

**Austin Peay State University**  
**Faculty Senate**  
**Meeting of Thursday, February 22, 2024**  
**Morgan University Center, Room 307 | 3 pm**  
**Agenda**

**Call to Order:** Senate President Soma Banerjee

**Recognition of Guests:**

**Roll Call of Senators:** Senate Secretary *pro tem* Brandon Di Paolo Harrison

**Recognition of Guests** – Professor. Nancy Gibson, President Dr. Mike Licari, Dr. Tucker Brown, Gerald Harrison, Dr. Loretta Griffy, Perry Scanlan, Rashad Cockrell, Elaine Berg, Dr. Leonard Clemons

**Approval of Today’s Agenda:** motion made, seconded, and passed to approve the full agenda.

**Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2024 Meeting:** motion made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes.

**Remarks:**

1. Senate President Dr. Soma Banerjee (5 minutes). Dr. Banerjee welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.
2. Faculty Spotlight Professor Nancy Gibson (Professor & Grants and Special Projects Librarian) (10 minutes). Professor Gibson presented her research looking at past scholarship at Austin Peay over the past 10 years. She is specifically investigating past connections of creative scholarly endeavors to try and inform future collaborative pathways in scholarly activity at Austin Peay.
3. President Banerjee held a Moment of Silence for Professor David Till
4. University President, Dr. Mike Licari (10 minutes): President Licari talked about a \$70M deferment in maintenance; no extra money for campus safety and security, and ADA improvements. He stated that he will make a pitch next week at the state legislation and

collaborate on funding needs, to include requesting additional funding for a 3% raise for faculty (split 50:50 with the legislation),

- a. Enrollment is looking good, and we are still outpacing others. Enrollment is an area where he will continue to focus. The condition of the university continues to improve, and he feels good about where we are currently.

Questions:

Q1: When is the next capital campaign?

A1: We are doing a Centennial campaign and not a capital campaign. More for scholarship and teaching resources that investing in student success.

5. Vice President/Director of Athletics, Gerald Harrison (10 minutes): first opportunity to spend time with faculty senate. He gave a brief overview of himself and his family, and how his career has progressed bringing him to Austin Peay. He reported on the College Nights hosted at the F&M Arena. Gerald highlighted that last semester's student athlete average GPA was 3.34, and how Austin Peay's student athlete graduation rate is one of the highest in the ASUN conference. Gerald also expressed a desire for student athletes to have the opportunity to be involved in the community.
6. Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Leonard Clemons (15 minutes): Leonard presented an overview of the Student Affairs Strategic Plan, discussing the vision for his division, approach & strategy. Leonard discussed conducting both internal student survey and that external experts were brought in to assess and compare APSU's Student Affairs nationally. To determine who "we" are so they developed core values, focusing on people, went over their 4 goals, he told the team that they could not be working on this in 2027 when Generation Alpha arrives, and extended an invitation for collaboration on

these initiatives with faculty. Dr. Clemons stated that when Academic Affairs and Student Affairs are aligned, magic happens.

Division Reorganization: the organization chart did not make sense to him because it stifled collaboration and imagination. Three new thematic areas under the new org chart have been created. He discussed dining facility renovations, to include the food court expansion, which is slated to open in 2025.

Future Plans: Community Engagement & Sustainability Center next to the bookstore: food pantry, it will look like a regular market, rebranding of the food pantry name, 25 seat classroom, financial wellness and sustainability classes.

Questions:

Q1: What national brands are you looking for to bring to the new food court?

A1: Looking to the students, looking at a local option, not just national brands.

7. Director of Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center, Rashad Cockrell (15 minutes): Rashad provided a brief professional history about himself. He informed faculty senate that three new organizations started last semester. Rashad outlined new initiatives that he and his team are working on, regarding resources for students and then highlights some upcoming events.
8. Associate Vice President for Academic Strategic Initiatives and Foundation Engagement, Dean of University College, Dr. Loretta Griffy (10 minutes): Loretta shared with faculty senate some of the work being done in the University College and some of the new leadership in the college.

Questions:

Q1: AP Navigate, attended a training, it looks like the advising and check box are not going to transfer to AP Navigate?

A1: AP OneStop is going away, and we are moving to Banner 9, which has no customizable options. A team of three people from IT are working on the issue.

Q2: In that case, are we going to push the start date?

A2: We are in an 18-month implementation phase, and we must be in Banner 9 before the end of the 18 months.

Q3: In a recent UCC meeting, what were the changes of concentrations within the college?

A3: Two concentrations went through UCC: Military Sciences Concentration and a Survey of Learning.

### **New Business**

1. UCC updates, Dr. Manisha Gupte (5 minutes): in the past two meetings there have been no concerns, except the two concentrations that Dr. Griffy just discussed. In the November or December meetings.

Questions: (none)

**Adjourn: motion made and seconded.**