



The University of Memphis

Faculty Senate

Presiding: John R. Petry

Secretary: Larry W. Houk

Senators Present: Mary V. Battle, Cynthia Bond-Hopson, Alan J. Bush, John A. Campbell, David W. Case, Cheryl A. Cox, Carol M. Eady, James R. Chumney, Graves E. Enck, Khan M. Iftekharuddin, Satish K. Kedia, Roger J. Kreuz, O. Richard Lightsey, Erno Lindner, Thomas E. Mason, Christopher E. Matz, Sheryl A. Maxwell, Roger W. Meier, John T. Mueller, James Penrod, Alan W. Proffitt, Gang Qi, Caroline Royal-Evans, Leslie S. Scruggs, Stanley E. Stevens, Thomas Stafford, Irvin L. Tankersley, Joan D. Thomas and and Ma'te Wierdl.

Senators Absent: Wilford A. Alston, , Richard D. Evans, John W. Hanneken, Gene G. James , David N. Lumsden, H. Richard Mahood (explained), Michael S. O'Nele (explained), Jerry R. Sparger, Patricia M. Stevens, and Howard S. Tu.

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

The three hundred and thirty fourth (334th) meeting of The University of Memphis Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2005, in 404, University Center (Senate Chambers).

02.22.05:01 **CALL TO ORDER**

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

02.22.05:02 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was amended to add the nomination of Alan Proffitt to fill the vacant position on the UoM Policy and Review Board Committee.

02.22.05:03 **GUEST SPEAKER**

Mr. R. C. Johnson, spoke to the group about the status of athletics at the university. He provided the statistics on the grade point average (GPA) and graduation rate of the student athletes versus those of the athletes at the conference and national level. At the conclusion of his power point presentation Mr. Johnson opened the floor for a brief question and answer session.

02.22.05:04 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were approved as written.

02.22.05:05 ELECTION OF ONE AT-LARGE MEMBER TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. Alan W. Proffitt was self nominated to serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

A. Proffitt was elected by acclamation as a At-Large member of the Executive Committee for the 2004-05 academic year. NOTE: Election required to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Robert Scoff.

02.22.05:06 OLD BUSINESS

The latest revision of the status of charges was reviewed by the Senators.

02.22.05:07 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Senate President discussed the following issues:

- He met met with both President Raines and Provost Faudree to discuss the situation surrounding charges pending against student athlete, Jeremy Hunt. In addition, he stated that the Executive Committee of the Senate thoroughly discussed this issue also.
- President Petry and Provost Faudree discussed the resolution dealing with guidelines to raise funding for part-time faculty members.
- The Strategic Planning Taskforce will be meet this Friday. There are five (5) goals or actions associated with the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Planning Taskforce will continue to meet on a bi-weekly basis until the end of June to complete its work.
- The ad hoc General Education Committee will collaborate with the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) and make recommendations to the UCC. The UCC will have the final authority to accept or reject the ad hoc General Education Committee's recommendations.

- The Budget Hearing will be held in March. The hearings are scheduled as follows: March 4 academic area and March 8 non-academic areas. Call the Faculty Senate office if you wish to attend a session.
- President Petry introduced newly elected Senator Alan Proffitt to the Senate members. A. Proffitt was elected to fill the remaining term of former senator Robert Scoff.
- President Petry informed the Senate that President Raines' informal meeting titled, "First Friday," held in 317, University Center (Faculty Lounge), was most informative, and he encouraged the Senators to attend the sessions.

02.22.05:08 COMMITTEE'S REPORTS

Executive Committee - J. Petry

- The Executive Committee moved for the approval of two new charges for the senate standing committee.

The motion passed.

Committee on Committees - E. Stevens

The Committee on Committees moved to approve the nomination of the following faculty members to serve on the senate ad hoc General Education Committee.

The motion passed.

The Committee on Committees moved to approve the nomination of Alan Proffitt to serve on the ERP committee. The nomination was approved.

An additional motion was made, which now reads: Motion that the Information Technology representative should make a presentation to the Senate on the issues raised by transferring e-mail and calendar services to Microsoft Outlook/Exchange.

Academic Policies Committee - P. Stevens

The Academic Policies Committee provided a status report to the Senate on the committee's current actions taken on the plagiarism issue.

Academic Support Committee - M. Wierdl

The Academic Support Committee provided a status report to the Senate on the committee's current actions taken on the ERP as it relates to faculty members. The members via the Chair, M. Wierdl, had been corresponding (email) to the Vice President

of Information Technology/Chief Information Officer about the impact of the Outlook software on faculty members.

Administrative Policies Committee – W. Alston

The Administrative Policies Committee had no business to bring before the Faculty Senate other than its member, T. Stafford, commented on the proposed policy change titled, Children on Campus.

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 had no business to bring before the Faculty Senate. However, the committee did meet.

Research Policies Committee - R. Lightsey

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

02.22.05:09 OTHER COMMITTEES' REPORTS

Ad hoc Human Resources Committee – T. Stafford

Sen. T. Stafford informed the Senate that proposed the UoM policy titled Children on Campus had not been finalized as of this meeting. It is currently being reviewed by the UoM Policy and Review Board. Sen. A. Proffitt, a recent member of the PRB, stated that the policy had not yet been finalized.

02.22.05:10 FACULTY SUB-COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Charles Biggers

The Faculty Sub-Council Representative to the TBR shared information with and asked for comments from the Senators regarding the proposed Senate Bill 1117, An Act to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, relative to higher education. A

copy of the proposed bill had been shared electronically with the senators prior to the meeting, which resulted in a brief discussion and subsequent motion to respond in writing to the proposed bill. Senators J. Campbell and O. Richard Lightsey moved that Senate respond by writing a letter to TN Board of Regents Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Paula Short concerning the Faculty Senate's concerns about the introduction of SB 1117, which appears to destroy both the professor and student academic freedom rights. The letter will be a collaboration between senate representatives, J. Campbell and O. Richard Lightsey, and Robert Frankle, Charles Biggers, and Thomas Nenon. And content of said letter will be voted on by the Senate prior to distribution electronically to Dr. Short via C. Biggers, Faculty Sub-Council Representative, and internally by the Senate President to Provost Faudree and all faculty. **The motion passed.**

02.22.05:11 ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Petry announced that Provost Faudree shared with him a higher education document concerning the role of the Faculty Ombudsperson. The major area of discussion was the wording of certain parts of the document.

President Petry thanked Sen. R. Kreuz for his presentation of facts to the Executive Committee on the complaint concerning student athlete Jeremy Hunt.

02.22.05:12 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Attachments

1. Black Scholars Unlimited Faculty Award Program and Reception, February 23.
2. *Up Til Dawn*, fundraiser for St. Jude, main event, February 25-26.
3. Thomas Briggs Award nominations' deadline, Monday, February 28.
4. Senate response to Senate Bill 1117 (post production).

Larry Houk, Secretary