

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 special called meeting of the Athens State University Faculty Senate, held in Waters' Conference Room, on Monday, September 16, 2013, 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/clarifications to the previous minutes, the record shows them approved as stated. Motion carried (Branscombe/Harris).

Committee Reports:

AA: n/a

CC: n/a

EC: n/a

PC: n/a

FA: n/a

LR: n/a

SC: n/a

Old Business: Senate discussed Task Force on Shared Governance Document. Durm sent an email to faculty on Friday 13 regarding the informal meeting on September 20 at 11:00 in CB104 for discussion. Branscombe moved that if necessary we use an electronic ballot should EC be unable to conduct elections with paper ballots. Motion carried (Branscombe/Hyde).

Regarding Promotions Committee elections, results are to be turned into the Provost by September 18.

Senator White is working to obtain the same document from the Chronicle of Higher Education for the Morale Survey, which will be conducted in November.

Durm handed out a Faculty Expectations document compiled by department chairs. Durm appointed a 2013-2014 Faculty Senate Quality Indicators Committee: Hughes, Branscombe, Durm, Shaw, Harris, Bell, and Steve Clark. FSQC will meet and report back to Senate next month.

New Business: Durm consulted with Glenn on correct procedure and authority of each standing committee (Objective 5, bullet 2). This conversation is ongoing and Durm will report to Senate in October.

Durm temporarily stepped down from P.O., appointing Shaw temporary P.O., and motioned the following regarding a faculty advisory committee to the Board of Trustees (Objective 3, bullet 3):

“I move the Faculty Senate consider the proposal of requesting the board of Trustees for the implementation of a standing committee or standing sub-committee, whose membership would consist solely of faculty and Trustees and that would represent the concerns of the faculty to the Board of Trustees.” Motion carried (Durm/Hyde).

Branscombe asked if FA should not perform this function rather than appointing another committee. Busick suggested that the Senate itself be a committee to study proposal.

After further discussion, Durm amended his motion to the following: “I move the Faculty Senate request the Board of Trustees for the implementation of a standing committee or standing sub-committee, whose membership would consist solely of faculty and Trustees and that would represent the concerns of the faculty to the board of Trustees.” Motion carried (Durm/Hyde).

Durm resumed as P.O. Regarding the possibility of an ad-hoc committee on finance (Objective 1, bullet 1), Mike McCoy has agreed to address this issue and that an ad hoc committee is probably not needed. Branscombe suggested also including the new V.P. for Enrollment in this conversation as well.

Durm appointed a “Faculty Bill of Rights” (Objective 3, bullet 2) committee, to be chaired by Bell and include Shaw and Hyde. Durm handed out an example from Sonoma State University from which the committee is to work.

Durm also suggested Senate in some way express appreciation to staff.

Finally, regarding a new Constitution and Bylaws, Durm suggested Senate consider undertaking the rewriting over several Fridays or even over the days preceding Thanksgiving if faculty is required to be on campus. Senate did not like his original idea of a weekend retreat in order to accomplish this task.

There being no additional comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20. Motion carried (Heatherly/Bell).

Respectfully submitted,
Bebe Gish Shaw, Secretary