



## The University of Memphis

### Faculty Senate

**Presiding:** Sheryl A. Maxwell

**Date:** 10-4-05

**Secretary:** Teresa S. Dalle

**Senators Present:** Jan R. Acuff, Reza Banai, Jeffrey S. Berman, Cynthia Bond-Hopson, Jennifer A. Borek, Joel D. Bumgardner, Alan J. Bush, David W. Case, Teri L. Castelow, Chhabil Dass, Carol O. Eady, Robert J. Frankle, Gary K. Golightly, William H. Jermann, Gene G. James, Walter G. Kirkpatrick, O. Richard Lightsey, David N. Lumsden, H. Richard Mahood, Christopher E. Matz, Roger W. Meier, Sanjay R. Mishara, Alan W. Proffitt, Gang Qi, Jean-Pierre Reed, Leslie S. Scruggs, Thomas Stafford, Patricia M. Stevens, Stanley E. Stevens, Joan D. Thomas, Howard S. Tu

**Senators Present by Proxy:** Satish K. Kedia (Daniel C. Swan)

**Senators Absent:** Cheryl A. Cox (explained), Gene G. James, Robert E. McDonough, Vacant (Military Sciences ROTC), Albert A. Okunade (explained), Irvin L. Tankersley (explained), Lecolion Washington, and Ma'te Wierdl (explained)

**Representative to the Faculty Sub-council of the TBR:** Charles J. Biggers (Stanley E. Stevens)

#### 10.04.05.01 CALL TO ORDER

The President called the three hundred and thirty-ninth meeting of The University of Memphis Faculty Senate order in the M. Rose Theatre and Lecture Hall (Entertainment Lobby) at 2:40 p.m. on October 4, 2005, with a quorum present.

#### 10.04.05.02 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as written.

#### 10.04.05.03 PRESENTATION

Dr. John Petry, the 2004-05 Faculty Senate President, was presented a plaque in honor of his service. Dr. Petry reminded everyone of the important work of the Senate, noting that the implementation of a fall break at The University of Memphis was a result of the Senate's work.

#### 10.04.05.04 WELCOME

President S. Maxwell welcomed Dr. Roseann M. Mandziuk, an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow, to the University of Memphis and Faculty Senate meeting. The American Council on Education Fellowship is a leadership program in higher education. Dr. Maxwell also recognized Dr. David N. Cox, Executive Assistant to Dr. Shirley Raines.

#### 10.04.05.05 GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Donald R. Franceschetti, Professor of Physics and Interim Director of Learning Communities program, discussed the QEP, the Quality Enhancement Plan, a SACS requirement to enhance student learning. Georgia State University's plan is the model for The University of Memphis. According to the model, students enroll in CLC, a curricular learning community. Dr. Franceschetti explained that each learning community

will involve a cohort of about 25 first-time students who will be registered together for typically three three-credit courses and a one-hour freshman seminar, organized around a theme. The program is scheduled to begin in the 2006-07 academic year. The program needs support and will require faculty training and a faculty advisory board. Dr. Franceschetti announced that a workshop would be held on Tuesday, October 11, from 1-4 in the FedEx Institute to introduce faculty to the program. A representative from Georgia State, Dr. Nannette Commander, will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Franceschetti answered a number of questions and concerns concerning the learning communities. President S. Maxwell recommended that senators share with their faculty colleagues the PowerPoint on QEP that will be sent out as an attachment to each senator.

#### **10.04.05.06 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of September 6, 2005, were approved as written.

#### **10.04.05.07 RESIDENT REPORT**

1. Meeting with President Raines and Provost Faudree:
  - a. Disability & Rehabilitation Science (continuance). Dr. Chrisann Schiro-Geist, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs would like to speak on the model under discussion.
  - b. Library Concerns (budget and holdings) President S. Maxwell met with Dr. Sylverna Ford, Dean of University Libraries and shared concerns of the faculty. There is currently no Senate charge concerning the library.
2. Information Awareness (communication)—President S. Maxwell shared concerns about communication problems that affect faculty.
3. Other Concerns—There was some discussion on the university's role in helping those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

#### **10.04.05.08 REPORT OF THE POLICY REVIEW BOARD (PRB)**

Children on Campus (UM Policy Revision) –Sen. A. Proffitt discussed the Children on Campus policy and noted that it is being written in such a way that the language is more positive. The policy is now up for signatures.

Intellectual Property (new draft 9/26/05)—A committee meeting will be held next Monday, October 10, to discuss the issue. The Policy Review board has put the policy into template.

#### **10.04.05.09 REPORT OF TN BOARD OF REGENTS (TBR) REPRESENTATIVE**

President S. Maxwell announced that there will be a meeting on October 22 and that agenda items can be emailed to Sen. E. Stevens. Sen. E. Stevens is serving as proxy for Charles Biggers this semester.

#### **10.04.05.10 FACULTY SENATE'S STANDING COMMITTEES (6) REPORTS**

President S. Maxwell discussed the distribution of charges for the various standing committees. A chart of the charges was made available in the agenda. It was noted that the T&P charge to the Faculty Policies Committee was a new charge.

#### **10.04.05.11 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

##### **Committee on Committees—E. Stevens**

Sen. E. Stevens stated that the Committee on Committees has a pool of nominees for the Faculty Tenure and Promotion Appeals committee and standing committees for the Division of Business and Finance, but it is not yet finalized. The committee selects nominees for university committees when asked to do so.

##### **Faculty Policies Committee—J. Berman**

Sen. J. Berman discussed the Faculty Policies Committee's work on the charge of Faculty Decision Making. He stated that after reviewing several documents his committee found that faculty participation has been inadequate. A brief discussion followed. It was requested that the committee's written report be sent to the senators for review. Sen. J. Berman agreed to send the written report via email.

#### **10.04.05.12 MARCUS ORR FACULTY SENATE LECTURESHIP IN HIGHER EDUCATION—T. Dalle, Chairperson**

Sen. T. Dalle stated that a call for committee members and speaker nominations had gone out to the faculty with good response. She moved for approval of the four members of the committee: Jeffrey Berman (senator), Cary Holladay (non-senator), John Petry (non-senator), and Robert Scoff (non-senator). The motion was approved. The Committee will meet on October 5.

#### **10.04.05.13 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Shirley Raines' First Friday Forum will be held at 1 pm in room 317, University Center (Faculty Lounge). The forum is open to all topics.

The Fall 2005 Faculty Research Colloquium on Hazards and Preparedness will be held on Monday, October 10 in the FedEx Institute.

The Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Learning Communities Workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 11 with locale and time to be announced.

The next Senate meeting will be in room 201, Manning Hall (Auditorium) on Tuesday, November 1.

The Senate was reminded again of the upcoming decommission of web pages on the server: people.memphis.edu to be effective in the calendar year ending 2005.

#### **10.04.05.14 ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.