

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 Founders' Chapel, on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 1:00, Mike Essary, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order.

Members Present: P. Chandler, Dupre, Essary, M. Heatherly for B. Heatherly, Mitchell, Pieplow, Shaw, Vaughn, Williams (Quorum 9/12).

Member Absent: Bell, Busick, B. Chandler

With no corrections/additions to the minutes from the November 29, 2011, meeting, the record shows them approved as stated. Motion carried (Mitchell/Chandler).

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs: Calendar accepted by senate. Motion carried (Chandler/ Dupre).

Faculty will vote on 2012-1013 Calendar and revised Employee Handbook on January 27th.

Curriculum committee: Minutes on Bb.

Learning Resources: n/a

Sabbatical: n/a

Faculty Affairs: n/a

Election Committee: n/a

Old Business: n/a

New Business: Dr. Ron Cromwell, Provost, was guest speaker. He addressed the issues which he is working on at the moment: 1) Data, 2) Centers, 3) Provost's Authority, 4) QEP, and 5) DL Policies. He emphasized that that which he is working on is not necessarily what he thinks most important, rather what demanded his attention first. He would like to see workloads reasonable to enhance student learning, see centers defined, see strategic planning enrich student lives, see the QEP "owned at the deepest level and embraced wholeheartedly, not adhered to in fear of SACS." He admitted that right now the "stumbling blocks have obscured his view of quality," but that all he has is a "snapshot," and that it will "really take about four semesters" to get the big picture. Senators thanked him for coming.

There being no additional comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11. Motion carried (Essary/Shaw).

Respectfully submitted,
Bebe Gish Shaw, Secretary