

Dean's Council Notes
July 27, 2005

Greg Kaufmann introduced himself. He is the director of the Institute of Global Security. His office is in the Browning building.

Ed Davis from the Office of Grants passed out an RFP for two grants from THEC for "Improving Teacher Quality Grants." The commission is sponsoring two types of projects through a General Competition and a Capacity Building Competition. A person/group can apply for both grants but can only accept one if wins both. APSU can submit up to 10 proposals. All proposals must be submitted to the Grants office by Sept 19th for review. The Grants office is also willing to assist in writing/working on grant proposals. For more information on the grant competition, go to <http://www.tennessee.gov/thec> . The grants are valued at \$75,000 and \$150,000 each. To assist in these grants, William Arnold from THEC will be visiting the campus for a workshop on the RFP for the Improving Teacher Quality Grant scheduled for Monday, August 22, 2005 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.

Dr. Pinder passed out an updated copy of the handbook and guidelines for the New Faculty Mentoring program. There was some discussion on the section on qualifications for the role of Mentor. Wording was changed to say "Suggested qualifications..." After discussion, the Dean's approved the document and it is to be passed onto the Faculty Senate.

A policy change was made concerning extra compensation and reassign time (5:028). The policy will now state:

3. When a faculty member receives [reassign] release time, he or she is not eligible for extra compensation unless approved by the appropriate dean.
4. Academic unit heads on 12-month contracts may only received extra compensation for classes taught outside of the scheduled workday.

Former sections 2, 3, 5 have been deleted and section 4 has been renumbered to #2.

Dr. McQueen's Academic Advising Assessment form that was passed out at Dean's Council of July 13th, came back with Dean suggested modification. This form was approved by the council and will now go to the Faculty Senate.

Barbara Phillips reported from the TBR Student Sub-council meeting. Big issues discussed included allowing or banning smoking in campus residence halls (no decisions made, just discussions); revisions to lottery scholarships (student can get a one-time only retaking of a class without the first attempt counting in the final GPA); and how crimes are reported on campus (different laws say different things).

Deborah Fetch reported on Turnitin.com as a potential plagiarism fighting tool for the campus. Her summary is:

- Most effective when used as one tool in a comprehensive program to promote academic honesty
- Requires faculty buy-in
- Should address legal and ethical concerns prior to implementing
- Shows potential as a teaching tool
- Not a replacement for good pedagogy
- Needs to be used wisely.

A license for the campus for Turnitin.com would cost \$6,550-\$14,000 annually. The Deans did not seem to think this would be a way to fight plagiarism.

Deborah Fetch also shared the library's material budget and departmental allocations. An attempt was made to show the new website the library will use to get book requests this year but the projector would not work correctly. A Faculty Development session on the website will be done on August 23rd in the afternoon for all department faculty liaisons to the library during the sessions after the Faculty meeting on that day (Day of Convocation/Service awards and University picnic).

Applications for the HR Director position have been received. Mitch Robinson will be the person the HR Director reports to.