

Austin Peay State University
Faculty Senate
Meeting of Thursday, May 6, 2021
Zoom meeting | 3:00 pm
Minutes

Call to order – Senate President

Recognition of guests

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

Welcome and Thank you all!

Approval of Today's Agenda

Approval of minutes from meeting on April 22, 2021

Please put word "Guest" in front of your name

Commencement duties for President and Provost today.

Remarks:

1. University President

Thank you. I'm getting ready for commencement number 3 of 7 this week. These are small but meaningful ceremonies. Friday evening ROTC commencement ceremony will happen. Congratulations and thank you to all. I appreciate all of your work. I'm more excited now after 60 days under my belt. APSU is a fantastic university. Strategic Leadership team retreat coming up where we will do planning to plan. Commitment to military affiliated students are important. More sophisticated enrollment strategy needed. When everybody is back in August we will get to work in a smart and inclusive way. Thank you.

2. University Provost

Good Afternoon. I will echo the Senate President and APSU President. We made it. My first anniversary in July, thanks to each and one of you for your grace and guidance, especially the Senate Executive Committee. We are also planning a retreat to lay a groundwork for academic affairs.

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We are making progress on enrollment. We are 5% down today as of last year. We hit 1000 students registered for Row. Thank you for making my first year as easy as it can be.

3. Senate President

Thank you.

4. Moment of silence - Prof. Floyd Scott has died, Professor Emeritus of Biology

Dr. Scott was a faculty at APSU from 1979 till 2010.

New Business:

1. Faculty Senate Staff Service Award – Senate President

Last year there was no award. It was a tough year. Two awards this year. Last year it went to Cindy Mcilroy. Summary on the Senate website. She gets a plaque and \$500 gift card for the bookstore. This year the award goes to Scott Shumate. Thanks for coming, Scott.

2. Senate Awards – Senate President

Eight amazing people from Senate Executive Committee helped me. We never had never a week off except Christmas week. They will get their plaques later today.

Senator: We have an award for Senate President. Thank you for serving. Round of applause.

Vice President of Finance will talk to us now.

3. University Budget Update –

Thank you. It has been great to work with you. I was scheduled to meet once a month using Teams. Showing of a powerpoint. We inherited a budget gap and had a Spring 2021 tuition decline. We had inflationary costs like IT software, cleaning services about a million dollars a year. We had recurring revenue increase and recurring budget reductions. Our current total budget gap is \$4,180,700.

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We have HEERF allocations from the federal govt. in 3 installments (Heerf1, Heerf 2 and Heerf 3) divided up via student and institutional grants. Heerf 2 had more flexibility and allowed us to cover lost revenue. Heerf 3 are still being allocated by enrollment management. Total Student allocations \$25,776,366, Institutional allocation \$35,788,699 and total allocation being \$61,565,065. We also have undesignated reserves in total \$16,678,400 which included unrestricted, unexpended plant funds and R&R plant funds. Heerf 3 needs to spent by Sept 2023. We also have potential student fee increases. Tuition would increased be 1.5% which will be 1 million dollars a year. It has been approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents. Some additional procreations will be received by the outcomes formula to cover any gap.

Any questions.

No conversation now about RIF. (Reduction in force)

Senator: Did the legislators approve the budget?

VP Finance: yes, they did.

VP Finance: We will replace the Sundquist roof. Plan to put a metal roof. Possibly solar panel in the roof. Sustainability office is looking at this. We also plan to refresh the control systems to purify the air. We will receive notifications later about salary allocations.

Senate president: Thank you also to the University Curriculum representative member of the Senate Executive Committee.

4. Election of Officers

Thank you, Nominations Committee members.

Nominees for Member at Large

Short stump speeches by all nominees except the Senate President position where there is only one nomination. Elections for the Senate Executive Committee member positions are done using zoom polling.

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The newly elected members are:

Jane Semler – Senate President

Perry Scanlan – Vice President

Gina Garber – Secretary

Nancy Gibson – Representative to the University Curriculum Committee

Florian Gargallio - Treasurer

Mickey Wadia – Member-at-Large

Congrats everyone!!

5. Remarks from New Senate President

Thank you for your vote of confidence. It has been a tough year. We want a vibrant campus back. We need the fun to balance the hard work. It is tough to be a student too. Please consider welcoming students and faculty back to campus. We have a beautiful campus. We make APSU special by interacting with each other. We inspire the next generation of leaders. Please vaccinate over summer and encourage everyone to vaccinate.

6. Summer Meetings

We as the Senate Executive Committee typically don't meet, but we can meet sometimes here and there.

Old Business: None

Adjourn

4:30pm Meeting adjourned.