



Minutes of the Faculty Senate

Presiding: Wade M. Jackson (Management Info Systems)

Date: 4-27-10

Secretary: Cynthia G. Tucker (English, elected this meeting)

Senators Present: Narahari B. Achar (Physics), Thomas E. Banning (Engr Tech), Jeffrey S. Berman (Psychology), David C. Burchfield (Public Health), Amy L. de Jongh Curry (Biomedical Engr), Antonio de Velasco (Communication), Richard D. Evans (Finance), Tarek R. Farhat (Chemistry), Derek E. Hopp (Mil Sci, Navy ROTC), Richard L. Irwin (Health & Sport Sci), Wade M. Jackson (Management Info Systems), William H. Jermann (Elec & Computer Engr), E. Trey Martindale (Instr & Curr Ldrship), Cedar L. Nordbye (Art), Lawrence A. Pivnick (Law), Vasile Rus (Computer Sci), Keith D. Sisson (Univ College), R. Jeffrey Thieme (Marketing & Sply Chain Mgmt), Cynthia G. Tucker (English)

Senators Present by Proxy: Thomas E. Mason (Architecture) Brent S. DeLatte

Senators Absent: Michael S. O'Nele (Theatre & Dance), and Kathryn S. Whitted (Sch Urb Aff & Pub Pol)

New Senators Present: Gloria F. Carr (Nursing), Mark H. Danley (Library), Reginald L. Green (Leadership), Thomas Hrach (Journalism), Linda D. Jarmulowicz (Audiology & Speech-Lang Path), A. Katherine Lambert-Pennington (Anthropology), Billy E. Lawson (Philosophy), James M. Lukawitz (Accountancy), Larry W. Moore (Civil Engr), Edward H. Perry (Mechanical Engr), Jose M. Pujol (Earth Sciences), Carol A. Rambo (Sociology), Steve Schwartzbach (Biology), Sharon A. Stanley (Political Science), Robert R. Wiggins (Management)

New Senators Present by Proxy: CEPR (Stephen J. Leierer)

New Senators Absent: Crim & Criminal Justice, Economics, Foreign Languages, Arwin D. Smallwood (History), Math Sciences, Leonardo G. Altino (Music)

TBR Representative: Richard L. Irwin (Health & Sport Sciences, elected this meeting)

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

Guests: David Cox (President's Office), Thomas Nenon (Provost's Office), Michelle Shelton (Student Government Association)

The three-hundred-and-eighty second meeting of The University of Memphis Faculty Senate was held Tuesday, April 27, in the Auditorium (Room 124) of E.C. Ball Hall.

04.27.10.01 Call to Order

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

04.27.10.02 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

04.27.10.03 New Business

After brief remarks by Student Government Association (SGA) student Michelle Shelton, primary sponsor of SGA legislation on non-smoking campus; Senator M. O'Nele presented the following motion:

Rational: The Student Government Association has recently passed legislation urging the President to make our campus a non-smoking campus. Ms. Shelton from the SGA made a presentation at the last meeting of the Faculty Senate. She made the request that the faculty Senate join the SGA in recommending to the President that the campus become a non-smoking campus.

Motion to the Senate

The Faculty Senate recommends that the University of Memphis become a non-smoking campus

Adopted by show of hands, with 24 for, 4 nays, on April 27, 2010.

04.27.10.04 Approval of Minutes

The minutes from April 13, 2010, were approved as written.

04.27.10.05 Recognition of Carolyn Featherstone

Senator C. Tucker, speaking on behalf of her colleagues, expressed the appreciation of the 2009-2010 Faculty Senate for the expert assistance of Carolyn Featherstone, our administrative secretary in the Senate Office.

04.27.10.06 New Senators Welcomed

Our incoming senators introduce themselves and were welcomed.

04.27.10.07 Election of Faculty Senate Officers

1. A Tellers Committee: President W. Jackson asked for volunteers to serve as the Tellers Committee (count the votes) for election of senators to serve on the Executive Committee, At-Large, and Committees on Committees.
2. Secretary: Cynthia G. Tucker was elected by acclamation.
3. Parliamentarian: Michael O'Nele was elected by acclamation.
4. President-Elect: Richard L. Irwin was elected.

