



## Minutes of the Faculty Senate

**Presiding:** Wade M. Jackson

**Date:** 2-22-11

**Secretary:** Cynthia G. Tucker

**Senators Present:** Pilar Alcalde (Foreign Languages), Leonardo G. Altino (Music), Thomas E. Banning (Engr Tech), Jeffrey S. Berman (Psychology), David C. Burchfield (Public Health), Gloria F. Carr (Nursing), Amy L. de Jongh Curry (Biomedical Engr), Antonio de Velasco (Communication), Mark H. Danley (Library), Richard D. Evans (Finance), Tarek R. Farhat (Chemistry), David J. Giacomassi (Crim & Criminal Justice), Reginald L. Green (Leadership), Thomas Hrach (Journalism), Wade M. Jackson (Management Info Systems), Linda D. Jarmulowicz (Audiology & Speech-Lang Path), Robert Kozma (Math Sciences), A. Katherine Lambert-Pennington (Anthropology), James M. Lukawitz (Accountancy), Thomas E. Mason (Architecture), Cathy D. Meredith (Instr & Curr Ldrship), Larry W. Moore (Civil Engr), Cedar L. Nordbye (Art), Michael S. O'Nele (Theatre & Dance) Edward H. Perry (Mechanical Engr), Lawrence A. Pivnick (Law), Jose M. Pujol (Earth Sciences), Carol A. Rambo (Sociology), Vasile Rus (Computer Sci), Steven D. Schwartzbach (Biology), Keith D. Sisson (Univ College), Arwin D. Smallwood (History), Terra L. Smith (Health & Sport Sci), Sharon A. Stanley (Political Science), R. Jeffrey Thieme (Marketing & Sply Chain Mgmt), Cynthia G. Tucker (English) Gregory Washington (Sch Urb Aff & Pub Pol), Robert R. Wiggins (Management) and Yonghong Xu (Couns, Ed Psy & Res)

**Senators Present by Proxy:** Billy E. Lawson (Philosophy), Hoke Robinson

**Senators Absent:** Narahari B. Achar (Physics), Economics (Vacant), Elec & Computer Engr (Vacant), and Derek E. Hopp (Mil Sci, Navy ROTC)

**TBR Representative:** Lawrence A. Pivnick (Law)

**Faculty Senate Information Officer:** Margaret E. Robinson (Univ Libraries)

**Guests:** David Cox (President's Office), and Thomas Nenon (Provost's Office)

The three-hundred-and-eighty-eighth meeting of the University of Memphis Faculty Senate was held Tuesday, February 22, 2011, in the Senate Chambers, Room 261 of the University Center.

### **2.22.11.01 Call to Order**

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

### **2.22.11.02 Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

### **2.22.11.03 Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from February 1, 2011, were approved as amended to add the following item under the President's Report: *Because A. Lambert-Pennington has been nominated for the award, a replacement is needed for her on the Harold Love Award Selection Committee. With the Faculty Senate's approval, Reginald L. Green has volunteered to serve in this capacity.*

### **2.22.11.04 President's Report**

1. Actions of Task Force on Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness (SETE). The EC met with Provost Faudree to discuss the window of time students have to rate their professors using the SETEs.
2. Meeting of University Undergraduate Council (February 11): L. Pivnick, who attended the UUC meeting in W. Jackson's stead on February 11, reported that a couple of courses with joint designations had been approved. The courses that are part of the Universal Transfer Pathways (UTP) articulation agreements need to be identified in the U of M undergraduate catalog course descriptions. The council agreed to add such parenthetical identifications to TBR courses as POLS 1100 (2211) or (TBR: POLS 1030).
3. Results of 2011 Faculty Survey of Ideas and Issues. Background: In Fall 2010, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, under the Senate President's leadership, tasked the ad hoc Faculty Input Committee to survey all faculty members about issues they viewed as priorities. A web-based survey was designed using Qualtrics software. Faculty ranked the following five issues from most to least important: wages/benefits, unfilled faculty positions, campus safety, research support services, and library funding. A total of 605 respondents completed the survey. There were no questions and there was no discussion.
4. Meeting of Deans, Directors, and Chairs (February 11):  
There was new information about the change in our campus e-mail provider. Both for the sake of economy and to have the advantages of the new system, student and faculty email will no longer be managed by the U of M's Information Technology unit but instead by Microsoft Corp. Microsoft Live@edu should be ready for implementation by the start of the fall 2011 semester. It was also announced that Follett Higher Education Group will replace Barnes & Nobel and has been awarded a 10-year contract. There was also discussion of SETEs, the strategic planning initiatives for 2011-2012, and the planned development of the Park Avenue Campus as a Health Sciences academic hub.

