



Minutes of the Faculty Senate

Presiding: Wade M. Jackson (Business Information Tech)

Date: 10-6-15

Secretary: R. Jeffrey Thieme (Mrktng & Suply Chain Mang)

Senators Present: Charles D. Bailey (Accountancy), Gerald Chaudron (Univ Libraries), Susan L. Neely-Barnes (Social Work), Vania Barraza Toledo (Foreign Lang & Lit), M. Jerome Bartholomew (Earth Sci), Charles W. Crawford (History), Jill A. Dapremont (Nursing), Richard D. Evans (Fin, Ins, & Real Estate), Donald R. Franceschetti (Physics), Max Garzon (Computer Science), Michail Gkolias (Civil Engr), Robert A. Hetherington (Theatre & Dance), Meghan E. McDevitt-Murphy (Psychology), Reginald L. Green (Leadership), Wade M. Jackson (Business Information Tech), Donna R. Jones (Law), Benwari Kedia (Management), Henry A. Kurtz (Chemistry), Gray Matthews (Communication), Jeffrey G. Marchetta (Mech Engr), James C. McCutcheon (Crim & Criminal Justice), Lorraine Meiners-Lovel (Univ College), R. Jeffery Thieme (Mrktng & Suply Chain Mang), Joseph C. Ventimiglia (Sociology), David W. Spencer (Music), Micah M. Trapp (Anthropology), Walter H. Manning (Comm. Sci. Disorders), Dursun Peksen (Political Science) George E. Relyea (Public Health), Ronald E. Spielberger (Journalism), Nicole Thompson (Instr & Curr Ldrship), William P. Travis (Health & Sport Sci), Somogy Varga (Philosophy), Máté Wierdl (Mathematical Sciences), James F. Williamson (Architecture), Stephen A. Zanskas (Couns, Ed, Psy & Res)

Senators Present by Proxy: Erno Lindner (Biomed Engr) John L. Williams, Ladrica C. Menson-Furr (English) Joshua Phillips, Aaron L. Robinson (Elec & Computer Engr) Eddie Jacobs

Senators Absent: Michael Schmidt (Art), Steven D. Schwartzbach (Biology), Economics (vacant), Thomas E. Banning (Engr Tech), Military Sciences (vacant), Sch Urb Aff & Pub (vacant)

TBR Representative: Michail Gkolias (Civil Engr)

Faculty Senate Information Officer: Jeffrey S. Berman (Psychology)

Guest: Janis B. Brownlee (Provost Office) Dean Franklin, Brennan K. Berg (KMW), Richard Irwin (Provost Office), Melinda L. Jones (Honors Program)

The four-hundred-and-twenty ninth meeting of the University of Memphis Faculty Senate (FS) was held Tuesday, October 6, 2015, in the Senate Chambers of the University Center (room 261).

10.06.15.01 Call to Order

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

10.06.15.02 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by voice vote with the addition of speaker, Brennan K. Berg. Kemmons Wilson School (KMS) inserted at the end of the agenda after Vice Provost Richard (Dick) L. Irwin.

10.06.15.03 Approval of Minutes

The minutes for September 1, 2015, were approved as written by voice vote.

10.06.15.04 President's Report

President Jackson apologized to Senator Spencer for cutting him off during discussion in the previous FS meeting.

President Jackson, acknowledge that Dean Franklin, Associate Director, Academic Affairs Finance from the Provost Office was in attendance at the meeting serving instead of Janis Brownlee, the Senate liaison from the Provost Office.

President Jackson reported that the Senate delegation meet with President M. David Rudd and Provost Karen Weddle-West to convey the Senate's position on the graduate and undergraduate councils. The Senate delegation proposal included the addition of four senators to each of the councils and requested that the Faculty Senate (FS) be given oversight for the election of faculty representatives to both councils. The Senate proposal was met with no resistance by administration.

President Jackson reported that President Rudd has started an administrative review to identify where budget cuts can be found. Next he will be looking into potential savings with respect to adjunct positions and faculty workload.

