

## **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 30, 2012, at 12:00, Amanda Branscombe, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Baugh, Hughes as proxy for Bell, Branscombe, Busick, P. Chandler, Dupre, Essary, Harris, B. Heatherly, Shaw, R. White, Vaughn (Quorum 13/13).

Member Ex Officio from Library: O'Neal

Members Absent: n/a

With no corrections/additions to the minutes from the October meeting, the record shows them approved as stated. Motion carried (Dupre/Heatherly).

### Committee Reports:

AA: Rick Roberts has been elected chair to replace Buck. Received calendar from ad hoc Calendar Committee. Charge renewed. Motion carried (Chandler/ White).

CC: Minutes posted on Bb. Charge renewed. Motion carried (Busick/Baugh).

EC: N/A. Charge renewed. Motion carried (Busick/Baugh).

FA: Charge updated: Will review Summer Responsibilities document, update Employee Handbook, and look at Students' Faculty Evaluation system. Motion carried (Heatherly/Harris).

LR: Working on Library Commons. Charge renewed. Motion carried (Busick/Baugh).

SC: N/A. Charge renewed. Motion carried (Busick/Baugh).

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Faculty Senate now has ad hoc committee reports. Vision/Mission committee meets Oct. 31. Branscombe would like to see Faculty Senate define its role, emphasizing Tactic One from Goal Four: "Increase and strengthen the role of faculty in University governance." Tactic One states the following:

"Clarify the role of faculty in University governance. This endeavor should take the form of a document specifying with greater precision the topics about which the faculty should play a meaningful role in policy making."

Additionally, Faculty Senate supports The Principles of Accreditation December 2011 Edition available at: <http://www.sacsoc.org/principles.asp>:

3.4.2 The institution demonstrates that each educational program for which academic credit is awarded is approved by the faculty and the administration. (Academic program approval)

3.4.10 The institution places primary responsibility for the content, quality, and effectiveness of the curriculum with its faculty (Responsibility for curriculum)

3.7.4 The institution ensures adequate procedures for safeguarding and protecting academic freedom. (Academic freedom)

3.7.5 The institution publishes policies on the responsibility and authority of faculty in academic and governance matters. (Faculty role in governance)

Motion tabled (Dupre/Vaughn).

There being no additional comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bebe Gish Shaw, Secretary