### **2.22.11.05 New Business**

1. Faculty Policies Committee Motion for Online Voting. After robust discussion, the motion was tabled until the next meeting. Senators will in the meantime be able to go to [www.memphis.edu/facultysenate/articles.php](http://www.memphis.edu/facultysenate/articles.php) to review the section of the Senate constitution that will have to be amended before online voting can be implemented.
2. Process for Amending the Constitution: This process, described in Section 7: Amending The Constitution, lays out the sequence of steps for proposing amendments as follows:
  - An amendment(s) must be recommended by at least ten members of the University Faculty;
  - An amendment(s) must be submitted, in writing, to the Faculty Senate for its consideration at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Senate;
  - The amendment(s) must be voted upon by the Senate at its next regularly scheduled meeting;

The amendment(s) must be submitted, in writing, to all members of the University Faculty, with the recommendation(s) of the Senate attached.

#### **2.22.11.06 Budget Process**

David Cox, Executive Assistant to President Raines, gave a power point presentation of the process and places where faculty can have input in the budget process. This guide to who is doing what and when will be available online. L. Pivnick requested that faculty be sent an announcement of this and that it include a link to the guide.

The first element in this guide is a calendar showing when planning and budgeting decisions are made and who is involved in making them. The second component, an excerpt from a draft template, provides information about any actions or special activities planned for the coming year.

#### **2.22.11.07 TUFS Report**

Faculty Senate Past-President J. Berman, who currently serves as President to the Tennessee University Faculty Senates (TUFS), used a power point presentation to update our senators on issues most recently raised by this consortium:

1. Faculty seeking reform need to do so in ways that don't violate the state's accrediting guidelines.
2. Legislators need to be made more mindful of the ration of faculty/administrative costs when setting our budgets.
3. There needs to be greater support of summer school and student aid for students enrolled in the summers. In response to a general question, J. Berman suggested that faculty not use their memphis.edu email accounts, but personal accounts, when, acting as private citizen, they wish to communicate with their legislators.

#### **2.22.11.08 Announcements/Events**

1. TUFS website: <http://memphis.edu/tufs> has now been launched. It has the TUFS records, including links to all the member senates, our constitution and standing rules, meeting minutes, documents concerning the 2009 position paper, and links to the presentation and video of the recent appearance before the Senate Education Committee.
2. TUFS Meeting March 25-27 in Clarksville, TN. Tennessee University Faculty Senates (TUFS) represents the faculty senates of the ten public four-year public universities in Tennessee. ANY faculty member can attend and participate in the meeting. Although the agenda for the upcoming TUFS meeting has not yet been finalized, one of the guests will be Joe DiPietro, the new president of the University of TN, John Morgan, the new TBR chancellor and State Representative Joe Pitts (D-Clarksville). For more information: President J. Berman, TN University Faculty Senates (TUFS) [jberman@memphis.edu](mailto:jberman@memphis.edu) or <http://memphis.edu/tufs/meet/TUFS.MeetInfo.3-11.pdf>
3. Employee Raises. Any faculty interested in communicating with our elected State representatives, contact Kevin Roper (Gov't Relations Ofc, 678-5561) or see the Gov't Relations website, <http://www.memphis.edu/govern/>

4. 2011 Distinguished Alumni Awards: Presentations will be hosted by the U of M Alumni Association on Friday, Feb 25, at 6:30 pm in the Peabody Hotel
5. Black History Month 2011 (Feb 1-28): Events continue: Wed, Feb 23 – “An Evening With Soledad O’Brien,” 7 pm, M. Rose Theatre. A closing ceremony featuring Edward L. Stanton III, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of TN, will take place at 1:00 pm, on February 28 in the University Center River Room. For information on these and other events, call 678-2054 or visit [http://www.memphis.edu/multiculturalaffairs/PDF/2011BHM\\_Calendar.pdf](http://www.memphis.edu/multiculturalaffairs/PDF/2011BHM_Calendar.pdf)
6. Change in Campus Bookstore Operator: Follett Higher Education Group will take over the operation of the UofM bookstore, replacing Barnes & Noble, whose relationship to the school will end on Friday, March 4. The transition will take place during Spring Break, so that the store will be closed the week of March 7 and reopen under new management on Monday, March 14. Questions should be directed to Sandra “Sandy” Barksdale, Director of Auxiliary Services, at ([sbarksdl@memphis.edu](mailto:sbarksdl@memphis.edu))
7. Women's History Month: This month-long celebration will be launched with an opening ceremony at 6:00 pm in the UC Theater on Tuesday, March 1
8. The Next Meeting of the Faculty Senate: Tuesday, March 22, 2011

**2.22.11.12** The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.