



Minutes of the Faculty Senate

Presiding: Thomas E. Banning (Engineering Technology)

Date: 3-26-13

Secretary: Cynthia G. Tucker (English)

Senators Present: Thomas E. Banning (Engr Tech), Jeffrey S. Berman (Psy), Shaum P. Bhagat (Comm Sci & Disorders), Lawrence B. Blackwell (Theatre & Dance), Patti Bradford (Univ College), David C. Burchfield (Public Health), Gloria F. Carr (Nursing), Richard D. Evans (Fin, Ins, & Real Estate), Donald R. Franceschetti (Physics), Tomoko Fujiwara (Chemistry), Reginald L. Green (Leadership), Thomas Hrach (Journalism), Michael G. Huffman (Health & Sports Sci), Terry Ishitani (Couns, Ed, Psy & Res), Wade M. Jackson (Mang Info Systems), Donna R. Jones (Law School), Benwari L. Kedia (Management), Robert Kozma (Mathematical Sciences), J. Harvey Lomax (Political Science), James M. Lukawitz (Accountancy), David G. Matthews (Communication), Kevin Merriman (Libraries), Jiada Mo (Mech Engr), Cedar L. Nordbye (Art), Heike Polster (Foreign Lang & Lit), Timothy D. Roche (Philosophy), Steven D. Schwartzbach (Biology), R. Jeffrey Thieme (Mrktng & Suply Chain Mang), Cynthia G. Tucker (English), K.B. Turner (Crim & Criminal Justice), Junmin Wang (Sociology), John L. Williams (Biomed Engr), James F. Williamson (Architecture)

Senators Present by Proxy: Kathryn A. Hicks (Anthropology) Michael Duke, Gregory Washington (Sch Urb Aff & Pub Policy) M. Elena Delavega

Senators Absent: Economics (vacant), Dipankar Dasgupta (Computer Science), Michail Gkolias (Civil Engr), Michael M. Grant (Instr & Curr Ldrship), Eddie Jacobs (Elec & Comp Eng), Edward J. May (Military Sciences), Kevin M. Sanders (Music), Arwin D. Smallwood (History), Roy B. Van Arsdale (Earth Sciences)

TBR Representative: Richard D. Evans (Fin, Ins. & Real Estate)

Faculty Senate Information Officer: Michael M. Grant (Instr & Curr Ldrship)

Guests: Brad J. Frewin & Keith M. Ward (Physical Plant), M. David Rudd & Thomas Nenon (Provost's Office), David Cox (President's Office), James Dorman (UMAR), Lawrence A. Pivnick (Past-President, Faculty Senate [Law])

The four-hundred- and-seventh meeting of the University of Memphis Faculty Senate was held Tuesday, March 26, 2013, in the Senate Chambers, Room 261 of the University Center.

3.26.13.01 Call to Order

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

3.26.13.02 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

3.26.13.03 Approval of Minutes

The minutes for February 19 were approved as submitted.

3.26.13.04 President's Report

1. Van Share: President T. Banning attended a March 7, meeting at the invitation of David Cox, along with Angela Floyd, Director of Parking & Transportation to hear Michael deVry make his case for the program's benefits. From the faculty's standpoint, the benefits are limited by the constraints of their teaching schedule. DeVry has also met with campus leaders to describe the program's most recent improvements.

2. University Web Pages, Faculty Feedback , Prospects for Change (Meeting with Linda Bonnin): President T. Banning met with Linda Bonnin, Vice President for Communications, Marketing, and PR; and Allecia Powell, U ofM webmaster to discuss the new design of the university's website. This meeting focused on faculty complaints about the difficulty of reaching the substantive information they use. Ms. Bonnin told President Banning that over the course of the next nine months the site's interior pages will be redesigned and put into place, and that, in the meantime, some of the problems for faculty have been addressed.

3. Faculty Handbook Updates: President Banning again brought us up to date on the arduous process of getting all changes into the 2013 Faculty Handbook through multiple meetings and email exchanges with Mellissa M. Buchner in the Provost Office. As a reminder the changes were: On-line voting (constitutional change), Faculty Ombudsperson (term of office, reporting/accountability) Procedures for Termination (President's Panel), Tenure and Promotion (criteria). The Affiliated Faculty (AF) description is still in negotiation; apparently only one faculty member has been hired in that capacity.

