

Austin Peay State University
Faculty Senate
Meeting of Thursday, April 25, 2024
Morgan University Center, Room 307 | 3 pm
Minutes

Call to Order: Senate President Soma Banerjee

Recognition of Guests: Jane Semler, Perry Scanlan, Maria Cronley, Tucker Brown, Whitney Milliken, & Kris Philips

Roll Call of Senators: Senate Secretary pro tem Brandon Di Paolo Harrison

Absent Senators: Lisa Barron, Kristen Butler, Shani Collins-Woods, Philip Elike, Amanda Estep, Eva Gibson, Andrew Kostakis, Cheryl Lambert, & Deonte Warren

Approval of Today's Agenda: Motion made, seconded, and passed by majority vote

Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2024 Meeting: Motion made, seconded, and passed by majority vote

Remarks:

1. Senate President Dr. Soma Banerjee (5 minutes): President Banerjee provided information on upcoming university events.
2. Faculty Spotlight Dr. Harold Young (10 minutes): Dr. Young presented on British North American Colonies and British Honduras
 - a. Moment of Silence
 - i. Beverly Boggs
3. University Provost, Dr. Maria Cronley (10 minutes): Dr. Cronley provided updates on enrollment applications and admitted students (up 7%). She also stated that year-over-year retention is up 4%. She gave an update on the SACSCOC on-site review, which gave us a preliminary grade of 100%. This is the first time in about 30 years that APSU has not had a finding. She spoke on the Day of Service.

Q1: A day of instruction is down and if this is a Monday only class, how do we handle issues with Census Day?

A1: AA is working on this and further information will be communicated out.

Q2: What is the reason for it being the first day of the semester?

A2: It is a presidential initiative and that is the day that was chosen.

Motion was made and seconded to extend time.

Q3: Is it possible for a whole class to participate and to require it?

A3: That is possible and you can reach out to Kat Bailey to coordinate that.

Q4: So, are we required to not have class?

A4: Classes 8:00-4:00 will not meet, but classes after that time and online will meet.

4. APSU Student Trustee to the Board and THEC Student Commissioner, Jacob Knight (5 minutes)
5. Vice President of Alumni, Engagement and Philanthropy and Executive Director of APSU Foundation, Kristopher Phillips (10 minutes): Kris gave an update on AEP, who we are, etc.

New Business

1. Policies (Action Item) presented by Uma Iyer.

- 2:002 Research (Faculty, Staff and/or Student) Involving Human Subjects (These changes reflect the office in charge of this process).
- 2:003 Continuing Education Units (This change is being made due to the change in the name of the office).
- 2:004 Non-Credit Activities (This policy is being rescinded due to the fact that the information is adequately covered in policy 2:003).
- 2:007 Research Involving Animals (There are no changes to this policy, it is being reviewed as part of the cycle for this year).
- 2:029 Articulation Agreements (Minor wording change).
- 2:031 Permanent, Semi-Permanent, Inter-Institutional and Off-Campus Instructional Facilities (There are no changes to this policy, it is being reviewed as part of the cycle for this year).
- 2:032 Program Accreditation (Updating information).
- 2:060 Indirect Cost and Salary Recovery (This change reflects a change in title).
- 2:061 Time and Effort Reporting for Grant-sponsored Activities (Minor formatting change).
- 2:059 Sponsored Research Incentive Program (This change reflects a name deletion and updating information)

- 2:030 Learning Support (several deletions, and formatting changes)

- 2:053 Annual Faculty Evaluation Review (These changes are due to the process now flowing through Watermark and some suggestions from Faculty RTP Policy Committee).
- 2:063 Policy on Academic Promotion (These changes are being made to reflect the time in rank required for promotion and address the procedure for promotion of Instructors and some suggestions from Faculty RTP Policy Committee).

A motion to approve these policies was made, duly seconded, and passed unanimously.

2. UCC updates. (5 minutes): Manisha provided an update from the February and March UCC meetings.
3. Faculty Senate Nominations Committee. (3 minutes): Perry Scanlan thanked Mickey Wadia and Kristen Butler for service on the committee. He recapped the new process for the elections based on the updates to the bylaws. Perry presented the Faculty Senate Executive Committee slate to senate.
4. SASI committee. (3 minutes): Dr. Amusan provided an update on the work of the SASI committee. The committee received \$140,000 in funding requests, but only had \$55,100 in funding.
5. Staff Service Award. (3 minutes): Terri Clark presented this award to Whitney Milliken.
6. Faculty Pulse Survey. (5 minutes): Dr. Iyer gave an update on the survey.

Adjourn: Motion made, seconded, and passed by majority vote