



The University of Memphis

Faculty Senate

Presiding: John R. Petry

Secretary: Larry W. Houk

Senators Present: Mary V. Battle, Cynthia Bond-Hopson, Alan Bush, John A. Campbell, David W. Case, Cheryl A. Cox, Carol M. Eady, Richard D. Evans, James Chumney, Graves E. Enck, John W. Hanneken, Khan M. Iftekharuddin, Gene G. James, Satish K. Kedia, Roger J. Kreuz, Erno Lindner, O. Richard Lightsey, Thomas E. Mason, Christopher E. Matz, Sheryl A. Maxwell, Roger W. Meier, John T. Mueller, Gang Qi, Caroline Royal-Evans, Robert J. Scoff, Leslie S. Scruggs, Jerry R. Sparger, Stanley E. Stevens, Patricia M. Stevens Irvin L. Tankersley, Howard S. Tu.

Senators Absent: Wilford A. Alston, David N. Lumsden, H. Richard Mahood, Michael O'Nele, James Penrod (explained), Thomas Stafford, Joan D. Thomas and Mate' Wierdl.

T.B.R. Rep: Charles J. Biggers (absent)

The three hundred and thirtieth (330th) meeting of The University of Memphis Faculty Senate was held Tuesday, October 5, 2004, in Senate Chamber, 404, University Center.

10.05.04:01 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m., with a quorum being present.

10.05.04:02 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was modified to show Dr. Rosie Bingham as guest speaker in lieu of Ralph Faudree. However, Dr. Shirley Raines, President, and Dr. Ralph Faudree, Provost, were in attendance and offered additional information regarding the administration decision on Rock the Vote as it relates to academic freedom.

10.05.04:03 GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Rosie Bingham, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, spoke on the topic "Academic Freedom (Rock the Vote)". She talked about the administration's (President, Provost, and Dean of Students) joint decision to not support the Rock the Vote bus tour. In order to host Rock the Vote, The University of Memphis had to incur substantial costs (i.e. security, advertising, traffic, etc.) and most importantly invasion of student privacy in accepting the corporate sponsors that were part of the event. The University decided that it was not appropriate to host such an event but felt that internally it could accomplish the important privilege to all students of registering to vote. The Coca-Cola

Corporation was not a significant factor in the administration's decision making. A brief question and answer session followed.

10.05.04:04 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 7, 2004, were approved as written with a clarification statement to follow.

10.05.04:05 GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. David Cox, Executive Assistant to President Shirley Raines, presented a power-point presentation on the TBR Strategic Planning Process. Dr. Cox spoke about the measurement tools and the university task force structure, which include the deans and chairs. A calendar of critical milestones regarding the process will be posted on the university president's web page. He entertained suggestions regarding the strategic plan. Senators were provided a hard copy of the power-point presentation.

10.05.04:06 OLD BUSINESS

Senator M. Battle discussed her review of the Faculty Handbook. She reminded senators that an initial review of the draft version of the Faculty Handbook was performed by her and 2003-04 Faculty Senate President, David Ciscel, during the spring 2004. Her current review is of the final version of the Faculty Handbook, which is on-line. Printed copies of the handbook are no longer available. Senate President, J. Petry stated that no changes will be made to the sections of the Faculty Handbook on Tenure and Promotion until the Tenure and Promotion process is finished, per his conversations with Provost Faudree.

10.05.04:07 NEW BUSINESS

The Tennessee Association of Faculty Senates was discussed. The association's purpose is to address common problems in the state faced by all senates. President Petry will keep the senate informed about the association.

10.05.04:08 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. The Senate President met with President Raines and Provost Faudree. Discussed with both of them were the Administrative Retreat and the Faculty Handbook.
2. The Executive Committee members of the Faculty Senate attended the 2004 Administrative Retreat. The agenda for the Administrative Retreat will be shared with the senators.
3. The proposed COIA Academic Integrity Policy on Athletic was discussed (e-mails). The local AAUP President, Robert Frankle, also provided information on the integrity policy concerning athletics.
4. The Faculty Ombudsperson is close to being selected by Provost Faudree. There are two final candidates for the position. The selection will probably occur before the end of October.

5. Three candidates were interviewed for the position of Vice President of Advancement.

10.05.04:09 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – J. Petry

The Executive Committee had no business to bring before the Faculty Senate.

