

AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
August 26, 2004

President William Rayburn called the meeting to order at 3:50 pm

Roll Call – Senator Carmen Reagan

- Present: Senators Christian, Clark, Filippo, Foote, Franks, Goldstone, Gupton, Henderson, Hogan, Jator, Kenney, King, Lane, Magrans, Mauer, Menser, Newport, Perdew, Prescott, Rainey, Rayburn, Reagan, Robinson, Rocheleau, Shephard, Snyder, Silverberg, Vanarsdel; Ex Officio Members Griffy, Winters.
- Absent: Blake, Eaves, Halbeck, Hodge, Kimmerly, Myers, Tracey

Welcome – President William Rayburn

Approval of Agenda - Motion moved and approved

Approval of April Minutes – Motion moved and approved

Remarks and Questions

APSU President Sherry Hoppe

- Minors in the classroom. How to inform students via syllabus, web, etc.
- Allocation of additional funding due to increases in enrollment: first goes to pay for adjuncts, then full-time temps; early enrollment figures allowed us to add 5 full-time faculty positions; then funds are set aside until spring and then re-budgeted for next year. Salary plan is also dependent upon enrollment increase and impacts when the plan will be retroactive.
- Smoking policy. Need for an announcement about new policy adopted by Cabinet - that smoking could not be within a certain number of feet from building and not at a main entrance. Dr. Hoppe will put on announcement on the web and will ask Dr. Meningall to also inform students.

APSU Vice President Bruce Speck

- Tenure and promotion workshops have been held
- Bookstore committee of 3 people will meet within two weeks to address the confusion and problems.
- Status of full time advisors: 2 have been hired and are working in concert with Harriett McQueen. They are located in Career Planning and Placement

Reports

- TBR Sub Council Report – Ex Officio Senator Loretta Griffy
 - Board discussed lottery issues including effect of migration from community colleges and impact on grade appeals.
 - Board starting a new academic leadership program to groom individuals for leadership roles.
 - 57% RODP students are not enrolled on campus anywhere.
 - Some institutions (such as Drexel) are requiring first time freshmen to take an on-line course to help them learn how to communicate on-line and to be more successful in on-line courses.
 - 5-10 year visioning plan – board has a web site on this
 - Honorary degrees are not allowed now but a state-wide committee will be formed to address if we should, when, etc; will be at all institutions including community colleges.
 - General education core has consumed a lot of discussion; working on UT system to get on board to have a seamless system; UTK has some issues but others are making progress. There is a technical glitch committee to look at glitches – some issues relate to institutions selecting own courses within categories; RODP has it own core including Math 1130, which does not meet our APSU core.

- Report is on senate web site
- Dean's Council Report – Senator Sean Hogan
 - Dean's notes are also on web site.
 - During the five meetings held since May, discussions included timely reporting of grades, role of new Director of Grants and Sponsored Programs, new data bases in Library, course syllabi, student academic grievance procedures, faculty research forums, personnel processes, and lottery scholarships.

Old Business

- New Faculty Senate Constitution was ratified and will place 2004-2005
- Emergency Preparedness Policy – President Rayburn recommended that he and Ann Silverberg review the policy and submit for approval at September meeting. His recommendation was accepted.
- Minors on campus will be reviewed through committee.
- Salary Equity Plan – Senate will look at pros and cons of equity alternatives

New Business

- Freshman Year Experience – Senator Robert Robison. Our plan is to be intrusive about reading, homework, advising; a lot of things will be done to have a positive impact on students and APSU; no others campuses in TN doing this except as an option; ours is required of all freshman students.
- Tenure/Promotion Task Force – Discussion of new TBR/APSU policy included history of new policy, types of changes, and key issues that were addressed. APSU response became a model in the system. Dossiers must now include a teaching philosophy. TBR is preparing a terminal degree list for each schools review and response. There are no major changes of substance.
- Senate Organization – President William Rayburn distributed a list of Senate committees and assigned the Academic White Committee to study the minors on campus policy and the Budget Committee to study the salary equity alternatives.

Other

- Announcement – John and Tom Moseley's father passed away suddenly
- Motion made and approved to allow guests to participate in discussions.
- Senate meeting time. Some have a conflict with 3:50. We will look at this again but will meet at 3:50 in September.

Motion to adjourn – made and approved

Minutes Submitted by Carmen Reagan, Secretary