



Faculty Senate

Presiding: Stanley E. Stevens

Date: 2-19-08

Secretary: Mary V. Battle

Senators Present: Jan R. Acuff, Jerry L. Anderson, Melvin L. Beck, Jeffrey S. Berman, Laurenda K. Cunningham, Donald R. Franceschetti, Nicholas V. Holland III, Susan Magun-Jackson, Wade M. Jackson, William H. Jermann, Jonathan Judaken, Balaji C. Krishnan, J. Harvey Lomax, David N. Lumsden, William C. McKeown, E. Trey Martindale, David A. Nofsinger, Richard L. Petersen, John R. Petry, Lawrence A. Pivnick, Jean-Pierre Reed, Margaret Quinn, Susan L. Roakes, Hoke Robinson, Leslie S. Scruggs, Jr., Michelle L. Stockton, Irvin L. Tankersley, Bette R. Veteto, Francisco Vivar, and Charles Williams Jr.

New Senator Absent: Economics (Kwok-Kwan Fung, explained) and Engineering Technology (Thomas E. Banning, explained)

Senators Absent: Joel D. Bumgardner (explained), Steven Fell, Linda C. Finch, Candace C. Justice (explained) and Peter Wright (explained).

T.B.R. Rep: Edward H. Perry

Guests: David N. Cox (President's Office) and Thomas Nenon (Provost's Office)

The three hundred and sixty first meeting of The University of Memphis Faculty Senate was held Tuesday, February 19, 2008, in the Entertainment Lobby of the Michael D. Rose Theatre and Lecture Hall.

02.19.08.01 CALL TO ORDER

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

02.19.08.02 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

02.19.08.03 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved to approve the minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of January 22, 2008, with editorial changes from Senator J. Petry and a request from Senator J. Berman, to include in its entirety the Faculty Policies Committee's recommendations (also called attachments 5, 6, and 7).

02.19.08.04 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Invitation to meet with other Faculty Senate officers in a Summit. President E. Stevens informed the Senators that he had received an e-mail from East Tennessee State University's Faculty Senate President, Fred J. Alsop, III. The e-mail invited all TBR institutions' faculty senates presidents and or officers to meet at Fall Creek Falls State Park, April 4-6, 2008, to discuss common issues and/or concerns. (See attached e-mail). President E. Stevens will attend and President-Elect E. Perry may attend.

2. General Faculty Meeting Date. President E. Stevens informed the Senators that the Executive Committee discussed the date for the special General Faculty Meeting to address the proposed Constitutional changes. The date for the General Faculty Meeting is March 31, 2008, at 2 p.m. in the Michael Rose Theatre (Main Stage and Lobby).

3. Other concerns (proposed Faculty Senate Constitution amendments). A faculty member must be present to vote. The quorum is 20% of the Faculty. A packet of motions will be sent to eligible voters by e-mail two weeks in advance.

02.19.08.05 PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT

Also, as Representative to the TBR Faculty Sub-Council, President-Elect E. Perry informed the Faculty Senate that he had nothing to report at this time.

02.19.08.06 OLD BUSINESS

1. Library Policies Committee. Senator L. Cunningham, Chair, presented several motions in the Library Allocations Committee Report. See attached, **Proposal/Recommendation to Full Senate:** The Library Policies Sub-Committee endorses the Report of the Library Allocations Task Force. Given the critical importance of an adequately-funded library to the educational mission of the University, the Sub-Committee approves their recommendations (listed below) and recommends that the full Faculty Senate do so as well.

Recommendations, under the heading of I. Allocations

I., Motion 1. Charge the University Libraries' Administration to develop a plan that will maintain a sustaining percentage balance in the division of the Libraries' Materials Budget, such that percentages assigned to the various divisions within the Materials Budget would remain the same from year to year, subject to periodic revision.

The motion was adopted without revision by voice vote with 0 nays and 0 abstentions, February 19, 2008.

I., Motion 1A. The initial budget plan will be presented to the Faculty Senate's Library Policies Committee for review and discussion at their first meeting in the Fall of each year with the final plan (as approved by the Faculty Senate and the University Libraries' faculty) presented to the Provost no later than March of the succeeding year.

The motion was adopted without revision by voice vote with 0 nays and 0 abstentions, February 19, 2008.

I., Motion 1B. Subsequently, the University Libraries' Administration will review the plan with the Faculty Senate's Library Policies Committee each fall, indicating what steps should or have been taken to maintain the established percentages. The materials allocation information will be available no later than the first day of classes in the fall semester of each year.

The following revision was moved: The percentages will be available no later than September 30th in the fall semester of each year.

This change in wording was approved by voice vote with 0 nays and 1 abstention, February 19, 2008.

The main motion was then adopted by voice vote with 0 nays and 1 abstention, February 19, 2008.

I., Motion 1C. The distribution of book or other library materials funds to the various departments will be determined by their needs in each area.

This motion was adopted by division of the house with a vote of 16 for, 10 nays and with 5 abstentions, February 19, 2008.

I., Motion 1D. Call upon the Library's Administration to establish a minimum base book budget and to establish the distribution system in the manner outlined above, to allow ongoing planning of purchases within departments that use books.

It was moved to refer this motion to the Library Policies Committee for clarification of "...manner outlined above,..." by voice vote with 0 nays and 0 abstentions, February 19, 2008.

