



Minutes of the Faculty Senate

Presiding: Thomas E. Banning (Engineering Technology)

Date: 4-24-12

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

Senators Present: Thomas E. Banning (Engr Tech) Jeffery S. Berman (Psychology), Dipankar Dasgupta (Computer Science), Richard D. Evans (Fin, Ins, & Real Estate), Tomoko Fujiwara (Chemistry), Michael M. Grant (Instr & Curr Ldrship), Wade M. Jackson (Mang Info Systems), James M. Lukawitz (Accountancy), David G. Matthews (Communication), Cedar L. Nordbye (Art), Arwin D. Smallwood (History), R. Jeffery Thieme (Mrktng & Suply Chain Mang), Cynthia G. Tucker (English), Junmin Wang (Sociology), John L. Williams (Biomed Engr), James F. Williamson (Architecture)

Senators Present by Proxy: Shaum P. Bhagat (Comm. Sci. Disorders) Michael Cannito, Robert Kozma (Mathematical Sciences) George A. Anastassiou, Anita Jo Lenhart (Theatre & Dance) Lawrence B. Blackwell, and Gregory Washington (Sch Urb Aff & Pub) M. Elena Delavega

Senators Absent: Narahari B. Achar (Physics), Economics (vacant), Elec & Computer Engr (vacant), Kevin M. Sanders (Music)

New Senators Present: Gloria F. Carr (Nursing), Reginald L. Green (Leadership), Thomas Hrach (Journalism), Terrence Ishitani (Couns, Ed, Psy & Res) Donna R. Jones (Law), J. Harvey Lomax (Political Science), Benwari Kedia (Management), Kevin W. Merriman (Univ Libraries), Jiada Mo (Mech Engr), Heike Polster (Foreign Lang & Lit), Timothy D. Roche (Philosophy), Steven D. Schwartzbach (Biology), K. B. Turner (Crim & Criminal Justice), Roy B. Van Arsdale (Earth Sci)

New Senators Present by Proxy: Kathryn A. Hicks (Anthropology) Michael R. Duke, Michael G. Huffman (Health & Sports Sci) Terra L. Smith

New Senators Absent: David C. Burchfield (Public Health), Vacant (Civil Engr), Edward J. May (Military Sciences), Univ College (vacant)

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

Faculty Senate Information Officer: To be appointed by Faculty Senate President

Guests: David N. Cox (President Office), Thomas J. Nenon (Provost Office)

The four-hundredth meeting of the University of Memphis Faculty Senate was held Tuesday, April 24, 2012, in the Senate Chambers, Room 261 of the University Center.

4.24.12.01 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m. with a quorum present.

4.24.12.02 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

4.24.12.03 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 17, 2012 were approved as submitted.

4.24.12.04 Welcome and Introduction of New and Returning Senators

President T. Banning extended a warm welcome to the incoming senate members. Additionally, he asked that the outgoing and incoming senators introduce themselves.

4.24.12.05 President's Report

1. TN Board of Regents (TBR) Faculty Subcouncil Meeting (April 20): President T. Banning reported: With both 2-year and 4-year institutions represented, this TBR subcouncil has worked this past year on getting us all on a common calendar, clarifying the boundaries of our academic freedom, and developing clearer policies pertaining to student misconduct. The TBR legal counsel has said that each campus is free to add additional language to its policy statements regarding student misconduct.

2. Meeting with President Raines (April 19): This last of the year's monthly meetings was a cordial one, with words of thanks for L. Pivnick's service as 2011-12 Faculty Senate (FS) President. President Raines was grateful, too, for the Resolution produced by the Library Policies Committee and promised to seek our advice as she proceeds to assemble a group to address its requests.

3. Plans for Upcoming Academic Year (2012-2013). We will be working this summer to develop the main action items for the senate year. We need active faculty senate involvement on the standing and ad hoc committees.

