

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, February 7, 2012, at 1:00, Mike Essary, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Bell, Busick, B. Chandler, P. Chandler, Dupre, Essary, B. Heatherly, Pieplow, Shaw, Vaughn (Quorum 10/12).

Member Absent: Mitchell, Williams

With no corrections/additions to the minutes from the January 17, 2012, meeting, the record shows them approved as stated. Motion carried (B. Chandler/P. Chandler).

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs: n/a

Curriculum committee: Minutes on Bb.

Learning Resources: n/a

Sabbatical: Minutes on Bb.

Faculty Affairs: Minutes on Bb.

Election Committee: P.O. elections forthcoming.

New Business: n/a

Old Business: First, P.O. Essary began by reiterating that Faculty Committee Chairs are to report any committee concerns directly to the P.O. or to the Faculty Senate, and NOT to the Provost. Essary wished to remind faculty that these are faculty committees, not administrative committees.

Then faculty senate discussed proposed DL Policy. Discussion began with faculty senate emphasizing **7.1 Role of Faculty** in the *Employee Handbook*: "Academic policy-making rests in the faculty at Athens State University." Discussion then turned to language in **Vision 2020, Goal 4: Increase and strengthen the role of faculty in University governance**. "Rationale: A university's faculty is essentially responsible for the core societal function of a university—to generate and convey knowledge and skills. The collective experiences and judgment of a university faculty are vast regarding academic issues in higher education. For this reason, after adequate deliberation, there should be substantial deference to faculty opinion about two issues. Those issues are curriculum (what subjects should be taught) and pedagogy (how subjects should be taught)."

Senate determined to call a special senate meeting for Thursday, February 16, 2012, to further this discussion.

There being no additional comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30.
Motion carried (P. Chandler/Debra Vaughn).

Respectfully submitted,
Bebe Gish Shaw, Secretary