

## **Athens State University Faculty Senate Minutes**

Charge: (As stated in Athens State University's 2009 *Employee Handbook*, Section 7.2, Faculty Constitution and by-Laws, Article XI: The Faculty Senate).

At a regular meeting of the Athens State University Faculty Senate, held in the Chapel of Founders Hall, on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at 1:00, Dr. Mike Essary, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order.

Members Present: LaDoris Baugh, Sean Busick, Prentice Chandler, Kevin Dupre, Mike Essary, Bonnie Heatherly, Marion Madison, Nate Mitchell, Bebe Shaw, Gary Valcana, Debbie Vaughn, George Williams (12/12 Quorum).

Members Absent: n/a

With no corrections/additions to the minutes from the previous meeting, the record shows them approved as stated. Motion carried (Mitchell/Busick).

The committees then submitted the following reports:

Academic Affairs: Will meet in January.

Curriculum Committee: Minutes on Bb.

Sabbatical: Chancellor has pulled sabbatical from the agenda to allow for more time to gather support.

Faculty Affairs: Met and addressed questions from EC. Minutes soon to be posted. Several reforms have been recommended for the Handbook.

Learning Resources: Linda Hemingway came and presented the following memo for inclusion in the minutes:

“The unofficial charge that the Learning Resources Committee has been working under since January 28, 2009, is below. The committee requests that this be made the official charge in the Handbook.

‘The Learning Resources Committee is composed of representatives from all University colleges, including representation from the library. The primary duty of the Learning Resources Committee is to assist the Library Director in the planning and evaluating of library services that support the curriculum and faculty research of the University. Activities of the committee include but are not limited to 1) consulting with the Library Director concerning development of the collection; 2) creating and evaluating library policies; 3) recommending development of or utilization of library facilities; 4) designing and implementing assessment methods and instruments intended to guide the

committee's decisions and evaluating assessment results; and 5) serving as liaison between the library and faculty.”

Hemingway continued, “I thought you may need some history on this request. The learning resource committee does not have a charge in the Handbook. The committee presented this last year to the Senate for a vote, but it was tabled in the November meeting because of uncertainty about the computing committee. Now that Dr. Cheek has formed a separate computing committee, we ask that the Senate please consider this charge for the Learning Resources Committee. The motion that was tabled last year cannot be taken off the table because of the amount of time that has passed according to Robert's Rules of Order.”

Hemingway also stated that LR has formed a small ad hoc committee, which will be visiting Learning Commons at GA Tech, UAB, and Emory to gather information from schools with large commuter populations.

Election Committee: n/a

Old Business: Re. secondary employment, Dr. Glenn has asked Drs. Cheek and Betts to articulate a statement, which will then go to Suzanne Sims, be sent for legal review, returned to administrative council, and delivered to faculty senate.

Re. Promotion and tenure, the State Board is still deliberating.

New Business: Essary will invite Amanda Branscombe from FA and Kim LaFevor from EC to the January meeting of the Faculty Senate to discuss election reforms recommended for the Handbook. Busick recommended that senators look at their minutes in Bb before we reconvene.

There being no additional comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30.  
Motion carried (Madison/Mitchell).

Respectfully submitted,  
Bebe Gish Shaw, Secretary