



The University of Memphis

Faculty Senate

Presiding: Patricia M. Stevens

Date: 9/05/06

Secretary: Teresa S. Dalle

Senators Present: Jan R. Acuff, Jerry L. Anderson, Reza Banai, Jeffrey S. Berman, Jennifer A. Borek, Joel D. Bumgardner, David W. Case, Laurenda K. Cunningham, Chhabil Dass, Steven Fell, Linda C. Finch, Robert J. Frankle, Gary K. Golightly, Wade M. Jackson, William H. Jermann, Candace C. Justice, Walter G. Kirkpatrick, Balaji C. Krishnan, Leonard R. Lawlor, J. Harvey Lomax, David, N. Lumsden, John M. Malloy, Sanjay R. Mishra, Dave A. Nofsinger, Albert A. Okunade, Edward H. Perry, John R. Petry, Alan W. Proffitt, Margaret Quinn, Jean-Pierre Reed, Leslie S. Scruggs, Jr., Stanley E. Stevens, Francisco Vivar, and Lecolion Washington.

Senators Absent: Carol O. Eady, Susan Mangun-Jackson, Math. Sciences (vacant), Daniel C. Swan, and Howard S. Tu.

T.B.R. Rep: (vacant to be elected this meeting).

Guests: President Shirley Raines, Provost Ralph Faudree, David Cox (President's Office), Chrisann Schiro-Geist (Academic Affairs) and H. Delano Black (Retired University of Memphis Faculty and Staff).

The three hundred and forty-seventh (347th) meeting of The University of Memphis Faculty Senate was held Tuesday, September 5, 2006, in room 404, University Center (Senate Chamber).

09.05.06.01 CALL TO ORDER

President P. Stevens called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. with a quorum present.

09.05.06.02 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

09.05.06.03 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 25, 2006, meeting were approved as written.

09.05.06.04 GREETINGS TO THE SENATE

President Shirley Raines highlighted the university's Vision for 2012 – 100th Anniversary: "The University of Memphis will be recognized as one of America's great metropolitan research universities noted for its comprehensive, innovative academic programs and for capitalizing on its urban setting and region to address the challenges of

our global society.” Strategic priorities include the following: investing in people, building productive partnerships, creating interdisciplinary initiatives, generating new resources, strengthening community connections, and enhancing image and reputation. Key measures for the priorities include the honors program enrollment (having 1700 honors students), endowed professorships (having 80 by 2012), research (funding of \$100 million), faculty retention, and alumni giving (aim for 12%).

President Raines announced that the university was below average compared to TBR rates for retention and graduation. The reasons for students leaving include financial, social, and grades. The university data suggest that honors students, emerging leaders, and those who work on campus are retained and graduate at a higher rate than others. Also university data suggest that students need frequent feedback and need it early on, the first three to six weeks being very important. President Raines also noted that there are 89 new faculty hires for 2006, and the Willard Sparks Eminent faculty award is now endowed. The University has a 95.7% faculty retention rate. President Raines also spoke on the Touch Points Project: which she described as the ways students, faculty, staff, and the community interact and how the university offices meet each other’s needs. Finally, President Raines outlined the following concerns: enrollment, space plan, retention and graduation, and program evaluation.

Provost Faudree reported on several issues:

- Enrollment, retention, and graduation—the university is looking into admission requirements and how to increase success through learning communities, financial advising, and other means.
- Space plan (amount and quality)—by 2009, the university will have more space with a new University Center and other space as the Law School moves. The university is considering such issues as student lounges and space for part-time instructors. A first draft for the plan should be forthcoming.
- Program review will involve the Faculty Senate because of the need for broader input.
- University Library—the Learning Commons will make the library more attractive for students. The university is considering how to maximize the resources we have.

The Provost invited Senators to become involved in areas of specific interest.

09.05.06.05 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President P. Stevens welcomed new Senators and asked the Senators to introduce themselves. She then reported on the University Standing Committees, which have asked for more representation from the Faculty Senate. There are four: Enrollment Management Council, Undergraduate Curriculum Council, University Council for Graduate Studies, and University Assessment Program. Representation on these committees will help the Senate keep abreast of issues going on in the various standing committees. President P. Stevens then reported on The Library Commons, stating that faculty and library personnel are working together on the project.

09.05.06.06 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

President-Elect “Ed” Stevens referred the Senate to an Executive Committee recommendation: “The Faculty Senate reaffirms its conviction that, by its constitution, it has both the right and the responsibility to approve any changes in University undergraduate degree requirements.” President-Elect, “Ed” Stevens stated that the recommendation was meant to ensure that the Senate play a role in degree requirements. After some discussion, a change was suggested on the wording of the rationale number 4. A change from “It is doubtful the Senate would vote to relinquish its authority...” to “The Senate will not relinquish its authority....” The change was agreed upon. President P. Stevens stated that this is only a recommendation sent to President Raines. It was unanimously agreed to send the recommendation to the President.

09.05.06.07 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

Senator A. Okunade, Chair of the Committee on Committees, presented five motions on the nomination of Senators to serve on various committees (See attachment on Committee on Committees Motions dated September 5, 2006). All motions passed.

The ratification for the nominations were made and approved for the Standing Committee on University Assessments, chaired by Dr. Daniel Poje, Asst. VP Academic Programs/Effectiveness. The Senate selected five and the Provost selected five. The following Senators will serve:

One year:

Senate appointment: Charles Biggers and Wade Jackson
Provost appointment: Gladius Lewis

Two years:

Senate appointment: Edward Perry and Sheryl Maxwell
Provost appointment: Danielle McNamara and Nancy Lackey

Three years:

Senate appointment: Walter Kirkpatrick
Provost appointment: Corinna Ethington and John Baur

Motion to amend: It was moved that motion one (Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee) be rescinded because of a procedural error. The motion to amend passed. Patti Bradford (University College) was nominated to serve on the 2006/07 Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee. The motion passed.

09.05.06.08 ELECTION OF THE TBR FACULTY SUB-COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

The Executive Committee nominated Charles J. Biggers (Biology) to serve as The University of Memphis TBR Faculty Sub-Council representative. The nomination was accepted and Dr. Charles J. Biggers was elected by acclamation.

09.05.06.09 NEW BUSINESS

Senator W. Kirkpatrick, member of the Standing Committee on University Assessment, reported that the committee will look at low producing programs and the various measures the university participates in. There has been one organizational meeting.

09.05.06.10 CHARGES

The Senate standing committees met to elect chairs for each committee. The charges for each committee were given to each of the respective committees. Committees with continuing charges are: Research Policies Committee and Administrative Policies Committee. President P. Stevens reminded all standing committees (6) that they have continuing charge as stated by the nature of their committee description. The Faculty Policies Committee, Academic Support Committee, Committee on Committees, and Academic Policies Committee were issued new charges.

09.05.06.11 ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

1. For the latest information on housing sales and rental, faculty resources, and other information, visit <http://academics.memphis.edu/provost>.
2. Research Support Services will host a Brown Bag Lunch Discussion AY 2006-07, on Thursday, September 14, from 1 to 2 PM. The location is not yet determined.
3. The Faculty Senate Brown Bag will be February 22, 2007, in the Rose Theatre Entertainment Lobby.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Dalle, Secretary