

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, February 3, 2014, at 12:00, Mark Durm, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order.

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

Member Ex Officio from Library: Wolfe

Members Absent: Hyde

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

Committee Reports:

FA: n/a

CC: n/a

EC: n/a

AA: (below)

LR: n/a

SC: n/a

Harris moved to suspend rules of RRO for guest, Jess Brown, from AA to speak on proposed calendar changes for 2015-16 (Harris/Heatherly). AA believes December 10, 11, 14, and 15, scheduled as non-instructional, faculty duty days should be deleted. Likewise, January 5 and 6 should be deleted. They believe the entire campus should be closed during spring break, when currently the schedule includes March 21 and 22 as non-instructional, faculty duty days. Currently, the only non-duty day for faculty between spring and summer is Wednesday, May 11. May 9 and 10 are considered part of spring term, and May 12 and 13 are considered part of summer term. The non-instructional days of May 9, 10, 12, and 13 should be eliminated as faculty duty days. These four days occur after final grades are due and after spring commencement ceremonies. Basically, AA thinks faculty should have one week of non-duty time between spring and summer terms.

Old Business: There are no new developments on the Morale Survey. Regarding Quality Indicators, senate edited the statement, "Number of earned doctorates by college and university" to read "Number of earned doctorates, terminal degrees, and/or professional certifications by college and university." Motion carried (Vaughn/Hughes). Constitution revision will begin again on Monday, February 10. Feedback on "Employee Code of

Ethics and Professional Responsibilities” primarily focuses upon secondary employment and faculty “whistle-blowing.”

New Business: Board of Trustees passed the 124 credit hour rule. Valcana submitted results from faculty senate elections. And Durm announced his intention not to run for p.o. for the upcoming academic year. Senate asked Shaw, who is a member of the President’s Task Force on Leave Policy, to ask that committee, chaired by Rick Mould, to find out the definition of a “duty day,” to ask how many duty days are in our contract and how they affect financial aid, and to distinguish among duty days, instructional, and non-instructional days. Motion carried (White/Vaughn).

There being no additional comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Bebe Gish Shaw, Secretary