President Jackson reported that Dr. Steven Bahls, President Augusta College, was selected as speaker for the Shared Governance Conference/Workshop. The FS is working to add an additional speaker to the conference as well, specifically someone from the AAUP. The Shared Governance Conference/Workshop is scheduled for November 30, 2015 in the afternoon, probably from 1:00 - 4:30 pm. For additional information about Dr. Bahls please visit: <https://www.augustana.edu/general-information/presidents-office/resume> .

10.06.15.05 President-Elect's Report

President-Elect Gkolias reported on the TN Universities Faculty Senates (TUFS) 2015 fall general meeting (September 11-13, 2015) hosted by the University of TN Health Science Center in Memphis, TN. NOTE: Faculty members who attended this state-wide meeting included himself, President Jackson, Parliamentarian Banning, At-Large member Hetherington, and Information Officer Berman. Senator Gkolias stated that the meeting was very informative.

President-Elect Gkolias informed the Senate that he had made a list of things that the FS may be able to propose to President Rudd so that faculty could have more input. He also met with some

legislative members from Shelby County. TUFSS has no real powers but is an avenue where the FS can reach out to people with real power or influence.

President Jackson stated, we were experiencing technical difficulties in the senate chambers and didn't know how this would impact the guest speaker powerpoint presentation.

10.06.15.06 Report of the Executive Committee

President Jackson reported to the Senate that two motions will be brought before the Senate on behalf of the Executive Committee.

Senator Green speaker to the motion.

Motion 1: Shared Governance Conference/Workshop Speaker

Move that the Faculty Senate take the necessary action to add a secondary speaker to the Shared Governance conference workshop agenda, selected by the Faculty Senate.

Adopted by voice vote with 1 abstention on October 6, 2015.

Senator Gkolias speaker to the motion.

Motion 2: Faculty Merit Criteria

Move that the Faculty Senate approve in principle that committees in each college deciding on faculty merit and workload include faculty senators from that college.

Adopted by voice vote on October 6, 2015.

10.06.15.07 Report of Committee on Committees

Senator Thompson, Committee on Committees chair put forth the following faculty nominees for administrative committees and taskforce.

Office of the Vice President Business & Finance standing committees:

Facilities & Services Committee

Perveen Rustomfram (McWherter Library)

Genae D. Strong (Nursing)

Public Records Committee

Peter L. McMickle (Accountancy)

George E. Relyea (Public Health)

Traffic & Parking Authority Committee

Mitchell M. Withers (Center for Earthquake Research and Information-CERI)

Sabyasachee Mishra (Civil Engineering)

Fee & Refund Appeals Committee

Bryna Bobick (Art)

Joy Goldsmith (Communication)

DeAnna Owens (Instruction & Curriculum Leadership)

QEP Oversight Committee (Office of Provost):

Dr. Colton Cockrum, Director of QEP, Academic Coaching & Support Services reported that beginning this fall, we will be creating a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Oversight Committee. This committee will be tasked with overseeing the implementation of the QEP on a year-to-year basis, ensuring that the QEP plan (which was submitted as a part of our SACSCOC accreditation process) is being followed and providing direction as needed. As a reminder, the QEP for our University is ACE: Academic Coaching for Excellence. This five-year plan focuses on expanding academic coaching to reach several populations. Meetings will take place once a semester and will begin later this semester.”

Mr. Berman self-nominated to serve on this oversight committee. His nomination was accepted by the senate.

Senator Thompson submitted all of the above nominations as a slate to the FS. **All nominees were elected by acclamation on October 6, 2015.**

10.06.15.08 Reports of Standing Committees

Academic Policies Committee

Senator Benwari L. Kedia, chair, reported that the committee’s charge was to investigate ways to speed up the process of reviewing and voting on curriculum changes that come through the undergraduate and graduate councils. The committee asked for clarification on the scale and scope of the committee’s charge and representation from the senate on the undergraduate and graduate councils.

Academic Support Committee

Senator George E. Relyea, interim chair, the committee had no report.

Faculty Policies Committee

Senator Henry A. Kurtz, chair, the committee had no report.

Library Policies Committee

Senator Lorraine Meiners-Lovel, chair, reported that the Library Committee had met. The committee will look at last year committee report on funding for the library.

University Undergraduate Council

Senator Máté Wierdl, faculty senate representative to Undergraduate Council as designee for President Jackson, shared the following.

