

Minutes
Faculty Advisory Council
HAL Hall of Honor

Date: April 17, 2002

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Members

Present: Ms. Betty Chancellor, Library

Dr. Darrell Pearson, Education
Dr. Chan Roark, Education
Dr. Janet McNellis for Dr. Dianne Gossett, Education

Dr. Michael Woods, Arts & Sciences
Dr. Beverly Gibson, Arts & Sciences
Ms. Harriett Pullen, Arts & Sciences
Dr. Stephen Landers, Arts & Sciences
Ms. Diane Porter, Arts & Sciences

Dr. Catherine Allard, Communication & Fine Arts
Dr. Jim Vickrey, Communication & Fine Arts

Dr. Suzanne Stokes, Health & Human Services
Ms. Jean Pate, Health & Human Services

Dr. Jim Hoyt, Business
Dr. Jerome Bibbins, Business
Dr. Len Weld, Business

Absent with

Notice:

Dr. Ben Mason, University College
Ms. Pam Allen, Communication & Fine Arts
Dr. Kathryn Ness, Phenix City
Mr. John Anderson, Health & Human Services

Other

Attendees: Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor
Mr. Fred Davis, Provost
Mr. John Schmidt, Vice President for Student Affairs

Mr. W. D. Barron, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor
Dr. Michael Malone, President, TSUD
Mr. Tom Ensey, Montgomery Advertiser

1. Roll was called by the secretary.

Approval of the Minutes from the March 19, 2002, meeting.

The following amendments were made to the March 19, 2002 meeting minutes:

Page 2, 3.B. Old Concerns, first line should read, "Because of proration searches for faculty positions were suspended or terminated."

Page 2, 3.C., at the end of the first paragraph, add the following sentence:

Dr. Tatum said that in the future he would not increase the number of class days missed without committee approval.

Page 3, 4., paragraphs one and two should read:

Dr. Woods said he has talked with University Police, and they do not ticket any automobile on campus that does not have a decal. There are several visitor parking spaces on the quad that are currently being used by students that do not purchase decals.

Dr. Woods noted that he recently reported 7 cars parked illegally on the east side of the quad. When the police were contacted, his complaint was ignored. It was noted that all parking on the Quad is going to be eliminated. Dr. Woods pointed out that currently this is the only place many faculty in his building have to park, and they would like to see current policy enforced.

The March 19 minutes were approved as amended.

Dr. Vickrey said the minutes from the last two meetings stated that he was absent. He asked that the minutes reflect that he had not received copies of the minutes or notice of the meetings.

2. Reports

A. Constitution Committee

Draft has been submitted to an attorney for review.

B. Academic Affairs Committee

Committee had not met.

C. Faculty Welfare Committee

Committee had not met.

D. Athletic Advisory Committee

Committee had not met.

3. Old Business

A summary of the meeting between Dr. Allard and Mr. Davis covering the following faculty questions was distributed:

A. Replacement of faculty

Whenever a vacancy occurs, the department chair and dean submit a formal request to fill that vacancy. Mr. Davis weighs that request against course need and money available. He reserves the right to refuse to fill a vacant position. Mr. Davis indicated that interviews are currently taking place for positions in mathematics, music and psychology

B. Summer Research Grant money

Summer Research grants are funded from money in the General Fund. In the 2000-2001 school year, some projects for summer research were approved by the Faculty Development Council after proration had been imposed. Some grantees chose not to pursue their research, while others did. Mr. Davis has approved reimbursement to those grantees who completed their projects; the committee approved and that document is now awaiting the Chancellor's approval. When, and if, he grants it, those faculty who were awarded a summer research grant for summer 2001 and who completed the project will be reimbursed.

C. Adams Center Theater

The lack of a large classroom space continues to be a problem. Mr. Davis said he could see no practical solution at this time.

Mrs. Porter noted that the concern about the Adams Center classrooms is not so much the lack of large classrooms but the idea that we are moving towards a 200 student model when we market ourselves to students and parents with phrases such as "one student at a time" and "We know you by your name not a number." The greater concern is that we are shifting away from our marketing and what we are as Troy State University.