I., Motion 2. Call upon the University Administration to establish a policy and procedure for an annual increase in the base amount of University Libraries' Materials Budget to address the serious inflation in the cost of serials, electronic resources and micro format materials.

Several motions were made and seconded to change the language of the main motion. The first of these was to delete "... serials, electronic resources and micro format..." The second was to change "Call upon..." to "Work with..." Upon discussion these secondary motions were withdrawn. The main motion was adopted by voice vote with at least 3 nays and 1 abstention.

Motion 3. Call upon the University Administration to establish and maintain a policy which would incorporate additions to the base funding of the University Libraries' Materials Budget within the proposal for each new undergraduate and graduate program. The base funding increase should be linked to the level of the program.

The motion was adopted by voice vote with 1 nay and 0 abstentions, February 19, 2008.

Recommendations, under the heading of II. Communications

II., Motion 1. The Dean of the University Libraries will prepare and distribute electronically an Annual report of the University Libraries.

It was moved and seconded to amend the main motion by the addition of the phrase, "to all members of the faculty" after "...University Libraries..." to the end of the main motion. The secondary motion was adopted by voice vote with 1 nay and 0 abstentions, February 19, 2008.

The motion now reads:

The Dean of the University Libraries will prepare and distribute electronically an Annual report of the University Libraries to all members of the faculty.

The main motion was then adopted by voice vote with 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

II., Motion 2. The Dean will deliver a candid report of the status of the University Libraries' budget each year at the first meeting of the Faculty Senate, with special emphasis on the status of funding for Library Materials (monographs, periodicals/standing orders, electronic resources, micro format materials, binding, and interlibrary loan services).

It was moved and seconded to amend the main motion with three changes. The first was to change "...first..." to "...second...;" insert "...including..." after "...Library Materials...;" and remove (). This secondary motion was adopted by voice vote with 0 nays and 0 abstentions, February 19, 2008.

The motion now reads:

The Dean will deliver a candid report of the status of the University Libraries' budget each year at the second meeting of the Faculty Senate, with special emphasis on the status of funding for Library Materials including monographs, periodicals/standing orders, electronic resources, micro format materials, binding, and interlibrary loan services.

The main motion was then adopted by voice vote with 0 nays and 0 abstentions, February 19, 2008.

Motion for POINT OF ORDER from the floor, Senator J. Petry, asked stated to deviate from the agenda, thus suspending the rules, to allow for other agenda items to be heard.

The motion to deviate was then adopted by voice vote with 0 nays and 0 abstentions, February 19, 2008.

2. Academic Support Committee. Senator J. Petry, Chair of the Academic Support Committee, recommended the proposed Constitution change, amendment 6.

Article II. The Faculty Senate, Section 3. Membership,
D. Representation

From:

1. The Faculty Senate shall consist of members elected by and within departments, independent units, or areas (in colleges without departments). Each department, independent unit or area shall be entitled to one Senator.
2. The School of Law, the University Libraries, the University College, and the School of Nursing shall be classified as departments for the purpose of electing representatives to the Senate.
3. Independent units, those departments not affiliated with a baccalaureate, degree-granting college of the University (such as Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology) shall elect representatives to the Senate in the same manner as a department that is affiliated with such a college.
4. Any department, independent unit, or area (in colleges without departments) organized after the adoption of this Constitution shall attain Senate representation in the first Senate election following its organization.

TO:

1. The Faculty Senate shall consist of members elected by and within the University Libraries, departments and schools within colleges, and schools and colleges without departments. Each entity shall be entitled to one Senator.
2. ROTC-Aerospace, ROTC-Army, and ROTC-Navy shall be grouped into one unit and shall be entitled to one representative.
3. Any new entity shall attain Senate representation in the first Senate election following its organization.

Motion to amend Senator H. Robinson: Strike the words “without department,” replace after the word “colleges,” with the words, “insofar as they are not already represented by departments”.

The motion now reads:

1. The Faculty Senate shall consist of members elected by and within the University Libraries, departments and schools within colleges, departments within schools, and schools and colleges insofar as they are not already represented by departments. Each entity shall be entitled to one Senator.

Adopted by voice vote, with 0 nays and 0 abstentions on February 19, 2008

02.19.08.07 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES' REPORT

Senator L. Pivnick, Chair of the Committee on Committees, presented the committee's report. The committee report dealt with motions for faculty nominees to serve on the following university committees:

MOTION 1: Move that the Faculty Senate approve the nomination of Lisa D. Hobson-Horton and Eleanor R. Sanders-Lawson, from the College of Education, Department of Leadership to serve on the Faculty Convocation Planning Committee.

Adopted by voice vote on February 19, 2008.

MOTION 2: Move that the Faculty Senate approve the nomination of Ronnie Priest, College of Education, Department of Counseling Educational Psychology & Research to serve on the Faculty Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee.

Adopted by voice vote on February 19, 2008

02.19.08.08 ADJOURN

Because of the lateness of the meeting, a sizeable portion of the agenda items pending, and the possible loss of a quorum, President E. Stevens asked the members whether the meeting should be adjourned. It was so moved and seconded. The meeting ended at 4:30 p.m.

NOTE: Status of Business will be forthcoming.