



Faculty Senate

Presiding: Stanley E. Stevens

Date: 3-20-07

Secretary: Teresa S. Dalle (explained, absent)

Senators Present: Jan R. Acuff, Jerry L. Anderson, Reza Banai, Melvin L. Beck, Jeffrey S. Berman, Joel Bumgardner, Carol O. Eady, Candace C. Justice, Laurenda K. Cunningham, Chhabil Dass, Steven Fell, Linda C. Finch, Gary K. Golightly, Wade M. Jackson, William H. Jermann, Balaji C. Krishnan, J. Harvey Lomax, David N. Lumsden, Dave A. Nofsinger, Edward H. Perry, John R. Petry, Alan W. Proffitt, Margaret Quinn, Jean-Pierre Reed, Hoke Robinson, Leslie S. Scruggs, Jr., Howard S. Tu, Daniel L. Unowsky, Bette R. Veteto, Francisco Vivar, and Lecolion Washington

Senators Present by Proxy: David W. Case (Thaddeus Pope) and Sanjay R. Mishra (Mohamed Laradji)

Senators Absent: Anthropology (vacant), Jennifer A. Borek, Walter G. Kirkpatrick, Susan Magun-Jackson, John M. Malloy (explained), and Albert A. Okunade (explained)

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

Guests: David N. Cox (President Office), Chrisann Schiro-Geist (Academic Affairs), Thomas Nenon (Academic Affairs), and Robert J. Frankle (ad hoc GenEd Committee)

The three hundred fifty-third meeting of The University of Memphis Faculty Senate was held Tuesday, March 20, 2007, in The Entertainment Lobby of the Mike Rose Theatre.

03.20.07.01 CALL TO ORDER

President Stanley E. Stevens called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

03.20.07.02 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

03.20.07.03 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 20, 2007, meeting, were approved as written.

03.20.07.04 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. President E. Stevens, shared with the Senate Dr. Paula Shorts, Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs, Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) email on

her February 20th visit with the Faculty Senate. Overall she was pleased with the visit and the flowers that the Senate presented to her.

2. The Policy Review Board endorsed an up-dated policy on tenure at its last meeting.
3. The committee on Shared Governance met. A wide ranging discussion of shared governance occurred. The Senate is making progress on liaison with various university committees reporting to the Senate while at the same time reporting to their respective administrative office. The Provost is serious about obtaining information from other committees. Ann Harbor created a check sheet on the point of contact for each committee. .
4. Senate's ad hoc Information Technology (IT) chair, Jeffrey Berman is a member of the Course Management Advisory Team. The primary concern will be dealing with the replacement of WebCT with Desire2Learn.
5. Academic Support Committee – J. Petry (SIRS). ?

03.20.07.05 REPORTS FROM FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEES

1. Committee on Committees – J. Anderson
The committee's report was given by committee member, J. Anderson in absent of the chair, A. Okunade. The committee had no report, but the acting chair, J. Anderson will present nominations later in the meeting.
2. Academic Policies – L. Scruggs
The committee had no report. But the chair, L. Scruggs stated that the committee will submit several recommendations to be considered on Academic Integrity (plagiarism) later in the meeting.
3. Academic Support – J. Petry (SIRS)
J. Petry gave a brief overview to the Senate on the 6 types of evaluation instruments and asked the Senate to look over the report on SIRS he provided. He noted, faculty are being asked to participate in designing SIRS items for various types of courses. For example, labs, on-line, etc. A task force that reports to the Academic Support Committee will create a set of SIRS items that reflect university-wide concerns. W. Jackson will work on SIRS forms for on-line classes. J. Petry invited any suggestions and invited anyone wishing to work on the task force to contact him.
4. Administrative Policies –R. Banai
The committee had no report. But the committee chair, R. Banai stated that the Senate office will send each Senator an electronic copy of the committee's report, Green Power Switch, renewable energy, by close of business today. R. Banai indicated that the report will be considered at the April 17th meeting. .
5. Faculty Policies – J. Berman
No report.
6. Library Policies – L. Cunningham
No report.
7. Research Policies – J. Bumgardner
No report.

