



Faculty Senate

Presiding: Stanley E. Stevens

Date: 3-19-08

Secretary: Mary V. Battle

Senators Present: Jan R. Acuff, Jerry L. Anderson, Melvin L. Beck, Jeffrey S. Berman, Joel D. Bumgardner, Laurenda K. Cunningham, Steven Fell, Linda C. Finch, Donald R. Franceschetti, Kwok-Kwan Fung, Nicholas V. Holland III, Susan Magun-Jackson, Jonathan Judaken, Candace C. Justice, 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, Irvin L. Tankersley, Bette R. Veteto, Francisco Vivar, and Charles Williams Jr.

New Senator Absent: Engineering Technology (Thomas E. Banning)

Senators Absent: Donald R. Franceschetti, Wade M. Jackson (explained), William H. Jermann, Balaji C. Krishnan (explained), Leslie S. Scruggs, Jr., Michelle L. Stockton (explained), and Peter Wright.

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

Guests: David N. Cox (President's Office), Thomas Nenon (Provost's Office), Mary Ellen Pitts, Ph.D. (UMAR), and C. Sue Hull-Toye (Information Technology Division)

The three-hundred and sixty-second meeting of The University of Memphis Faculty Senate was held Tuesday, March 18, 2008, in the Entertainment Lobby of the Michael D. Rose Theatre and Lecture Hall.

03.18.08.01 CALL TO ORDER

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

03.18.08.02 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

03.18.08.03 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved to approve the minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of February 19, 2008.

03.18.08.04 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Policy Review Board (PRB). The UM 1692, Conflict of Interest policy was reviewed by the PRB and approved on 3/5/08. The revised policy requires the formation of a review committee to evaluate conflict of interest disclosures, in compliance with TBR Policy 1:02:03:10, Conflict of Interest. In addition, the number of employees required to file annual financial disclosures has been expanded. The TN Board of Regents' statement on Conflict of Interest is to mirror The University of Memphis statement on the same.

2. Effort Certification. Federal law legally allows faculty members and professional staff to certify the efforts of their spouses if they are paid by a sponsored program. But TN state law does not allow spouses to certify each other's efforts. There are three couples on the university campus affected by this situation. However, this specific situation is considered a minor glitch.

3. Academic Integrity Taskforce Report. President E. Stevens informed the Senators that the Academic Integrity Taskforce Report is available for their viewing.

4. General Faculty Meeting, March 31, 2008. President E. Stevens informed the Senators that the special General Faculty Meeting will be held on March 31, 2008 at 2 p.m. in the Michael Rose Theatre (Main Stage) to address the proposed changes to the Faculty Senate Constitution. Documents concerning the meetings will be place in the theatre lobby area. The Senators were encouraged to ask their eligible colleagues to attend. Also, a faculty member must be present to vote. The quorum is 20% of the Faculty. At present there are 888 full-time faculty members; 177 faculty need to ratify the proposed changes. The packet of motions was sent to eligible voters.

5. Conference on Shared Governance and Tennessee State Conference AAUP. The combined conferences, Friday and Saturday and will be held at LeMoyne-Owen College, located at 807 Walker Avenue, Memphis, TN, March 28-29, 2008. The Saturday conference will focus on shared governance, 10 am to 12 noon. All working sessions are open to any faculty member. Faculty members are encouraged to attend, especially those who shared an interest in shared governance. President E. Stevens informed the Senators that the Academic Integrity Taskforce Report is available for their viewing.

6. Heery Group, On-Campus Stadium Feasibility Study (dated 2/29/08). The Faculty Senate Executive Committee requested and received a copy of the Heery Group feasibility study from the University of Memphis' Office of Legal Counsel. A copy of the study is on file in the Senate office for review, if desired. The University Counsel also provided a copy of President Shirley Raines' statement of March 12, 2008, on this issue, the statement of the University of Memphis Board of Visitors' Subcommittee, which reviewed the study, dated March 11, 2008. The prior mentioned documents are provided to the Senators.

03.18.08.05 OLD BUSINESS

1. Academic Support Committee. Senator J. Petry gave a status report on the responses to the fall 2007 SETE. See attached, the statistical data by college (also called entity).

2. 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 II. Communications

II., Motion 3. A representative of the University Libraries should give a brief orientation to what the libraries can, and cannot, provide in the first general faculty meeting of the fall term of each year.

The motion was adopted without revision by voice vote with 0 nays and 0 abstentions, March 18, 2008.

II., Motion 4. A ~~consistent~~ representative of the University Libraries should meet with each department in the first semester of each academic year.

It was moved and seconded to amend the main motion by striking the word, “consistent”.