4.24.12.06 Election of 2012-2013 Officers

1. President T. Banning requested volunteers to serve as the Tellers Committee (count the votes) for election of senators to serve on the Executive Committee, At-Large, and Committee on Committees. Election of Tellers Committee (3 Senators): J. Lukawitz, H. Polster, and T. Smith agreed to serve as the Tellers Committee.

2. President T. Banning asked for nominations from the members for President-Elect (TBR Faculty Subcouncil Representative). Richard D. Evans (Fin, Ins, & Real Estate) was self-nominated. No other nominations were received, and he was elected by acclamation.

3. President T. Banning asked for nominations from the members for Secretary. Cynthia G. Tucker was self-nominated. No other nominations were received, and she was elected by acclamation. **Post script:** Correction to reflect C. Tucker did not nominate herself for the office of Secretary. C. Nordbye nominated her.

4. President T. Banning asked for nominations from the members for Parliamentarian: Wade M. Jackson (Mang Info Systems) was self-nominated. No other nominations were received, and he was elected by acclamation.

4.24.12.07 Election of Two At-Large Members to Executive Committee

President T. Banning asked for nominations from the members for the two At-Large Positions.

J. Berman, M. Grant, R. Green, W. Jackson, R. Kozma, S. Schwartzbach were self-nominated and C. Nordbye was nominated from the floor. W. Jackson's name was removed per his election as Parliamentarian. Jeffrey S. Berman (Psychology) and Reginald L. Green (Leadership) were elected by ballot vote.

4.24.12.08 Election of Five Members to Committee on Committees

President T. Banning asked for nominations from the members for Committee on Committees. L. Blackwell (Theatre), G. Carr (Nursing), R. Kozma (Math Sci) J. Lukawitz (Accountancy), C. Nordbye (Art) and J. Williams (Bio-Med) were self nominated. To meet the requirements of the constitution, of only 5 persons serving on the committee, the election was held and R. Kozma was moved to Faculty Policies Committee. The following five senators elected to serve on the Committee on Committees: L. Blackwell (Theatre), G. Carr (Nursing), R. Kozma (Math Sci) J. Lukawitz (Accountancy), C. Nordbye (Art) and J. Williams (Bio-Med) by acclamation.

4.24.12.09 Discharge of Outgoing Members

President T. Banning thanked the retiring members for their service and they proceeded to leave the chamber.

4.24.12.10 Standing Committee Assignments

President T. Banning asked that the senators meet briefly after the meeting to elect the chairpersons for the standing committees for which they had indicated a preference. They were also encouraged to join those committees that still don't have enough members. NOTE: A copy of the 2012-2013 Calendar of meetings (standing committees, executive committee, and faculty senate) were distributed to the members.

4.24.12.11 Announcements

1. April National Awareness Month: Alerting us to the challenges posed by Alcohol, Autism, Minority Health Needs, and Sexual Assault.
2. University College Outstanding Alumni Awards Dinner: Thursday, May 10, at 6 pm, Fogelman Executive Conference Center, 330 Innovation Drive. Cost is \$30 per person and includes parking in the Fogelman Executive Center Garage. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Alumni Coordinator, Connie Thiemonge at cthmonge@memphis.edu or 901.678.1333 by May 3.
3. Study Day: Thursday, April 26, 2012, per UM 1704: "Study Week & Final Examination Scheduling"
4. 100th Commencement of the University of Memphis: Saturday, May 5, 2012:
*10:00 a.m. – College of Arts and Sciences, College of Communication and Fine Arts, University College and Doctoral hoodings for these colleges
*3:00 p.m. - Fogelman College of Business and Economics, College of Education, Health and Human Sciences, Herff College of Engineering, Loewenberg School of Nursing, School of Public Health, School of Communication Sciences and Disorders and Doctoral hooding for these colleges/schools.
* 3:00 p.m.—Cecil C. Humphrey's School of Law Cannon Center for the Performing Arts.
5. Staff Appreciation Day 2012: May 16th on the student plaza.
4. 2012-13 Faculty Senate Calendar of Meetings: <http://www.memphis.edu/facultysenate/calendar.php>

4.24.12.12 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.