03.20.07.06 REPORTS OF FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES ON UNIVERSITY STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Ad hoc Committee on Library Allocations-E. Stevens
President E. Stevens stated that the committee was trying to find a means of allocating funds with a flat library budget.
2. Academic Assessment—W. Kirkpatrick
The committee will identify those programs showing poor graduation rates and invite department chairs of said programs to come before the committee.
3. Effort Certification-E. Stevens
President E. Stevens stated that the work team goal is to make completing the Effort Certification form as painless as possible. He stated that there are federal laws governing issues such as reporting on external funding.
4. Enrollment Management Council-E. Stevens
President E. Stevens stated that the council is looking at advising at the university with a purpose of finding out if the system is working or needs refinement. Their goal is to establish best practices and anticipate potential problems on enrollment. Currently, the university is late getting acceptance letters to students, but attempts are being made to speed up the process.
5. Policy Review Board-E. Stevens
President E. Stevens stated that a revised Policy on the meaning of tenure at the university has been endorsed. It is a modification of the 1973 tenure statement. The university President has not signed off on the policy as of this date.
6. Strategic Planning - E. Stevens
A Strategic Plan for the University has been adopted. The next step is to create a process and a structure to realize the plan. This is the purpose of the Steering Committee on the Strategic Plan chaired by Dr. David Cox.
7. University Undergraduate Council (UUC) - W. Jackson
The Council did not meet.

03.20.07.07 NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee on Committees motions—The following Committee on Committees motions involves nominations. Motion 1: Move that the Faculty Senate approve the nomination of Linda Finch (Nursing) to serve on the Avian Influenza Committee. The motion passed. Motion 2: Move that the Faculty Senate approve the nomination of the Mahmud Hossain (Accountancy) to the Faculty Senate ad hoc Information Technology Committee. The motion passed.
2. Academic Support Committee - The chair, L. Scruggs submitted a report on Academic Integrity (plagiarism) that contained 8 recommendations to be considered. See attached report, titled Committee II Report, revised 3/12/07. In summary, the committee was asked to examine and provide feedback on a *draft* report from the Academic Integrity Taskforce (hereinafter, AIT). A brief discussion of the report ensued. The acceptance or rejection of the report/recommendation was postponed due to Senate members not having access

to the AIT draft report and the status of said report. The Senate office was tasked to send an electronic copy of the AIT draft report to the senators.

3. Library Policies Committee – The chair, L. Cunningham reported on the activities of the Friends of the University Libraries in collaboration with the Office of Academic Affairs and Specials Events. The Friends will sponsor Faculty Scholarship Week, April 15-19, 2007 in conjunction with Spring Convocation 2007. On April 19th, the display will shift to the Rose Theatre in conjunction with the Spring Convocation.

4. ad hoc General Education Committee – The chair, R. Frankle reported on the activities of the ad hoc General Education Committee (hereinafter, GenEd). He presented to the Senate the GenEd Committee final report. He commented on the committee charge, which was emphasized to the Senate. In summary, the committee asked for a reinstatement of the General Education office and that 13 members be assigned to the GenEd program all of whom will serve staggered terms. The GenEd Committee recommendations are in-line with the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) stance on general education. And he noted that TBR is very rigid and that it is a waste of time to revamp the current TBR policy on GenEd requirements. In summary, R. Frankle stated that the committee report may lack specific detail but the general principles are clear. At this point, President E. Stevens, thanked the committee for their explemenary job and discharged the committee of its duty. He than opened the floor for discussion on the Report. Senator, H. Lomax objected to the recommendation that mandated that all general education courses include technology. R. Frankle stated that the general consensus was that the incorporation of technology may or may not be applicable to all courses. With additional senatorial comments including more specific discussion of technology incorporation by H. Lomax; President E. Stevens made a motion to accept or reject the Report. Again the discussion of the Senate centered around the detail of technology incorporation in acceptance of the GenEd committee overall report including amending the main motion to accept the report. When discussion ended, President E. Stevens called for a voice vote on amending the main motion to include deletion of technology in general education courses. Voice vote taken, motion failed. Brief discussion ensued on acceptance or rejection of the ad hoc GenEd Committee final report. President E. Stevens called for a voice vote on accepting the report. The motion passed to accept the final report, 2 members abstained from voting.

