



The University of Memphis

Faculty Senate

Presiding: Sheryl A. Maxwell

Secretary: Teresa S. Dalle

Senators Present: Jan R. Acuff, Reza Banai, Jeffrey S. Berman, Joel D. Bumgardner, Alan J. Bush, David W. Case, Teri L. Castelow, Cheryl A. Cox, Chhabil Dass, Theresa S. Dalle, Carol O. Eady, Robert J. Frankle, Gary K. Golightly, Gene G. James, William H. Jermann, Walter G. Kirkpatrick, O. Richard Lightsey, David N. Lumsden, H. Richard Mahood, Christopher E. Matz, Robert E. McDonough, Roger W. Meier, Sanjay R. Mishra, Albert A. Okunade, Alan W. Proffitt, Jean-Pierre Reed, Leslie S. Scruggs, Thomas Stafford, Stanley E. Stevens, Irvin L. Tankersley, Joan D. Thomas, Howard S. Tu, and Lecolion Washington

Senators Present by Proxy: James T. Campbell (Paul Balister)

Senators Absent: Jennifer A. Borek, Vacant (Journalism), Satish K. Kedia (Daniel C. Swan), Gang Qi, Patricia M. Stevens, and Vacant (Military Sciences ROTC)

Representative to the Faculty Sub-council of the TBR: Charles J. Biggers (absent, explained)

03.21.06.01 CALL TO ORDER

The President called to order the three hundred and forty-fourth meeting of The University of Memphis Faculty Senate in the University Center, 404 (Senate Chambers) at 2:45 p.m. on March 31, 2006, with a quorum present.

03.21.06.02 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Faculty Senate President, S. Maxwell moved to change the agenda to accommodate the guest speakers and the Committee on Committees. The Committee on Committees election will be held after the guests speakers. The agenda was approved with the changes.

03.21.06.03 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Faculty Senate minutes for February 14, 2006 were approved, with the addition of both Senators, R. Meier (by proxy) and L. Scruggs as present.

03.21.06.04 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Executive Committee—S. Maxwell, stated that the Policy Review Board is considering two issues sent out in February that affect faculty— 1289, Faculty Promotions and 1290, Tenure. A. Proffitt stated that the administration is removing items from Policies and Procedures manual because policies are also in the Faculty Handbook. S. Maxwell stated that there is a move to separate policies from procedures.

Committee on Committee—S. Stevens stated that the only faculty member agreeing to serve on the University Center Advisory Committee is Nicole Robinson from Music. Dr. Robinson was nominated, and the Senate voted affirmatively.

Administrative Policies Committee – C. Cox

Sen. C. Cox reported that the committee's charge was looking at supplemental instruction (SI). Dr. Barbara Bekis, Educational Support Coordinator and SI supervisor, explained supplemental instruction and its procedures. Supplemental Instruction is provided to traditionally difficult courses, identified as courses in which 50% of the students receive D, F, or W. A former student successful in a course leads discussion groups outside class time. SI has been in place since 2001, and students participating in the program receive better grades. Dr. Bekis gave the Senate a list of courses that have been supported by SI. She explained that funding is not permanent and often provided only after courses start, so students needing SI do not always know about it. Courses, not faculty, are supported.

Marcus Orr Faculty Senate Lectureship in Higher Education – T. Dalle,

Sen. T. Dalle reported that John M. Barry successfully presented his talk to a large audience on Thursday, February 16, at 7 PM in the Rose Theater, preceded by a reception hosted by President Raines in the Rose Theater. The event was co-sponsored by a number of departments and individuals in and outside the university, allowing the committee to host a Wednesday night reception at the Galloway House and a small group question and answer session on Thursday. The committee will meet again this spring to plan for next year's speaker. President Maxwell stated that funding for next year would not change.

03.21.06.05 GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Houston Davis, TBR Associate Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Dr. M. Shah Jahan from the Physics Department Chair and Academic Audit Super Dude. NOTE: President S. Maxwell also served on the Panel.

