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Faculty Senate Agenda

November 23, 2015

Culp Center, Forum (Room 311)

- I. Old Business
 - a. Approval of Minutes for October 26, 2015
 - b. Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2015
 - c. Academic Integrity
- II. New business
 - a. Replace Susan Epps on Homecoming Committee
- III. Updates
 - a. Report on Executive Committee Meeting with President Noland
 - b. Center for Faculty Excellence
 - c. Partial Terms
 - d. Parking Committee
 - e. Ombudsman
- IV. Announcements/Other Business
 - a. Open Forum (formerly known as Plenary Faculty Meeting) with President Noland
January 21, 2016, Culp Auditorium from 3:00 – 4:30.
 - b. Compensation from Summer 2015 -- Everyone who taught for less made whole?
 - c. Faculty Senate Meeting November 30
- V. Adjournment



FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Meeting Date:	11/23/15	Time:	14:45 – 16:45	Location:	Culp Center, Room 311
Next Meeting:	1/25/16	Scribe:			Eric Sellers
Present:	Dilshod Achilov, Fred Alsop, Patrick Brown, Doug Burgess, Randy Byington, Kathy Campbell, Jackie Church, Erin Doran, Dorothy Drinkard-Hawkshawe, Joyce Duncan, Susan Epps, Tavia Flanagan, Bill Flora, Virginia Foley, Lee Glenn, Tammy Hayes, Bill Hemphill, Stephen Hendrix, Howard Herrell, Karin Keith, Thomas Kwasigroch, Fred Mackara, Anthony Masino, Tim McDowell, Theresa McGarry, Lorianne Mitchell, Shunbin Ning, Sun-Joo Oh, Bea Owens, Peter Panus, Jonathon Peterson, Kerry Proctor-Williams, Deborah Ricker, Eric Sellers, Melissa Shafer, Darshan Shah, Bill Stone, Paul Trogen, Craig Turner, Ahmad Watted,				
Absent:	Leila Al-Imad, Jessica Bragg, Katherine Hall, Tod Jablonski, Koyamangalath Krishnan, Guangya Li, Mary Ann Littleton, James Livingston, Mildred Maisonet, Timir Paul, April Stidham, Liang Wang, Robert White				
Excused:	Robert Beeler, Lon Felker, Nick Hagemeyer, Jerome Mwinyelle				

Agenda Items	Responsible
Meeting called to order 14:50	
1. Old Business	
1.1 Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2015	Dr. Foley
1.2 Approval of Minutes From November 9, 2015	Dr. Foley
1.3 Academic Integrity	Dr. Flora
2. New Business	
2.1 Replace Susan Epps on Homecoming Committee	Dr. Foley
3. Updates	
3.1 Report on Executive Committee Meeting with President Noland	Dr. Foley
3.2 Center for Faculty Enhancement	Dr. Brown
3.3 Partial Terms	Dr. Epps
3.4 Parking Committee	Dr. Trogen
3.5 Ombudsman	Dr. Hemphill
4. Announcements/Other Business	
5. Adjournment	

DISCUSSIONS

1. Old Business
1.1 Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2015 Motion: Paul Trogen Second: Peter Panus Approved: Yes
1.2 Approval of Minutes From November 9, 2015 Motion: Paul Trogen Second: Peter Panus Approved: Yes
1.3 Academic Integrity – Flora Bill Flora motions to approve the changes that were made to the Academic Integrity policy. Theresa McGarry made a comment that part 6 item 6 was removed; however, it should remain for protection of



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instructors. It was discussed that this item was removed to align with TBR policy.

Bill Flora moves to accept policy with the addition of the previously stricken section. Seconded by Tim McDowell and unanimously approved.

2. New Business

2.1 Replace Susan Epps on Homecoming Committee – Foley

Susan explained that the faculty of the colleges were not informed of Homecoming activities, so she volunteered to be the faculty representative. Because of a time conflict, she asked for someone to replace her. No one volunteered, nor was anyone nominated. This topic will be revisited at the next meeting.

3. Updates

3.1 Report on Executive Committee Meeting with President Noland

Not all Nursing instructors had been fully compensated for summer terms. President Noland was notified of this and it has been taken care of.

