
University Policy Committee Meeting

July 11, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m.

Browning Conference Room



Minutes

Attendees: Mitch Robinson, Sherryl Byrd, Rex Gandy, Barry Jones, Stephen Dominy, Waqas Amed and McCartney Andrews (minutes)

Absent: Frank Burns and Derek van der Merwe

1. Approval of minutes from the June 13, 2017 meeting

Byrd made a motion to approve the university policy committee minutes from the June 13, 2017; Amed seconded the motion. The committee approved the minutes.

Old Business – Second Reading - Revised:

2. Fees, Charges, Refund, and Fee Adjustments 1:021

Byrd motioned to table the policy for further review. Dominy seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Robinson discussed making the policies into two separate policies, with what the Board of Trustees is approving being placed in one policy and the procedures of the policy being placed in another that falls into the Business and Finance section. Robinson proposed to table to have a discussion with Dannelle Whiteside and President White about separating the policy out into two policies. Once two policies have been created, then the policies will be brought back before the committee for approval. Dominy discussed the change to the responsible office due to the Bursar's Office changing their name.

Committee Vote:

The committee approved the policy to be tabled.

New Business – First Reading - Revised:

3. Policy on Access to and Use of campus Property and Facilities 1:019

Dominy made a motion to approve the policy for first reading with changes noted below and Amed seconded the motion. Robinson opened the policy up for discussion.

Discussion:

Policy was revised due to the Free Speech Act. This policy may need to be separated into two policies as well. Robinson will get with Dannelle Whiteside to see about splitting the policy into two policies due to the rule being a part of the policy. On page 3, university wide needs to have a hyphen. On page 5, number 3, AV needs to be spelled out to say “audio visual (AV)”.

The free speech act section is unclear. Clarification is needed on whether what is being referred to is the law or the policy.

A statement about reasonable threat of violence needs to be added on page 5 under number 7.

Committee Vote:

The committee approved the policy for first reading.

4. Campus Facility Master Plan 1:026 (previously 4:005)

Amed made a motion to approve the policy for first reading and Dominy seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Board has to approve master plan and this is why the policy is being moved. In the policy statement “enrollment” is spelled wrong. Robinson will check to make sure the policy is in compliance with THEC.

Committee Vote:

The committee approved the policy for first reading.

5. Student Rights and Freedoms 3:001

Jones made a motion to approve the policy for first reading with changes noted below and Dominy seconded the motion.

Discussion:

The policy statement needs to be revised. The revision will read:

“It is the policy of Austin Peay State University to exist for the transmission of knowledge, the pursuit of truth, the development of students, and the general well-being of society. Free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the attainment of these goals. As members of the academic community, students should be encouraged to develop the capacity for critical judgment and to engage in a sustained and independent search for truth. Minimal standards of academic freedom of students outlined below are essential to any community of scholars.”

Discussion about reasoned exception. Discussion was also had about item B, 1, b because it is not referring to in the classroom like the heading states. The heading will be changed to “In the Classroom or on Campus.”

Committee Vote:

The committee approved the policy for first reading with changes noted above.

6. Sexual Violence and Stalking 6:001

Byrd made a motion to approve the policy for first reading and Amed seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Website links are broken and need to be fixed. The only thing that changed in the policy was the Ard building location.

There was a discussion about the definition of stalking and the term “reasonable.” Also, there was a question about if the policy could be simplified. The purpose and the policy statement need to be flipped. On page 22, State Coalition can be combined so there is only one link. There also needs to be general numbers and emails instead of specific people’s names and email addresses.

Committee Vote:

The committee approved the policy for first reading.

7. Discrimination and Harassment Complaints (other than Complaints of Sexual Violence and Stalking) – Complaint and Investigation Procedure 6:004

Jones made a motion to approve the policy for first reading and Amed seconded the motion.

Discussion:

The policy statement needs to be revised and the links in the policy need to be checked. There has been a discussion about anti-bullying policy, but it should possibly go in the Employee Code of Conduct policy.

Committee Vote:

The committee approved the policy for first reading.

New Business – First Reading – New Policy:

8. Credit Hours 2:064

Gandy made a motion to approve the policy for first reading and Jones seconded the motion. Robinson opened the policy up for discussion.

Discussion:

Policy due to SACS. Credit hours needs to not be in caps. The purpose will be revised to read:
“For purposes of the application of this policy and in accord with federal regulations, a credit hour is an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement.”

Committee Vote:

The committee approved the policies for first reading.

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.