

MINUTES

TSU Faculty Senate

Sept. 16, 2010 2:40 pm

Room 302

Floyd Payne

Presiding: Chair-Elect Kimberly LaMarque

Senators Present: Senator Browne (Arts & Sciences/HGPS), Senator Brown (Nursing), Senator Busey (Nursing), Senator Montgomery (Criminal Justice), Senator VanHooser (Library), Senator Siekpe (Business), Senator Pennington (Business), Senator Halachmi (CPSUA), Senator Young-Seigler (Biological Sciences), Senator Gary Lewis (Health Sciences/Dental Hygiene), Senator Harrison (Agriculture Sciences), Senator Arbabshirani (AEAO), Senator Onyebueke (Engineering), Senator Sanford (Sociology/Social Work), Senator Matthews (Agriculture/Family & Consumer Science), Senator McBride (Arts & Sciences), Senator Jones (Human Performance Sport Science/HPSS),

Guests Present:

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 2:50 pm by Faculty Senate Chair-Elect Kimberley LaMarque.

Faculty Senators, Senate Officers, and guests introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes: *The minutes from the August meeting were not available but will be presented for review and approval at a subsequent Faculty Senate meeting.*

3. Old Business:

2010-11 Senate Chair

Proposed Constitutions

A quorum was not present at the beginning of the meeting which prohibited the Senate to move on any action items requiring a vote. A motion to delay agenda items requiring votes until a quorum present was seconded and approved. The Senate continued with agenda item #4. Twenty senators were later present that constituted a quorum and votes were taken on action items.

4. Report of Standing Senate Committee

Professional Development: Senator Onyebueke introduced new documents to assist faculty in requesting funds for professional development. The funds will be distributed by the Faculty Senate.

Discussion: Time line for funds requests, amounts to be requested, "paper work" complexity, and fair and reasonable use funds were discussed. It was concluded funds would be disbursed on a first come basis. Senator Onyebueke said the forms would be found on the Senate's website so there would be no need to search for documents. Applications will require

department and college approvals with signatures. A proposal that applications from faculty who did not turn in grades on time be denied funds was rejected.

With a **quorum present**, a discussion and vote was taken concerning the Faculty Senate Chair.

Chair-Elect LaMarque shared the history of how Senate Chairs acquired a two-year term in office. A vote was taken as to whether or not the current chair should continue for a second year.

Paper ballots were distributed to the senators and collected by the Senate Secretary with the following result: fourteen (14) "Yes" votes (continue in office); and, four (4) "No" votes (do not continue in office).

Curricular: Senator Michael McBride, Chairman of the Constitution Committee, distributed copies of a revised constitution. The Senate supported the proposal to distribute the documents electronically to all Faculty via their Senators for review and feedback.

Discussion: Questions were asked about the revised and other documents to also be shared electronically. Dr. Pennington moved to distribute all five (5) documents electronically including (1) the constitution proposed by a faculty caucus, (2) the 1989 Faculty Senate Constitution, (3) a constitution and (4) by-laws drafted by the faculty senate, and (5) a composite document of (3), (4), and (5). The motion was seconded and approved. Faculty Senators were to distribute the documents to their faculty and bring back their recommendations and comments to the next senate meeting. Electronic copies will be sent to all Senators by Chair-Elect LaMarque.

5. New Business

Slate of Committee Chairs: Nominations were made for committee chairs including accommodations for write-in candidates. A preliminary slate of candidates was presented to the Senators, a motion made & seconded for approval, and the slate was approved via unanimous vote.

TUFS Report: Chair-Elect LaMarque reported TUFS met in August where six (6) motions were approved. The Faculty Senates of each TBR school were asked to approve these motions. The TSU Faculty Senate concurred and approved the following motions:

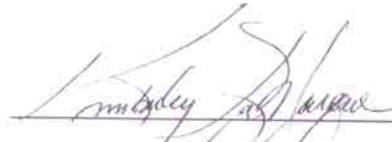
1. "TUFS support the legislative plan that the one-time bonus be based on longevity."
2. "TUFS should contact the national office of the AAUP regarding the procedures used in the selection of the TBR chancellor and for possible investigation and evaluation."
3. "As the THEC Public Agenda plan is being implemented, member senates should utilize TUFS for consolidating the response from those member senates so that a consolidated voice can be given to legislators."
4. "Each senate should propose to the TUFS Executive Committee discussion points, concerns, and strategies for the anticipated presentation to the Tennessee Senate Education Committee."
5. "In matters that are time-sensitive, after consulting with the Executive Committee of TUFS and the faculty senate presidents of TUFS member institutions, the president of TUFS is authorized to communicate to the public the consensus of those consulted."

6. "TUFFS endorses that the APSU Senate pursue a change in Tennessee law to expand faculty sick leave banks to faculty family leave banks with the local legislator who serves on the House Higher Education Subcommittee."

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Elaine Busey, *Faculty Senate Secretary*

Barbara VanHooser
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Kimberly LaMarque, *Faculty Senate Chair-Elect*