Safety- Increased public safety officers in buildings and around campus were suggested and President Noland agreed. Everyone was asked to notify their constituents so that they are not alarmed at the new officer presence. President Noland was asked if the cameras on campus were monitored at all times. He replied that they are not but the feed can be brought up at any time.

Summer School Pilot- Jackie Church and Anthony Masino explain that President Noland was not interested in re-instituting pilot, but he would like feedback about how we should be structuring things. If anyone should have any suggestions about how we should be structuring things, they should email them, and they will be sent on.

Enterprise- Those who are travelling to Sevierville every week do not get blanket coverage because it is outside of the 100-mile policy. President Noland says that is a problem that needs to be addressed because we will be teaching in Sevierville more often. He also notified us that in the three month period since the contract has been in place, the University has saved \$54,000 by using Enterprise. The additional funds remain in their respective departments.

Fine arts- The architect’s preliminary draft was presented. The \$8 million that will come from the city will go toward the central auditorium to make it larger. The foyer will also be larger and closer to the street.

Q: Bill Stone asks if there will be new parking for the expansion.

A: Virginia Foley answers that to her knowledge there will be no additional parking added.

Q: Bill Stone asks if there is scarce parking, can we rent student parking?

A: Virginia Foley answers that the parking garage should be what is used for after hour’s events at the new fine arts center.

Faculty Club- Lee Glenn explained that the proposal had been taken to the Retirement Committee, and they were not very interested in it. After that proposal, they appointed a liaison to the subcommittee, so there may actually be interest. There is a tentative application form for the club. The target is to have a brochure and an application form by next August. Members of the Communication Department will help advertise the club. The Association of College and Universities suggested another survey is conducted to get an update on faculty opinion. Bill Stone suggested that the survey should ask how enthusiastic a person would be at different price points. Lee notes that the last time the survey was done it included a question of that sort, and \$240 seemed to be appropriate.

Q: Patrick Brown asked what the dues would be.

A: Lee Glen answers that they will be \$240 per year.

3.2 Center for Faculty Enhancement

Patrick Brown explained that the provost asked for a full proposal for a center for faculty excellence that would be used as a teaching and learning center. The committee that met last year that put forward initial proposal to run this as a steering committee was reconvened and is in the process of drafting a full proposal. As of now the committee has a detailed outline drawn up. The committee will meet again in January. There will be something to present to Faculty Senate by the middle of next semester.

3.3 Partial Terms

Susan Epps explains that most of the issues of partial terms are with GA’s, and faculty contracts. No one was against it, but there was discussion about how we can make it work. If anyone has concerns let Susan know.

3.4 Parking Committee

Paul Trogen explains that the parking committee made a report to Dr. Noland. Dr. Noland has heard the recommendations but has not made any commitments yet.



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3.5 Ombudsman

Bill Hemphill and Anthony Masino are going to be serving on a task force to, hopefully, establish the position.

4. Announcements/Other Business

Theresa McGarry updated us on the low enrollment issue that Women's Studies went through. There was a meeting with TBR after our meeting in which we discussed the issue. The Vice Chancellor of TBR was very supportive of all of the low producing programs. The meeting that was held helped the representatives of the departments to strengthen their reports. The low producing programs were looked at as either compliance or a threat: get with program or get closed. Now the focus is more on enhancing the programs rather than just closing them. The Physics program were spotlighted for having the highest number of physics graduates in a university in the United States.

A Faculty Senate meeting was scheduled for next Monday 11/30/15. **Patrick Brown motioned not to meet because the senate did not have any pressing business. Susan Epps seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.**

4.1 Open Forum (formerly known as Plenary Faculty Meeting) with President Noland will be held on January 21, 2016, in the Culp Auditorium from 15:00 – 16:30. The Open Forum was well attended last year. It is an opportunity for give and take with the faculty and President Noland.

4.2 Compensation from Summer 2015 – Has everyone been made whole? Answer: Yes

**5. Motion to Adjourn: Patrick Brown Second: Susan Epps Motion Approved
Meeting Adjourned 16:45.**

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