

## **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 Waters' Conference Room, on Monday, January 6, 2014, at 12:00, Mark Durm, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Bell, Branscombe, Busick, Durm, Haghighi, Harris, Heatherly, Hughes, Hyde, Shaw, Vaughn (Quorum 12/13).

Member Ex Officio from Library: Wolfe

Members Absent: White

With no additions/corrections to the previous minutes, the record shows them approved as stated. Motion carried (Bell/Branscombe).

### Committee Reports:

FA: n/a

CC: n/a

EC: n/a

AA: n/a

LR: n/a

SC: n/a

Vaughn moved to suspend rules of RRO (Vaughn/Heatherly).

President Glenn discussed with senate potential LMS change from Blackboard to Canvas.

A memo shared from V.P. McCoy revealed the following: "The cost savings if we go to Canvas will be approximately \$135,00 to \$160,000 over a three year period depending on what options we choose and the costs of the conversion. If you will recall, the initial difference between Bb and Canvas was around \$400,000."

There was a general consensus among senators to support the technology committee's opinion that we should renew our current contract with Bb for the upcoming 3 year contract for time for further review of Canvas before making the transition, cost no longer being a critical concern.

Old Business: Glenn said ASU has committed to the Morale Survey and has made it a goal to be recognized as an "honorable institution." Glenn said the draft Constitution has language that cannot be approved, as faculty only has the right to make academic recommendations and not decisions. The status of "Quality Indicators" was discussed at length and with concern as to whether this is a matter for the Strategic Planning

Committee, department chairs, or the appointed senate sub-committee. Standing Committee Responsibilities and Membership recommendations are still being discussed. Durm will take this to the current committee chairs for further discussion.

New Business: Faculty was encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees meetings. "Employee Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibilities" was distributed for further review and discussion at a later date.

There being no additional comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30. Motion carried (Branscombe/Harris).

Respectfully submitted,  
Bebe Gish Shaw, Secretary