



## **Faculty Senate**

**Presiding:** Stanley E. Stevens

**Date:** 4-24-07

**Secretary:** Teresa S. Dalle, acting (Mary V. Battle, elected this meeting)

**Senators Present:** Jerry L. Anderson, Melvin L. Beck, Laurenda K. Cunningham, Chhabil Dass, Steven Fell, Linda C. Finch, Wade M. Jackson, Candace C. Justice, Balaji C. Krishnan, J. Harvey Lomax, Edward H. Perry, John R. Petry, Alan W. Proffitt, Leslie S. Scruggs, Jr., Bette R. Veteto, and Francisco Vivar

**Senators Absent:** Steven Fell

**Senators Present by Proxy:** Leonard R. Lawlor (Hoke Robinson)

**New Senators Present:** Mary V. Battle, Jeffrey S. Berman, Donald R. Franceschetti, Susan Magun-Jackson, Walter G. Kirkpatrick, E. Trey Martindale, David A. Nofsinger, Richard L. Petersen, Lawrence A. Pivnick, Jean-Pierre Reed, Michelle L. Stockton, Margaret Quinn.

**New Senators Absent:** Accountancy (vacant, explained), Anthropology (vacant, explained), Art (vacant, explained), Joel D. Bumgardner, Earth Sciences (vacant), Management (vacant) and Nicholas V. Holland, III.

**New Senators Present by Proxy:** ASLP (Jan R. Acuff), Economics (Albert A. Okunade), Electrical & Computer Eng (William H. Jermann), Jonathan Judaken (Daniel L. Unowsky), SUAPP (Reza Banai).

**T.B.R. Rep:** Charles J. Biggers

**Guests:** David N. Cox (President Office), and Chrisann Schiro-Geist (Academic Affairs)

The three hundred and fifty-fifth meeting of the University of Memphis Faculty Senate was held Tuesday, April 24, 2007, in the Entertainment Lobby of the Michael D. Rose Theatre.

### **04.24.07.01 CALL TO ORDER (2:40 p.m.)**

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

### **04.24.07.02 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

#### **04.24.07.03 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved to approve the minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of April 17, 2007. There was a recommendation to change the term “holes in learning” to “deficiencies in learning” under New Business. The minutes were approved with the change.

#### **04.24.07.04 PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

1. Welcome New Senators—President E. Stevens welcomed the new Senators and stressed the role of having faculty member’s voices heard.
2. Faculty Convocation—President E. Stevens stated that the convocation was successful. He noted that the Senate President was recognized as part of the platform party. He noted that the number of faculty participating was low, and he encouraged everyone to attend next year.
3. Faculty Forum (TBR Nashville, TN)—Senators W. Jackson (MIS) and A. Proffitt (Engineering Technology) attended the Faculty Forum. Senator W. Jackson stated that the topics under discussion at the Faculty Forum were advising and shared governance. They suggested that although there was a lot of discussion of the topics, success is dependent on work done at local campuses. Senator A. Proffitt mentioned that another activity was to locate topics for future Forums. Minutes are forthcoming. There was a question of shared governance and that it meant to rely on work done at the local level. Senator W. Jackson stated that the discussion at the forum tried to get administrators and faculty on the same page, but none of the University of Memphis’ administrators was there. MTSU shared their plan for shared governance, and mentioned the importance of having discussion with top officials first. Senators W. Jackson and A. Proffitt, have a copy of the MTSU documents. A report about the Faculty Forum will eventually be sent out to the Faculty Senate. There was also question about the TBR policy and shared governance. Senator W. Jackson pointed out that the issue is covered in TBR policy 1:03:10:00, Student and Faculty Participation in Development of Campus Policies and Programs, and it can be located at the TBR website [http://www.tbr.state.tn.us/policies\\_guidelines/governance\\_policies/1-03-10-00.htm](http://www.tbr.state.tn.us/policies_guidelines/governance_policies/1-03-10-00.htm)
4. Election of Tellers Committee--to count the votes. There was a motion to elect Candace Justice (Journalism) and William Jermann (Engineering) as Tellers today to count votes. The motion passed.

