

## **Athens State University Faculty Senate Minutes**

Charge: (As stated in Athens State University's Policy Library, Faculty Constitution and Bylaws).

At a regular meeting of the Athens State University Faculty Senate, held in Founders Chapel, on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 12:00, Robert White, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Berzett, Busick, Durm, Essary, Hyde, Heatherly, O'Neal, Roberts, Shaw, Turner-White, Vaughn, Z. for Woodruff (Quorum 13/13).

Members Absent: n/a

With no additions/corrections to the minutes, the record shows them approved as stated.

Dr. Ingle, Interim Provost, introduced himself to Faculty Senate and laid out his initial 3 pronged approach for ASU: 1) to reinstate a faculty teaching grants program 2) to reinstate sabbaticals 3) to look into the 60 hour rule and "reach a solution beneficial to students, the institution, and its budget." Senate thanked Dr. Ingle for visiting.

### Committee Reports:

AA: n/a

FA: Gadberry is unsure if teacher grants program should be under FA or AA. Senate also discussed with G. removing student evaluations from the faculty evaluation process.

CC: n/a

EC: n/a

LR: n/a

Old Business: n/a

New Business: Heatherly moved that anonymous student course evaluations be removed from the 2014-2015 faculty evaluation process. Motion carried (Heatherly/O'Neal).

Durm moved that Faculty Senate recommend that the degree name of Masters of Religion instead be changed to Masters of Religious Studies and that this matter be forwarded to CC. Motion carried (Durm/Essary).

Vaughn would like to see the following: 1) Bb cartons remain closed until faculty duty days before classes begin, and she believes this matter needs to be forwarded to AA. 2) Regarding promotions, she would like to revisit the current policy of exclusion of faculty without terminal degrees in their teaching field.

There being no additional comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Bebe Gish Shaw, Secretary