The motion now reads:

A representative of the University Libraries should meet with each department in the first semester of each academic year.

The main motion was then adopted by voice vote with 0 nays and 0 abstentions, March 18, 2008.

II., Motion 5. University Administration should clearly and consistently communicate ~~the embarrassingly deficient~~ funding for library functions at the University of Memphis relative to peer institutions and aspirational peers, using ~~compelling~~ data provided by Libraries’ staff, to all relevant constituencies.

It was moved and seconded to amend the main motion by striking the words, “the embarrassingly deficient” and “compelling”.

The motion now reads:

University Administration should clearly and consistently communicate funding for library functions at the University of Memphis relative to peer institutions and aspirational peers, using data provided by Libraries’ staff, to all relevant constituencies

The main motion was then adopted by voice vote with 1 nay and 0 abstentions, March 18, 2008.

II., Motion 6. Strategic planning work should feature discussion of the role ~~and plight~~ of the Libraries as a centrally relevant goal.

It was moved and seconded to amend the main motion by striking the words, “and plight”.

The motion now reads:

Strategic planning work should feature discussion of the role of the Libraries as a centrally relevant goal.

The main motion was then adopted by voice vote with 0 nays and 1 abstention, March 18, 2008.

~~**II., Motion 7.** University Libraries’ faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in regional and national meetings of relevant societies and to share with all appropriate bodies on the University of Memphis Campus information gained at the meetings, especially that dealing with funding for library materials and services.~~

It was moved and seconded to delete the main motion in its entirety, March 18, 2008. This motion was adopted by voice vote with 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Recommendations, under the heading of III. Development

III., Motion 1. The Vice President for Advancement should designate a Development Officer to focus on the University Libraries.

Point of information: David Cox, Executive Assistant to President Shirley Raines, believes a new position is being developed.

The motion was adopted without revision by voice vote with 0 nays and 0 abstentions, March 18, 2008.

~~**III., Motion 2.** The Dean of Libraries should designate a faculty member as External Funding Coordinator, who would pursue grants and other external funding possibilities.~~

It was moved and seconded to delete the main motion in its entirety and replace with an amended motion.

The amended motion reads:

The University Libraries should pursue grants and other external funding possibilities.

The amended motion was adopted by voice vote with 0 nays and 0 abstentions, March 18, 2008.

III., Motion 3. Senior University administrators, including the President, Provost and Vice Presidents, must provide leadership in the long term development of the University Libraries.

The motion was adopted by voice vote with 0 nays and 1 abstention, March 18, 2008.

III., Motion 4. Libraries Liaisons to individual departments and schools should work with the Departmental Representatives and the departments/schools to include a library materials budget, as appropriate, as a part of any grant applications being made.

The motion was adopted by voice vote with 0 nays and 0 abstentions, March 18, 2008.

III., Motion 5. The Dean of Libraries should develop and submit a proposal for a Student Library Resources Fee.

The motion failed by voice vote with 12 for, 14 against, and 1 abstention, March 18, 2008.

III., Motion 6. Since the Libraries support scholarly endeavors throughout the University, 3% of all unrestricted gifts to the University should be designated for the Libraries's endowment.

It was moved and seconded to send the motion back to committee to get monetary figures.

Motion 7. The Dean of Libraries should work with the Vice President for Advancement to explore opportunities for including the Libraries as a part of presentations to donors considering restricted gifts.

The motion was adopted by voice vote with 0 nays and 0 abstentions, March 18, 2008.

03.18.0807 ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEES' REPORT

Senator I. Tankersley, Chair of the Academic Policies Committee, presented the committee's motions. The committee motions addressed the final report of the Faculty Senate ad hoc General Education Committee:

MOTION 1: "Move that the Faculty Senate establish ~~a standing~~ General Education Committee."

Discussion ensued, resulting in motion to amend the main motion by striking the words, "a standing"

Motion now reads:

"Move that the Faculty Senate establish an ad hoc General Education Committee."

The amended motion was adopted by voice vote, with 0 nays and 0 abstentions on March 18, 2008.

MOTION 2: Move that the General Education Committee take the appropriate steps to implement the recommendations of the ad hoc General Education Committee approved by the Faculty Senate at its March 20, 2007, meeting."

Discussion ensued, centering mainly on the need to deal with general education issues on an ongoing or continual basis, resulting in motion to amend the main motion.

Motion now reads:

“Move that the recommendations for the ad hoc General Education Committee go to the new committee for consideration.”

The amended motion was adopted by voice vote, with 0 nays and 0 abstentions on March 18, 2008.

03.18.08.08 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.