

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, December 19, 2008, at 11:25, Dr. Jim Kerner, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Pat Kuby as proxy for Amanda Branscombe, Kathy Buck, Sean Busick, Lisa Rich as proxy for Mike Essary, Dottie Gasbarro, Jim Kerner, Laura Lynn Kerner, Kim LaFevor, Bebe Shaw, Tina Sloan, Beth Vinson, George Williams. (Quorum).

Members Absent: n/a

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

Dr. Kevin Dupre was the guest speaker, and he addressed the Senate on the ASU 2009-2010 Calendar. He said that Tina Hicks was primarily responsible for its creation, which includes 8 requirements, including both our own Maymester and inclusion of veterans, and must include a certain number of Carnegie minutes and spread over 15 weeks. The committee did address Doug Clark's concern that the first day back should not be the first day of class. Dupre also invited VPs' input into the calendar. Dupre added that as a consequence of all of these requirements, the committee did not have much influence in the final product. He said Tina should be commended, however, for her knowledge regarding compliance.

Next, P.O. Kerner passed out drafts and rubrics of the proposed Athens State University Foundation Faculty Awards for \$500 each in Excellence in Teaching and Excellence in Research for the senate to consider.

The 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: Dupre addressed concerns about faculty disappointment in declining enrollment of traditional students. A discussion then followed, Dupre's notes of which are attached.

There being no additional comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45. Motion carried (Busick/LaFevor).

Respectfully submitted,
Bebe Gish Shaw, Secretary