

Athens State University Faculty Senate Minutes

Charge: (As stated in Athens State University's 2000 *Faculty Handbook*, Section 4.2, Article XI).

At a regular meeting of the Athens State University Faculty Senate, held in room 114 of the Athens State University Library, on Friday, February 27, 2009, at 11:30, Dr. Jim Kerner, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Amanda Branscombe, Kathy Buck, Sean Busick, Mike Essary, Dottie Gasbarro, Jim Kerner, Laura Lynn Kerner, Kim LaFevor, Bebe Shaw, George Williams (Quorum).

Members Absent: Tina Sloan, Beth Vinson

Guest Speakers: VPAA Dr. Denver Betts

Visitor: Mary Harris

With no corrections/additions to the minutes from the previous meeting, the record shows them approved as stated.

Committees then submitted the following reports:

Academic Affairs: Minutes on Bb.

Curriculum Committee: Minutes on Bb.

Learning Resources: Minutes on Bb.

Sabbatical: No change in status.

Faculty Affairs: Minutes on Bb.

Old Business: n/a

New Business: P.O. Kerner thanked Dr. Bob Glenn, ASU President, along with VPs Betts, Mould, King, and Clark, for attending this meeting with the faculty senate; they then addressed questions and concerns submitted by faculty. P.O. Kerner taped their responses and has posted the video for faculty viewing on Blackboard. Topics covered included the following:

- A. Banner and student plans of study
- B. Check-off line item for graduation exit exams on graduation packets
- C. Tuition increase
- D. Faculty Handbook revision
- E. Initiatives to enhance student presence on campus

F. Request for a DL consultant, testing center, and studio-quality recording capability

G. Glenn's top 7 priorities:

1. Managing pro-ration without reduction in force
2. Graduate programs
3. SACS accreditation
4. Maximizing community college centers
5. Fundraising
6. Fine arts collaboration with Calhoun
7. Civic Center collaboration among ASU, city, and county

H. Presidential involvement in internal issues

I. Promotions

Kerner then made the following closing remark: "Faculty are encouraged to contribute to the Faculty/Staff Scholarship. We are about halfway to the \$10,000 mark. Faculty has contributed 51%, and staff have contributed 49%."

There being no additional comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30.
Motion carried (Williams/Buck).

Respectfully submitted,
Bebe Gish Shaw, Secretary