bookstore if they have a financial aid refund checking on the way.
- There is also a small scholarship fund for students who are in dire financial straits. Students should contact the Financial Aid department. Thus, students should be able to have books at the beginning of the semester.
- Enrollment status changes: Students who begin full-time but drop down below full-time (before 14th day) will have to pay back any financial aid that depends on full-time status. Students should be encouraged to talk to a financial aid officer. For the Lottery Scholarship, a change below full-time status can mean that they permanently lose the scholarship. Picking up a class in Fall II (Ft. Campbell) can keep students at full-time status.
- FA/FN grades: FN reported after the third week of the semester can cause major compliance problems. The money has to be returned within 45 days, so the FN grade needs to be reported much earlier.
- Scholarship website: Faculty responsible for awarding any scholarship should contact Financial Aid so that the scholarship can be listed in the financial aid database.
- FN can change student’s enrollment status; FA does not.
- Concern expressed about students “gaming” the system to get an F instead of an FA. Problem with entering a last date attended for FN, when they never attended. Concerns expressed about federal lending and its relationship to enrollment status.

6. Reports from Faculty Senate Representatives

- Dean’s Council – Senator Bill Rayburn (5 min.)
 - No report: Dean’s Council did not meet.
- Academic Council – Senator Phil Kemmerly (5 min.)

- Report under document review. Maximum load for Fall I & II and Spring I & II = 18 hours. HHP under review. Revisions made in MA in Psychology.
- TBR Faculty Sub-council – Senator Loretta Griffy
 - A100 guidelines under discussion. We will be under some new guidelines. The new name for “developmental” is likely to be “Learning Support.” Tweaking will occur for us to be in compliance with the new vision for “Learning Support.”
 - A task force is looking at our current 37.5 hour workweek. There is a desire for more flexibility in how that workweek is calculated.
 - The Faculty Work Week Task Force (TBR task force reviewing Policy 5:01:00:00) has drafted wording to be added to this policy that recognizes the unusual schedules and flexibility needed in identifying a faculty work week. The following wording is being proposed to be included in this policy under part C. Nature of Appointments:

Presidents and/or Directors are authorized to use flexibility as appropriate in determining the structure of the work week for faculty to recognize variations from traditional instructional formats such as afforded by online instruction, distance education or other unique methods of instructional delivery.
 - The old understanding was 7.5 hours per day; now, there is a more flexible understanding of our schedules – and this is what the new language is attempting to capture.
 - Question from the floor: What percentage of our budget does the state fund? Somewhere between 36%-38%. In the late 80s, we were somewhere around 80% funded by the state.

Old Business

- Update on compensation plan – Senator Griffy
 - At this point, many questions and issues have been raised. President Hall has been apprised of these concerns. Now, we are simply taking stock of the multiple issues. Once President Hall has had a chance to review the concerns, we will continue to talk about possibilities for the compensation plan.

New Business (none)

- Benita Bruster announced on behalf of the Green Committee: Please email green@apsu.edu “I go green” – agree to turn off office & classroom & bathroom lights, if practicable, at the end of the day/use. Looking for 100% participation.
- November 30th – 1:00-3:00 p.m. – The Classics & Catholic student group sponsoring a presentation on preventing child predators.
- Lang & Lit – November 24 at 6:00 p.m. – Bread & Words, an event designed to support Loaves & Fishes. Ask for \$5 donation.

Adjourn at 4:10 p.m.