

**Tennessee State University**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 17, 2010 – 2:40 p.m.**  
**Floyd Payne Faculty Senate Room**

Senators Present:

Dr. Jane Asamani, Chair

Dr. Kimberly LaMarque, Chair-Elect

Dr. Misti Counts, Secretary

Dr. Elaine Busey, Secretary-Elect

Dr. Mary Asson-Batres (representing Senator Gantor); Dr. Sheri Brown; Dr. Thomas Davis;  
Dr. Natalie Housel; Dr. Graham Matthews; Dr. Michael McBride; Dr. Michael Montgomery;  
Dr. J. Byron Pennington; Dr. Achintya Ray.

**Guest Present:** Dr. Kathleen McEnerney, Interim Vice-President, Academic Affairs

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jane Asamani at 2:40 p.m. who then turned the proceedings over to Dr. Kimberly LaMarque and Dr. Byron Pennington.

**Proceedings**

The Constitution (1989) on the Academic Affairs website is a mix of Constitution & Bylaws in one document but they can be separated out into two (2) or more documents. The handbook has been started but not ready for distribution. The handbook is largely governed by TBR policy so much of the work on the handbook will consist of downloading and adding links. Drafts of the Faculty Senate Constitution (FSC) and the Faculty Senate By-laws (FSB) were distributed to all present.

**Dr. Asson-Batres:** Dr. Batres noted that some of the Constitution Committee members that were appointed in the Faculty Senate were not among the group that worked on the Constitution this past summer (focus on 1989 of FSC). Dr. Pennington and Dr. Montgomery noted that they are members of the Faculty Senate Handbook Committee.

Dr. Sheri Brown noted that the Chair of Senate serves for one year only. She motioned that Dr. Lamarque become Chair of the Faculty Senate, per the 1989 Constitution. A discussion of the terms of past Faculty Senate chairs was held. Dr. Counts read the minutes from 11/20/2010 once more.

Dr. Asson-Batres remarked that since the "amendment" in 2008 did not go before the full faculty it does not stand. Dr. Brown's motion was seconded by Dr. Asson-Batres. A counter motion was made by Dr. London Onyebeuke that no vote was necessary. Dr. Brown left meeting.

Dr. McEnerney indicated that per a provision in the 1989 constitution, a chair may serve yearly. Dr. Asamani entertained a discussion on the tenure and promotion rule that was changed as an example of how change is a step forward. She indicated that either way, she would be serving the university.

Dr. Onyebeuke pointed out that one (1) hour had gone by and all the discussion distracted us from getting anything accomplished. He also indicated that faculty was not aware of what an Ad hoc Shared Governance can do to improve the University.

Dr. Pennington moved that meeting be adjourned since this meeting was simply called so that the documents could be distributed to the Faculty Senate for review and comments. The timeline for receipt of comments is two weeks (September 2nd) prior to September Faculty Senate meeting. Any input should be emailed to Mr. McBride. All comments from faculty should come to Faculty Senate through senators. Senators will bring suggestions back to Full Senate.

Dr. McEnerney stated that the organization proposing the amendment decides how the vote will be conducted. Documentation will be required for voting.

Dr. Onyebeuke suggested that problems or differences should be presented professionally, possibly in grievance format.

Dr. House noted that it appears that the Faculty Senate is doing what the Ad hoc committee wanted.

Dr. Asson-Batres, Chairman of the Ad hoc Committee responded that with regard to Shared Governance, members of the committee were elected by the Faculty at large.