

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, September 13, 2011, at 1:00, Debra Vaughn, as proxy for Presiding Officer Mike Essary, called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Vaughn (as proxy for Essary), Shaw, B. Chandler, B. Heatherly, Busick, Dupre, J. Smith (as proxy for Vaughn), Pieplow, Bell, Branscombe (as proxy for P. Chandler), Mitchell

Member Absent: G. Williams

With no corrections/additions to the minutes from the August 17, 2011, meeting, the record shows them approved as stated. Motion carried (Mitchell/Heatherly).

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs: not met yet

Curriculum Committee: not met yet

Learning Resources: not met yet

Sabbatical: n/a

Faculty Affairs: not met yet

Election Committee: not met yet

Old Business: Branscombe from FA reviewed for new senators proposed changes for FA from last year. 1) EC needs clarifications for ballot and process 2) Faculty Handbook is now Employee Handbook 3) Under voting, FA has added that ballot has to be "valid, secret, and signed" 4) Corrections have been made to insure sections of Faculty Handbook match Employee Handbook 5) Changes have been made to LR charge 6) Have added sending voting proxy privileges to committee meetings 7) Article 12 now addresses concerns of EC and defines a legal ballot

Smith moved that election results be reported to both presiding officer and faculty senate before being reported to faculty, which removes any potential conflict of interest. Motion carried (Smith/Busick).

Mitchell moved to accept Employee Handbook with approved changes. Motion carried (Mitchell/Heatherly).

New Business: Senate discussed Sabbatical Committee and declined to consider removing it as a faculty committee.

There being no additional comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36. Motion carried (Heatherly/Mitchell).

Respectfully submitted,
Bebe Gish Shaw, Secretary