#### **04.24.07.05 ELECTION OF FACULTY SENATE OFFICERS**

1. Secretary—Nominees were Senators Donald Franceschetti (Physics) and Mary Battle (English). The candidates spoke to the Senate expressing their interest and highlighting their skills. Ballots were distributed. On ballot one, senator Mary Battle was elected.

2. Parliamentary—Nominee is Senator Alan Proffitt from Engineering. There were no other nominations. Senator A. Proffitt was elected by acclamation.
3. President-Elect—Lawrence Pivnick from Law was nominated. Edward Perry from Engineering was nominated. Each nominee spoke to the group expressing his interest and presenting his credentials and experience. On ballot two, senator E. Perry from Engineering was elected.

**04.24.07.06 ELECTION OF TWO AT-LARGE MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Nominees were Senators Walter Kirkpatrick, College of Communications & Fine Arts, and Wade Jackson, College of Business & Economics. Senator Lawrence Pivnick from Law was also nominated but asked that his name be removed from the list of nominees. There being no other candidates, Senators Kirkpatrick and Jackson were elected by voice vote.

**04.24.07.07 ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

Nominees were Jerry Anderson from Engineering, Donald Franceschetti from Arts & Sciences, Candace Justice from Communication & Fine Arts, Lawrence Pivnick from the School of Law, and Balaji Krishnan from the College of Business & Economics. There being no other nominees, the five were elected by voice vote.

**04.24.07.08 THE ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE FOR MARCUS ORR FACULTY SENATE LECTURE IN HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Chair of the Committee will be required to write a proposal seeking funds from the university. There is no separate fund for the Lectureship. Nominated were Senators Donald Franceschetti (Physics) and John Petry (Leadership). On ballot three, Senator Donald Franceschetti was elected.

**04.24.07.09 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

President E. Stevens asked that Senators complete a committee preference sheet in order to be assigned committees.

**04.24.07.10 OLD BUSINESS**

1. Status of Business

	TITLE	COMMITTEE	STATUS	ADMIN
Intellectual Property	Intellectual Property Student Property	Research Policies Committee	Complete	
Green Power	Green Power Switch	Administrative Policies Committee	Continue	

General Education	General Education	Ad Hoc General Education Committee	Complete	
Grievance Process	University Grievance Process (members)	Committee on Committees	Election (need three more members)	
Shared Governance	Shared Governance	Ad Hoc Committee on Shared Governance	Continue	
SIRS	On-Line SIRS	Academic Support Committee	Continue	
Academic Integrity	Academic Integrity	Academic Policies Committee	Complete	

2. Senator A. Okunade moved and the motion was seconded that three faculty be nominated to serve on the Faculty Grievance Committee: Gladius Lewis (Engineering) for 1 year, Daniel H. Phillips (Music) for 2 years, and Michael Gootzeit (Business) for 2 years. All three were elected.

3. Senator W. Jackson stated that the Faculty Senate had been asked by the Provost to send out an email asking faculty to encourage students to complete SIRS. There was some discussion of whether the Senate should be involved in this since the wishes of the Senate were not taken into account this year. Senator Okunade suggested that despite the Senate's feelings on SIRS, the evaluation is necessary and the Senate should support its use. The final vote for the motion was 15 against and 11 for. **The motion did not pass.**

#### **04.24.07.11 ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS**

1. Tennessee Sales Tax Holiday, April 27-29, 2007 (for 2007 only, there is an additional special one-time holiday, from April 27 through 29, 2007). Call (800) 342-1003 or e-mail Salestax.holiday@state.tn.us or [www.tntaxholiday.com](http://www.tntaxholiday.com) for more information.

2. Spring 2007 Commencement, Saturday, May 5, 2007, will be held at 10 a.m. for Audiology, University College, Communication and Fine Arts, and Arts and Sciences; and at 2 p.m. for Engineering, Education, Nursing, and Business. Additional information can be found at: <http://saweb.memphis.edu/commencement/>

3. There is not enough information to announce the committee assignments. The Committee on Committees will get the information sheets and decide on the assignments. Each committee will then choose its own chair.

#### **04.24.07.12 ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 3:35.