

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, October 7, 2013, at 12:00, Mark Durm, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Bell, Busick, Durm, Haghghi, Harris, Heatherly, Hughes, Shaw, Vaughn, White (Quorum 11/13).

Member Ex Officio from Library: Wolfe

Members Absent: Branscombe, Hyde

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

Committee Reports:

FA: FA has been asked to consider whether chairs should be allowed to serve on PC.

CC: n/a

EC: Shared Governance Document passed with 81 votes cast, 80 for and 1 against.

PC: Election and appointment results were announced: Owen, Thomas, Shaw, McCain, Rich, Wilkes, Kuby, Ferguson, Cowan

AA: AA has been asked to study the possibility of grade inflation at ASU.

LR: n/a

SC: n/a

Durm handed out a document from the President entitled "Recommended Committee Duties," which he emphasized were only recommendations broadening responsibilities but reducing committee numbers and to be implemented next academic year if adopted. Committee chairs, present, were to discuss the document with their various committees and report back to the senate by Christmas to be brought before the faculty for a vote.

Durm also handed out the final draft of the Document on Shared Governance and a Position Statement and Schematic of Shared Governance Procedure.

Senate now plans to write a new Faculty Constitution and Bylaws beginning on Mondays in November from 1:00 until 6:00 until completed.

Old Business: White announced that regarding the Morale Survey, the Chronicle outsourced their survey and he is hoping to secure it and conduct the comparison survey during the 3rd week of November. The Quality Indicators Committee needs to rework the format, as the Provost doesn't approve of its yes/no format, so it is going back to FA then to QI and back to senate. The possibility of a Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board

of Trustees will be presented by Durm on October 18. VP McCoy will discuss University finances after Fiddlers. The Staff Appreciation Award will be presented possibly at the annual holiday dinner.

New Business: Durm will ask other sister institutions who share ASU's upper division two year school status for suggestions for initiatives that encourage faculty training and development (Objective 2, bullet 2). Bell announced that her committee charged with writing a Faculty Bill of Rights, after researching and finding few comparable documents at other institutions, has decided to table the issue until the new Faculty Constitution and Bylaws have been written, as doing so without the above seemed premature.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bebe Gish Shaw, Secretary