

Faculty Senate Meeting

Roll Call

Elaine Berg, Bradley Best, Kell Black, Rhonda Bryant, Elaine Busey, Michelle Butts, Art Carpenter, Roger Clark, Jim Diehr, Sue Evans, Dan Frederick, Gloria Gharavi, Richard Gildrie, Mark Hunter, Dierdre Jackson, Barry Kitterman, Susan Koch, Ramon Magrans, Mark Michael, Bruce Myers, Robert Robison, Miguel Ruiz, Aviles, Adel Salama, Greg Steinberg, Jaime Taylor, Mary Lou Witherspoon, Faye Zeigler

Motion to approve October minutes by Sen. Gildrie, 2nd by Sen. Michael

Approved on voice vote.

Motion to approve November Minutes Sen. Kitterman, 2nd by ?

Approved on voice vote.

Announcements

Dr. Hoppe:

Happy Holidays

Sen. Gildrie: How was our image improved?

Things went very well. The regents were impressed by the reception they received.

The proposals before the Board all passed.

- Remedial to Community Colleges within a five year period.

Developmental courses will be funded at the Community College level.

There will be a cap of 120 hours for a baccalariate degree.

We will move to a system-wide common calendar.

Pay raises will be included in the December checks.

VP Speck

Defers to VP Adams to explain the summer school funding formula.

VP Adams

I will go through the formula for funding the summer school budgets...

Last year all departments were held harmless

[insert Bob's commentary here]

If you had a big drop in enrollment in, say 2000, then it went up some in 2001, you still may have a net loss of enrollment, then you will have a lower three year average. If staffing changes, you may have a drop if higher paid faculty leave and new faculty are hired at a lower salary, then you may have a lower faculty salary average. Some departments have a higher number of classes and students, but the classes are at lower division level – there may still be a lower allocation to your department.

Sen. Taylor – what if a department drops out of teaching summer school for a couple of cycles and then wants to get back into it?

Speck – There is an example of that. We don't have a lot of rules for that, but we will try to get the money to jump-start that.

Sen. Michael – suppose that all of the courses have been filled over the past summers, will you still be able to have the same number of classes?

VP Adams – Yes, for history in this instance, you will have the same budget

But that is not necessarily so for all departments in that situation.

Sen. Withspoon – What is the status of entrepreneurial courses?

VP Speck – The Deans' Council will discuss that at the beginning of the year.

Pres. Hoppe – If the dept has already met the target, we will try to meet the needs and let sections open.

Sen. Myers – Asked about averages, senior faculty, and temporary faculty.

VP Adams – responded appropriately.

Sen. Myers – if you count them in the average, they will pull the average down.

Hoppe – we did the 3 year rolling average to help depts.. the goal is to allocate the resources to where the student credit hours are being created.

Sen. Diehr – with senior faculty opting to not teach, that could lower the average

Adams – the formula does not look at who is teaching, but at the average of all the faculty

Sen. Salama – sp ii is summer at fc. Is the same thing applied to fc?

Adams – this particular budget has no impact on fc – it is separate from any of this?

Sen. Witherspoon – We have no problem maxing out lower division classes, but a hard time with upper. It seems that the formula should

Sen. Michaels – How much have you allocated to the ss budget

VP Adams – \$1.67m the same as last yr + 3.5%.

Pres. Hoppe we need to make sure that we don't manipulate the class offering, to just offer graduate or upper level classes. We need to meet the needs of our students first.

VP Adams – If we can grow our summer school budget, I hope that we will be able to offer more sections. It is not something that we can just do out of the gate.

Pres. Hoppe – we need to grow all of the terms, including the summer.

Sen. Hunter – Deans' Council

Taking a note from VP Speck, I have nothing to report. [General approval all around.]

Pres. Robison – TBR Faculty Subcouncil. I was asked to be a part of a subcouncil conference call that Sen. Griffy could not attend. I was able to attend because I had a lab scheduled then. There were four items that were brought up:

1. Concern primarily from Community Colleges on reducing five hour courses in DSP to 3 hour courses in the Developmental Studies Program.
2. Development of classroom plans and curricular changes with little faculty input to the board.
3. The total lack of any negatives from the report in *Defining our Future*. If you sit down and look at it, there are some draconian suggestions in it – quite a few negatives. The most vocal group was from folk who are concerned about consolidating programs.
4. The creation of the Instructor position. I brought it up and everyone was concerned, including the Community College people.

I had to then leave and get back to my lab.

I talked to our State Senator and she will come on our campus in December and I want her to see the leaky roofs, the condition of the Trahern Building, the vast emptiness of

the McCord Building, and other physical plant problems that we have on campus. I want her to know that we are not awash in money here at Austin Peay.

No Old Business

New Business

Sen. Hunter distributed revisions to 5:010. There was considerable consternation on the faces of a few senators. Pres. Robison suggested that we have a look at the suggested changes over the holidays and then we can consider our response in the January meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Sen. Deiehr. No second and no vote, the senate evacuated in record time and we finished in under an hour at 4:22 p.m.

Happy Holidays to all.