

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, February 17, 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, Woodruff (Quorum 13/13).

Members Absent: n/a

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

Committee Reports:

AA: Jess Brown addressed senate regarding General University Requirements. AA has been working on this as has an ad hoc committee appointed by the President and chaired by V.P. McCoy. Interim Provost Ingle reported that a conversation will take place on Thursday, February 19, 2015, between senior administration and the Chancellor of the 2 year college system to discuss proposed changes to our 60-hour rule. Durm moved we table voting on any changes to the 60-hour rule until after the aforementioned conversation between the Chancellor of the 2 year college system and our senior administration takes place. Motion carried (Durm/Essary).

FA: n/a

CC: n/a

EC: n/a

LR: Kimberly Jack reported that LR had drafted a definition of information literacy which they will distribute to faculty in March.

Old Business: n/a

New Business: There has been a change in our mission statement, recorded in full here with changes in bold italics as follows:

“The University advances the best interests of its students and the State of Alabama through teaching, service, research and other creative activities to empower students to make valuable contributions in their professional, civic, educational and economic endeavors. Through innovative communication and course delivery for high-quality undergraduate ***and select graduate programs***, Athens State University provides a supportive environment for each student, demonstrating the importance of the diverse and interdependent nature of our state and society. Athens State University changes the face of Alabama by changing the lives of students.” Heatherly moved Senate accept the change. Motion carried (Heatherly/O'Neal).

Busick moved that Senate thank Interim Provost Ingle for working with faculty and Senate in such an open manner and articulated that we hope to keep him for a length of time sufficient enough for our institution to heal. Motion carried (Busick/Essary).

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bebe Gish Shaw, Secretary