The Council agreed to have the Academic Affairs Committee look into the question of some classes being too large.

D. Large graduate courses

The Provost agrees that certain graduate courses need to be limited in size. He will ask the Graduate Council to monitor class size.

E. Extension of online registration

Datatel must shutdown online registration in order to manually calculate billing. Online course selection has been extended to July 16, but it must then cease so that statements may be calculated and mailed in order for students to return them by the August 2 date.

F. Enforcement of parking regulations: Dr. Woods

Dr. Woods reiterated his concerns from the previous meeting. Mr. Schmidt said that the university is dedicated to enforcing parking regulations and noted that from January through April 288 tickets had been written for vehicles parked on the quad.

Mr. Schmidt reported that research into the feasibility of having a gated parking lot for faculty and staff revealed that gated parking would be too expensive. He added that he has been studying the possibility of designating the parking lot on the East side of Smith Hall for faculty/staff parking only.

Dr. Woods said that he thought the gated parking lot for faculty and staff on the East side of Smith Hall was agreed on at an earlier meeting. Mr. Schmidt said that there would be only one entrance and one exit at the Smith parking lot and therefore University Police would be able to enforce the parking policy without a gate.

Dr. Landers wanted to know how the police could successfully enforce the parking policy at Smith Hall when there were so many complaints about parking on the Quad.

Dr. Hawkins commented that he thought a gate was inevitable.

4. New Business

- A. Raises to football staff – result of a commitment for move to Division IA:
Dr. Hawkins noted that he had announced that there would be no across the board raises, but that he had not said there would be no adjustments. He said the university has to be in a position to retain good faculty.
- B. Measuring the merits of move to Division IA: Dr. Hawkins, Dr. Allard
When TSU made the move to Division IA, we made a commitment to an additional 22 scholarships and authorized additional coaching positions. There were some adjustments made to coaching salaries, but there was a revenue stream created by Division IA of \$1.3 million. Athletics is the primary means of exposure for all universities. TSU received as much visibility from this football season as it has received in a long time. According to Dr. Hawkins, applications are up from 125 to 200 in the greater Birmingham area.

Dr. Allard asked Dr. Hawkins and the board to investigate the impact the move to Division I has had on student enrollment outside of athletics.

Dr. Hawkins updated the Faculty Advisory Council on the results of the vote for split of new Education Trust Fund money. The governor said he approved a 1/3:2/3 split on the education budget, but the legislature, in the end, gave higher education 28%.

- C. TSU has signed an agreement with twelve Chinese universities. There were four universities present at the meeting in Beijing, but TSU was the only university to receive students. Ninety percent of the Chinese students who come to this country want to stay. The agreement will allow Chinese students to complete their first year in China, come to TSU for two years, and then return to China for their final year. We hope to relieve the visa blockage and make it possible for more Chinese students to come to TSU. This is an exciting opportunity for TSU, which could lead to a graduate program and a faculty exchange program.

TSU currently has 354 international students. In September, we will begin a program modeled after the leadership program that will give international students \$1,000 off tuition in exchange for which they will work five hours each week with faculty.

- D. "Chow with the Chancellor": Dr. Allard
Plans have been made for small groups of faculty to have regular luncheon meetings with the Chancellor each semester to discuss faculty issues.
- E. Request for recommendation from Graduation Planning Committee: Dr. Allard
The Graduation Planning Committee has requested feedback from the Council on a request from the University Honors Program for graduates of that program to wear a stole (or some other physical symbol) signifying participation in the Honors Program even if the student is not graduating with honors.

Mr. Schmidt said the university would not want to lower the bar; Students in the Honors Program still need to meet the honors expectations.

Dr. Allard said she would report back to Dr. Stewart that the issue was discussed but no decision was made.

- F. Elections for 2002-2003 academic year
Dr. Woods nominated Dr. Allard to serve as Chair for a second term. The nomination was seconded, and Dr. Allard was elected unanimously.

Mrs. Porter nominated Dr. Landers for Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded, and Dr. Landers was elected unanimously.

Dr. Allard noted that the Faculty Advisory Council would meet one of the first three Wednesdays of Fall Semester.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.