

## **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, October 2, 2012, at 12:00, Amanda Branscombe, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Baugh, Bell, Branscombe, Busick, P. Chandler, Dupre, Essary, Harris, B. Heatherly, Shaw, R. White, Vaughn

Member Ex Officio from Library: O'Neal

Members Absent: n/a

With no corrections/additions to the minutes from the April or August Full Faculty Convocations, the record shows them approved as stated. Motion carried (Heatherly/Chandler).

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

### Committee Reports:

AA: Buck has been elected chair.

CC: Otto has been elected chair.

EC: R. White was elected by A&S to replace G. Williams.

FA: Gadberry has been elected chair.

LR: Woodruff has been elected chair. Library Commons was discussed.

SC: n/a

Senators discussed Dr. Al Elmore's open letter of October 1, 2012, addressing the issue of "faculty morale."

Vaughn motioned for Section 7.1 of the *Employee Handbook*, Role of Faculty, to be reaffirmed by the Faculty Senate:

"Academic policy-making rests in the faculty at Athens State University. The entire faculty constitutes the academic governance body of the institution, with the Faculty Senate acting as an executive committee and transacting the regular business of the Faculty. The Senate meets monthly, while the entire Faculty meets twice during the nine-month academic period. Special meetings may be called at other times. Currently, the Faculty has six standing committees: Academic Affairs, Curriculum Committee, Elections Committee, Faculty Affairs, Learning Resources, and Sabbatical."

Motion carried (Vaughn/Essary).

Vaughn then motioned that the requirement in Section 7.2 of the *Employee Handbook*, Faculty Constitution and By-Laws, Article IX, Committees, paragraph 2, likewise be reaffirmed by the Faculty Senate:

“Except for committee reports considered by the Senate, committee reports affecting the Faculty as a whole for an academic year or longer shall be presented to all members at least one week in advance of the Faculty meeting where the report will be orally presented and discussed. The actual vote shall be by secret signed or electronic ballot presented to all members no later than on the Tuesday following the Faculty meeting where the issue is discussed and deadlined no earlier than the following Friday. Such votes require a quorum (a majority of the Faculty casting a valid ballot). For passage, a proposition must receive a majority of votes of those casting valid ballots. The ballots shall be kept on file for one month for inspection by any Faculty member, and a tabulated summary of the ballots shall be kept on permanent file.”

Motion carried (Vaughn/Essary).

There being no additional comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10.  
Motion carried (Essary/Baugh).

Respectfully submitted,  
Bebe Gish Shaw, Secretary