4. TN University Faculty Senates general meeting March 22-24: Due to time constraints, this subject will be discussed at the April 16, 2013 meeting.

5. Dr. M. David Rudd, Provost: Provost Rudd was present and welcomed by President T. Banning. He was asked to give us an informal sketch of his background and agreed to come back to answer our questions, which we will send him in advance.

3.26.13.05 Report of Committee on Committees

1. Tenure & Promotion Appeals Committee (3 positions): The Committee on Committees chairperson, G. Carr presented the names of these individuals who have voiced an interest in serving and agreed to be nominees for Faculty Senate approval: Brian Janz, (Fogelman College of Business and Finance, Management Info Systems), Ronnie Priest, (College of Education, Health and Human Sciences), and K.B. Turner, (College of Arts & Sciences, Criminology) to serve on the 2013-2014 Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee.

Adopted unanimously by voice vote on March 26, 2013.

3.26.13.06 Old Business

1. Living Wage Committee: Asked to clarify this committee's status and function, Senator C. Nordbye first referenced the FS minutes of November 9, 2010 to confirm that our body approved a committee to research the Living Wage issue and give the full senate the benefit of a grounded and cohesive presentation. In concert with FS Committee on Committees Chair Gloria Carr, Senator Nordbye is constituting the study group and urged interested colleagues to make themselves known. Social Work's incoming senator M. Delevage, who was present as proxy for SUAPP (School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy), volunteered to serve on the committee.

3.26.13.07 New Business

1. Guest Speakers: Brad J. Frewin, Manager, Physical Plant, Safety & Training, and Fire & Life Safety Inspector, Keith M. Ward, Safety and Training Coordinator, did a power point presentation on the topic: Emergency Preparedness. Mr. Frewin included contact information for this office and distributed the university's Crisis Management Policy For Persons With Disabilities.

2. "Calling the Question" per Robert's Rules of Order: In response to concerns several senators voiced after last month's meeting, President T. Banning requested that W. Jackson, senate parliamentarian explain the function of "calling the question" under the terms of Robert's Rules of Order. FS Secretary C. Tucker asked if it wouldn't be helpful to put the item in context and let the record show what had drawn the complaints. C. Nordbye volunteered his perception that it was the cutting off of discussion regarding the motion for equal benefits for employees' same-sex partners, an action item that passed at our meeting (an unusually short one) last month.

3.26.13.09 Announcements

1. Women's History Month 2013. With the theme "Women Making History Every Day!" the U of M will host a full schedule of programs, music and lectures during the Month of March. Many of the events are open to the public and free of charge. For more information, visit <http://www.memphis.edu/crow/womenshistorymonth.htm> or visit the CROW website.

2. Graduate School Recruitment Fair: This event, on Thursday, March 21, from 2-6 p.m., in the Michael D. Rose Theatre, will include free GRE Workshops at 3 & 5 pm.

3. Relay For Life: On Friday, March 22, 2013, at Tiger Lane, the U of M will join more than 500 collegiate institutions in an overnight fundraiser celebrating cancer survivors, remembering those lost to cancer, and showing resolve to defeat the disease. The event will begin at 6 pm., and shortly after nightfall, participants will be walking the track in silence during the Luminaria Ceremony. Visit www.relayforlife.org/univofmemphis to register and be part of the worldwide movement to end cancer! Or contact Alex Roubidoux at jrbidoux@memphis.edu.

4. 2013-14 Faculty Senate Election, elections are to take place in March. Current senators will serve as election officials unless they are running for reelection. Nominations may be submitted by written petition signed by at least three faculty members and by open nominations from the floor. Voting shall be by secret ballot unless a nominee is uncontested.

5. Africa in April, Cultural Awareness Festival: This event will be held April 17 - 21, 2013, at Robert R. Church Park (the Historic Beale Street District in Downtown Memphis). The Festival will showcase the Republic of Senegal. For more information visit: <http://www.africainapril.org/>. One of the many sponsors of this event is the College of Communications and Fine Arts

6. 2012-13 Faculty Senate Calendar: visit: memphis.edu/facultysenate/calendar.php.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is April 9, 2013.

7. 2013 Faculty Evaluation Top of Administrators: President T. Banning informed the group that the annual Evaluation of Top Administrators will take place the first week in April. The “top” administrators are defined as President, Provost, and Deans.

3.26.13.10 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.