TOPIC: Academic Audit (AA)-Question and Answer Session

A handout (power point presentation) about Academic Audit was given to all senators. Dr. Davis explained that there are two elements to AA: the self-study and the peer review. President S. Maxwell explained that Academic Audit is a peer review of teaching by those outside the university after a departmental self-study is completed. Dr. Davis stated that AA, in its second year, is intended as an alternative to review from an outside accrediting body. The review team looks at how well a department's self study worked to ensure that all aspects of the department are involved. Dr. Davis explained that some concerns about the role of research were being addressed. The committee is looking at adding an optional research area. He mentioned that so far no department had agreed to go through this. There was a question concerning course evaluation during the course rather than after. AA asks if there is a process in place to evaluate. President S. Maxwell stated that Dr. Jahan is a "super-dude," one of the first auditors. In response to a question of whether the AA is optional, Dr. Davis stated that all academic programs must go through some kind of review every five years. If there is an outside accrediting body, then there may be no need for AA, but there must be a program review, either AA or an external accrediting body. One question concerned the potential for a hybrid group, an inside team with an outside team. Dr. Davis said that there was such a possibility. He stated that AA is an audit of teaching processes, not a discipline review. The committee is now moving to having at least one person in the discipline. In response to a question

about follow-up, Dr. Davis stated that they would ask departments for a follow-up on recommendations. Dr. Davis can be reached by email: hdavis@tbr.state.tn.us

03.21.06.06 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President S. Maxwell again pointed out the Provost's response to a Senate charge on *Faculty Involvement in University Decision-Making*. A new committee is to be formed which would consist of five faculty chosen by the Senate and five by the Provost. There would be some chosen for one year, some for two years, and some for three years. Then the members would cycle through for a three-year term. The faculty would need to be tenured and be respected in their areas. Dr. Dan Poje, Asst. Vice Provost Academic Prog/Effectiveness, would head the committee.

University President, Dr. S. Raines discussed budget and is planning for growth and the need for priorities and alternative funding.

President S. Maxwell noted Dr. Wasilewski's letter in response to Instructional Technology issues, particularly Spectrum.

President S. Maxwell also announced that the Tennessee Faculty Senate presidents would meet in Murfreesboro on April 7.

03.21.06.07 NEW BUSINESS

D. Cox, Executive Assistant to the President at The University of Memphis, gave a Strategic Plan update. He stated that there was some delay of the rollout, but it should be out in two weeks. The role for the Strategic Plan is an on-going process for the institution. The President's Council wants Academic Affairs to identify priorities for moving forward; other divisions then determine how to help. The council will review priorities from the Task Force.

03.21.06.08 FACULTY SENATE'S STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

President S. Maxwell stated that the Senate needed to close out the charges to the committees. Each standing committee reports by April 11 on how shared governance affects each area. The question concerns the role of the Faculty Senate with shared governance. We are looking at other universities to see how shared governance is currently practiced as a participatory process.

Committee on Committee—E. Stevens said that the Senate needed to elect five persons to serve on the Provost's Academic Program Change Committee. The pool of candidates was nominated by the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees at its March 2006 meeting and by the Executive Committee. The committee would consist of five faculty members chosen by the Senate and five by the Provost. There would be some chosen for one year, some for two-years and some for three-years. Then the members would cycle through for a three-year term. President S. Maxwell asked the Senate to review the list of nominees from the various colleges (see attached list). President S. Maxwell requested a tellers committee. Senators D. Case and W. Jermann, volunteered as the tellers committee. The voting was accomplished by ballot; the results are reflected in the following tellers report:

First Round, Ballot #1:

College of Arts & Sciences: Charles J. Biggers (Biology) 15

College of Business & Economics: Wade M. Jackson (Management Information Systems) 22

College of Fine Arts & Communication: Walter G. Kirkpatrick (Communication) 20

College of Education: Sheryl A. Maxwell (ICL) 21

College of Engineering: Edward H. Perry (Mechanical Engineering) 18

Postscript: Memorandum from President S. Maxwell to Ralph Faudree, Provost, dated March 22, 2006, reflecting outcome of the election.

03.21.06.09 ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

The University of Memphis celebration of National Women History month continues. This year's theme is, "Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams (speaker, readings, movies and sporting events are planned to highlight each of the focus areas).

President Raines' First Friday Forum is April 7, 2006, at 1:00 p.m., Faculty Lounge (317, University Center)

Faculty Convocation will be held on April 21, 2006, 2- 4 p.m. in the Michael Rose Theatre Lecture Hall.

Vice Chancellor, Paula M. Short will visit with the UoM Faculty Senate, on April 25, 2006.

Staff Appreciate Day is May 11, 2006, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADJOURN (4:00 p.m.)