Committee on Committees – S. Stevens

The Committee on Committees nominated John Petry to serve on the TBR Strategic Planning Implementation. He replaced Rick Fisher, previous nominee who had to reject the nomination. The motion passed.

The Committee on Committees nominated the following faculty members to serve on Business and Finance standing committees:

Facilities and Services Committee (4 nominations)

Thomas E. Glass, Leadership (N)
Stanley E. Hyland, School of Urban Affairs & Public Policy (N)
Hsiang-Te Kung, Earth Sciences (N)
Martin E. Lipinski, Civil Engineering (N)

Fee/Refund Appeals Committee (5 nominations)

Cynthia Bond-Hopson, Journalism (S)
James R. Chumney Jr., History (S)
Lewis B. Coons, Microbiology (N)
Robert Kozma, Mathematical Sciences (N)
William T. Smith II, Economics (N)

Public Records Committee (4 nominations)

Martha P. Brown, Biology (N)
Robert T. Ivey, University Libraries (N)
James M. Lukawitz, Accountancy & BLS (N)
Tommie L. Norris, Nursing (N)

Traffic and Parking Authority Committee (4 nominations)

Kathryn S. Hawes, Academic Affairs (N)
Pamela R. Palmer, University Libraries (N)
David L. Appleby, Communication (N)
Michele Alexandre, School of Law (N)

Legend: “S” denotes Faculty Senate senator; “N” denotes non-senator

The motion to approve the nominations passed. The Business and Finance office will make the final selection for membership on the standing committees.

Academic Policies Committee – P. Stevens

The Academic Policies Committee was cited in error as having business to bring before the senate due to a typographical error. Consequently, the committee had no business to bring before the Faculty Senate.

Academic Support Committee – M. Wierdl

The Academic Support Committee had no business to bring before the Faculty Senate.

Administrative Policies Committee – -W. Alston

The Administrative Policies Committee had no business to bring before the Faculty Senate.

Faculty Policies Committee – -C. Eady

The Faculty Policies Committee had no business to bring before the Faculty Senate.

Library Policies Committee – -C. Matz

The Library Policies Committee provided status on the committee's charges before the Faculty Senate.

Research Policies Committee – -R. Lightsey

The Research Policies Committee had no business to bring before the Faculty Senate.

Ad hoc Committee Marcus Orr Faculty Senate Lecture in Higher Education – J. Penrod

Faculty Senate President J. Petry reported for J. Penrod, who was absent due to illness. The Marcus Orr Faculty Senate Lectureship in Higher Education: speaker, Dr. Alan E. Guskin will lecture on Monday, 25 October 2004 at 2 p.m. in Faulkner Lounge (311, University Center).

10.05.04:10 NEW BUSINESS

Senator M. Battle cited the remarks of Bob Adams from the minutes of April 16, 2004, TBR Faculty Sub-Council meeting. Excerpt from the minutes reads as follows: "Adams addressed the possibility of offering fee waivers to adjuncts for courses." No action was taken. Senator Battle made the following motion: The University of Memphis Faculty Sub-Council representative, Charles Biggers, put forth the issue of adjunct faculty members being allowed to take courses for free at the next meeting of the TBR Faculty Sub-Council. Discussion followed. Senator S. Maxwell made a motion to modify the main motion. The motion to modify the main motion was passed. The motion now reads: The Faculty Policies Committee investigate the possibility that Adjunct Faculty members be allowed to enroll in a course of their choice, free of charge whenever the course is not full. The motion passed.

10.05.04:11 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fall Faculty Colloquium will be held on Friday, October 8, from 1 – 5 p.m. at the FedEx Institute of Technology. Offices that interact with faculty will set up information tables on the second floor of the Institute to provide faculty with specific information about their offices or department.

Senator C. Royal-Evans (ASLP) provided information on the Adult Services for Standard English Training (ASSET) Program. She gave a summary on the program and cited the Center web page (www.ausp.memphis.edu/clinical.html) which states: This program is designed for adults with international accents or regional dialects who want to increase their proficiency in speaking Standard American English (SAE). Individual and group sessions provide instruction and speech activities with a focus on practical applications. Contact Caroline Royal-Evans at 678-5800 or aevans@memphis.edu. She provided each senator with a pamphlet on the program.

10.05.04:12 ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.