04.27.10.08 Election of Two At-Large Members

Edward H. Perry and Cedar L. Nordbye were elected.

04.27.10.09 Election of Five to the Committee on Committees

The Senate unanimously accepted the self-nomination of five members to serve on the committee. Amy L. de Jongh Curry, Kathryn S. Whitted, Lawrence A. Pivnick, David C. Burchfield, and Reginald L. Green were elected.

04.27.10.10 President's Report

TBR Faculty Subcouncil Meeting (April 16, 2010): This meeting was uneventful except for a vote approving an articulation core for psychology.

Provost Funding Formula Meeting: In facilitating discussion of The Tennessee Higher Education Commission's (THEC) new formula for funding state institutions based on weighted subpopulations, the provost provided reports from the university's OIR (Office of Institutional Research) on (1) the number of graduates in 2008-2009 in the sub-populations discussed by the group, and (2) graduation numbers of some of these sub-populations. Based on the provost committee's discussion, the four groups the U of M selects should probably be Low Income students, Underrepresented Minority students, First Generation college students, and Adult students. The first three are clear choices at this point, and the provost does not think that the transfer category will be eligible. Several present had reservations about the male category. Although we do not have the graduation rates on the Adult group, there is strong indication that their impact will be greater than the male group.

On the ordering of the categories to determine the weights, the provost is inclined to go with the order of:

1. Graduate Degrees
2. Undergraduate Degrees
3. Research
4. Degrees per FTE
5. Transfer Activity
6. Student Retention

Meeting with President Raines: The smoking ban was the only item discussed.

Marcus Orr Lecture Funding AY 2010-2011: We have no assurance that there will be funding for a lecturer next year.

New Senate Chambers in New Student Center: We can expect to meet in the new senate chambers next fall. The Senate Chamber, room 261 is located on the second floor of the University of Memphis new University Center.

04.27.10.11 Past-President's Report

1. Revision to Policy UM1564, Grievance Process and Conflict Resolution. The FS asked that the faculty members who sit on this committee be selected by the FS, not by administration. Although President Raines had concerns about such a procedure, a compromise was reached: FS will come up with a pool of names from which the administration will fill the position. This procedure will be in the Faculty Handbook, and David Cox in the President's Office is working on a comparable statement to include with the university's other policies.

2. Policy Statement on Chair Selection. FS asked that, except in unusual circumstances, successful chair candidates must have the support of a majority of their faculty. FS wants this to

be a university policy statement, not part of the Faculty Handbook. The issue remains unresolved.

3. Untenured Faculty Appeals of Annual Evaluations: The FS has pushed to have the word “tenured” removed so as to include all faculty in the appeals provision. So long as the statement makes it clear that faculty will not be retrying old facts but appealing only the process, David Cox, representing the President’s Office, believes this change will go through as acceptable to all parties.

4. FS’s Role in New Faculty Orientation. The Faculty Senate will have a role in New Faculty Orientation this fall. This will allow our president, W. Jackson, to convey our concern for our new colleagues’ interests by letting them know of the mechanism for getting their first paychecks earlier than they would normally.

04.27.10.12 Announcements/Events

1. Standing Committee members were asked meet immediately following this meeting to elect their chairs.

2. The Ninety-eighth Commencement of the U of M will be held at the FedEx Forum, Saturday, May 8, 2010

10:00 a.m. - College of Arts and Sciences, College of Communication and Fine Arts, University College, and the Doctoral hoodings for the these colleges

2:00 p.m. - Fogelman College of Business and Economics, College of Education, Herff College of Engineering, Loewenberg School of Nursing and School of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, School of Public Health and the Doctoral hoodings for the these colleges

*The Law School Commencement will be held on Sunday, May 9, 2010 at The Cannon Center for the Performing Arts at 3 p.m.

3. 2010-11 Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting: May 18

04.27.10.13 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.