5. Marcus Orr Faculty Senate Lectureship in Higher Education-The committee member, J. Petry gave the report in the absence of the Chair, T. Dalle. J. Petry provided the Senate with a verbal and written report on this year lectureship. The 2006/07 Lectureship Committee members are Senators/Drs. T. Dalle, J. Berman, J. Petry and Ms. Cary Holladay. See attached report. The spring 2007 lecturer was Dr. Alan Lightman, a MIT physicist and author whose topic was: “The Physicist as Novelist—Similarities and Differences on How Scientists and Artists View the World”. The lecture took place February 26, in the Psychology Auditorium at 7pm with approx 160 persons in attendance. J. Petry provided the Senators with this years sponsors, which follows: The University of Memphis, Memphis Reads (Dr. Michael Racer, Director), Mid-South Reads (Ms. Kay

Shelton, Executive Director), Honors Program, The University Bookstore (Ms. Beth Cain), Department of Physics (Dr. M.S. Jahan), Dr. Chrisann Shiro-Geist and the Faculty Senate. With disclosure of the funding partnerships an discussion ensued. J. Petry requested that Senators familiar with the lectureship meet with him after the meeting for a general discussion about the Lectureship. The Senate had a general discussion on lectureship funding and lack of endowment. J. Petry stated that each year the Senate has to compete for funds and in the last two years have partnered with others to fund the lecture including activities associated with the lectureship, such as reception. J. Berman gave a brief history on lectureship funding. Thomas “Tom” Nennon, Academic Affairs also provided information on the lectureship funding. T. Nennon stated that a stand ing amount of monies assigned to the budget line as academic enrichment (AE)was moved from the foundation account for funding such an event. But in the later years Academic Enrichment funding source has changed, funding is now in a pooled accounted, therefore all interested parties must compete for funds. J. Petry requested that Senators familiar with the lectureship meet with him after the meeting for a general discussion about the Lectureship.

03.20.07.08 OLD BUSINESS

1. Charges

CHARGE	TITLE	COMMITTEE	STATUS
Intellectual Property	Intellectual Property Student Property	Research Policies Committee	Continue
Green Power	Green Power Switch	Administrative Policies Committee	New
Information Technology	Information Technology	ad hoc Information Technology Committee	New
Grievance Process	University Grievance Process	Faculty Policies Committee	Finished, except legal review
Shared Governance	Shared Governance	Ad hoc Committee on Shared Governance	New
SIRS	On-Line SIRS	Academic Support Committee	Continue
Academic Integrity	Academic Integrity	Academic Policies Committee	Motion phase

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03.20.07.09 ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Women's History Month-March 2007, a variety of events, complete calendar of events can be found at www.memphis.edu and <http://cas.memphis.edu/isc/crowe/events.htm>

Faculty Scholarship Week and Twentieth Annual Faculty Convocation April 15-19, 2007. For calendar of events and more information, the Senators were asked to visit the following website: <http://academics.memphis.edu/provost/convocation-2007.html>
Dr.Chrisann Schiro-Geist, Sr. Vice Provost, Academic Programs, announced that in addition to the annual faculty convocation, the Friends of the Library group is sponsoring Faculty Scholarship Week, April 15-19, in collaboration with University Library staff as well as Academic Affairs and Special Events.

03.20.07.10 ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Dalle, Secretary