1. Study Abroad travel – recommendation faculty take part in the training offered by the International Office to ensure university’s policies and or rules apply at all times.
2. Submission to TN Board of Regents on behalf of your college – No need for formal letter, instead send an email to Dr. Dick Irwin to address concerns at the college level.
3. Advisors: Study the list of transfer courses – With the expected increase in transfer students this fall, it is very important that undergraduate advisors make sure that transfer students course credits are accepted by the UofM when appropriate.

Research Policies Committee

Senator Michail Gkolias, chair, reported that the committee had meet jointly with the Administrative Policies Committee. Two faculty experts, Dipankar Dasgupta and Robert Kozma, would be consulting with the Research Policies Committee during the academic year.

Administrative Polices Committee

Senator Jeffrey G. Marchetta, chair, the committee had no report.

10.06.15.09 Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

10.06.15.10 New Business

President Jackson reported that Faculty Ombudsperson, Gloria Carr is not able to perform the duties of the Ombudsperson due to an injury and the Senate needs to select an interim Ombudsperson. Mr. Jeffrey S. Berman was nominated by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and nominations were requested from the floor. No additional nominations were received. Mr. Jeffrey S. Berman was elected. Adopted by voice vote.

President Jackson reported that there is a change to University Admissions Requirements for Freshman. The change is that there is no criteria for admission, effective spring 2016.

On behalf of the Executive Committee a motion on Faculty Regalia was presented.

Senator Meiners-Lovel speaker to the motion.

Motion 3: Faculty Regalia for Commencements

Move that the Faculty Senate request that faculty be provided cap and gown rental for graduations when they are required to attend.

Adopted by voice vote on October 6, 2015.

10.06.15.11 Guest Speaker

President Jackson announced that Vice Provost Dr. Richard (Dick) Irwin would be addressing the senate on the topic: Complete to Compete. Copies of Dr. Irwin powerpoint presentation were distributed to the Senators.

Vice Provost Irwin invited Dr. Melinda Jones (Honors Program) to speak briefly about the National Conference Undergraduate Research (NCUR). Dr. Jones stated that the numbers of students involved in the conference is closer to 4,000-4,200. Deadline for abstracts is December of 2016. Most importantly, December 2016 graduates are still eligible to submit papers. Dr. Jones and Dr. Irwin are working with the university Development Office to secure funding to cover student registration fees. In October of 2016 the official web site for Memphis will open.

Dr. Brennan Berg addressed the senate regarding the lack of representation of the Kemmons Wilson School (KWS) in the Faculty Senate. It is the opinion of the KWS faculty that the criteria for membership in the senate have been satisfied and therefore the school should be a part of the FS. The issue of the school senate seat has been taken up with the past and present Faculty Senate Presidents and administration. President Jackson stated that he will again reexamine the status of the school for membership.

10.06.15.12 Announcements

Desire2Learn (D2L), The TN Board of Regents system has decided to retain D2L as the system-wide LMS (Learning Management System). This is a five-year contractual agreement with D2L.

New NCAA Initial Eligibility Standards, These standards effective for 2016 entering Freshman NCAA Eligibility Requirements.

Tiger Blue Goes Green Day, Tuesday, October 6, 10 am -2 pm, UofM Student Plaza (free and open to the public).

Information Technology Services (ITS) will offer training sessions in information security Oct. 6, 11 am - 12 and Oct. 7, 1 - 2 pm. Faculty and staff, especially those with administrative roles, are encouraged to attend. Information and registration for the sessions are available at the Learning Curve website at <https://bf.memphis.edu/training/index.php>.

TBR Faculty Subcouncil, Meeting October 23, 2015.

Shared Governance conference/workshop fall 2015 – Monday, November 30, 2015, Speaker: Steve Bahl (President Augusta College), sponsored by the Office of Provost.

National Conference Undergraduate Research (NCUR), hosted by UofM, April 5-8, 2017, UofM points of contacts Drs. Richard Irwin and Melinda Jones, estimated 3,000 student participants, faculty volunteers needed to review and or read students abstracts, training summer of 2016.

10.06.15.13 Adjourned at 4:00pm.