



**Faculty Senate  
Minutes of the Executive Committee**

**Presiding:** W. Pat Travis

**Date:** September 20, 2022

**Secretary:** R. Jeffrey Thieme

**Members Present:** W. Pat Travis (President), DeAnna Owens-Mosby (President-Elect), Jill A. Dapremont (Past-President), R. Jeffrey Thieme (Secretary), Jeffrey G. Marchetta (Parliamentarian), Jeni Loftus (At-Large), and Mark Sunderman (At-Large).

**Members Absent:** None.

**Guests:** David Kemme (Faculty Trustee).

The meeting was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, via the Zoom video conferencing platform due to restrictions imposed in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

**09.20.22.01 Call to Order**

President Pat Travis called the virtual meeting of the Faculty Senate (FS) Executive Committee (EC) to order with a quorum at 2:40 pm.

**09.20.22.02 Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as written.

**09.20.22.03 Approval of Minutes  
(Executive Committee – August 23, 2022)**

The minutes of the August 23, 2022, Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting were approved as written.

**09.20.22.04 President's Report**

President Travis reported that President-elect DeAnna Owens is attending the Monday University President's Council informational meetings. The Executive Committee has begun monthly meetings with the President and the Provost. Past-president Jill Dapremont is serving on the President's Strategic Planning Committee. Secretary Jeff Thieme is serving on the Search Committee for Provost.

**09.20.22.05 New Business**

***Terra Smith, College of Health Sciences, needs to be replaced as member of the Undergraduate Coordinating Council***

President Travis reported that the FS needs a new representative on the University Undergraduate Council.

***A new Chair of the Committee on Committees needs to be voted on by the Senate***

President Travis reported that the FS will be voting on a member to replace the vacancy left on the Committee on Committees by the departure of Brennan Berg.

***The Research Committee needs to make a recommendation to the Senate on the University Policy on Intellectual Property***

President Travis to inform the Committee to bring forth a recommendation motion on the university's policy on intellectual property.

***Charge to Administrative Policies Committee***

President Travis brought up the charge to the Administrative Policies Committee (See Appendix). The Executive Committee (EC) agreed to charge the Committee.

***David Kemme, Faculty Trustee***

Faculty Trustee David Kemme reported that everyone on the Board of Trustees (BoT) is learning University President Bill Hardgrave's style. He is making some improvements to the procedures of the BoT in terms of scheduling and distributing materials. He encourages everyone to participate in strategic planning process. He met with University President Hardgrave for over an hour as a Trustee to discuss strategic planning. He believes that University President Hardgrave is very serious about the plan. The plan will be presented in the March BoT meeting for discussion and possible approval. He expects significant changes to the structure of the university as part of the strategic plan. University President Hardgrave is providing a 5–10 minute briefing session to the BoT in executive session as a "look ahead" for issues that may be coming. He requested to be on the FS agenda to solicit questions from Senators but has no formal report.

The EC agreed to add Trustee Kemme to be on the agenda to answer any questions Senators may have.

Past-president Jill Dapremont reported on the Strategic Planning Committee. The timeline calls for listening sessions to be completed by the end of September. The Committee will begin putting together the mission and vision with input from Committee members in October. Then Tim Becker (consultant) will create a draft plan in December. The Committee will review the draft plan in early spring.

***FS Agenda***

The EC agreed on an edited agenda for the September 27 FS meeting.

President-elect Owens reported on the President's Council meeting. Campus safety reported on the national trend of Hyundai and Kias being stolen. The University will purchase wheel lock kits for students with Hyundais and Kias. There was a \$5.5 million dollar commitment to the Dunavant Foundation, with 3.3M going to supply chain issues. The Academic Integrity Committee starts next week. There have been some delays in the opening of some buildings including Sprague Hall on the Lambuth campus, the STEM building, and the Scheidt building. There has been some discussion about federal funding research being open access. Dr. Jasbir Dhaliwal (Executive Vice President for Research and Innovation) is looking into that issue. The Student Government Association (SGA) is looking into starting and annual homecoming dance (off campus). Dr. Karen Weddle-West (VP Student Academic Success) announced that this is parents' weekend. There will be a parent reception hosted by the Provost Friday in the atrium of the Administration Building from 5:30-7:00. September 29 is discover your major day. There is an excellence in academic advising awards ceremony and luncheon on September 30. There is a statewide conference by the Tennessee Association for Student Success and Retention to be held October 5-7. There will be a COVID effects survey coming out soon.

**09.20.22.06 Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 pm.

## **Appendix**

### ***Administrative Policies Committee charge:***

Review dormitory safety policies and consult with campus safety in response to the suggestion below. Report findings to the Faculty Senate and propose motions as appropriate.

-----Submission Start-----

Subject: SMITH DORM

Name: Mrs. Howard

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Suggestion/comment:

I am a concerned parent of a student whom resides in SMITH Hall Dorm. With all of the unfortunate shooting that happened in Memphis, and kidnapping close to the University, may I ask why the SMITH Hall dorm is not locked all the time? Students should be required to use a card access at all times not just after a certain time. Once someone enters who is not a student anything can happen to the staff that sits in the front. Everyone should be kept safe. The season is changing and as you know it is dark much earlier. This is unacceptable, and if you all are not the committee I should voice my concern please direct me to the action takers. I appreciate you listening.

-----Submission End-----