

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 Thursday, March 17, 2016, at 12:00, Mike Essary, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Busick, Durm, Essary, Johnson, Kerner, Lewis, O'Neal, Shaw, Vaughn (Quorum 9/13).

Members Absent: Hyde, Heatherly, Turner-White, Woodruff

With no additions/corrections to the February minutes, the record shows them approved as stated. Motion carried (Lewis/O'Neal).

Committee Reports:

AA: Rick Roberts stated AA had approved the Academic Calendar. Ingle has removed "Duty Days." Calendar will soon be forwarded to Senate from Tina Hicks to review at the April meeting, and Faculty will vote on the Calendar at FFC. Veterans Day is included for 2017. O'Neal moved Senate approve AA's inclusion of Veteran's Day. Motion carried (O'Neal/Durm). AA asks for an extension to review the Academic Honors and Awards Policy.

FA: James Gadberry stated that FA had studied Secondary Employment Policy and that they had liked the one from Jacksonville State. However, they would like to hold this decision for Dr. Delap, the new Provost. O'Neal stressed that policy must address that Secondary Employment not compete with ASU. Lewis added that policy must be reviewed by University counsel. Vaughn moved that that FA confer with the new Provost and consult legal counsel. Motion carried (Vaughn/Johnson).

CC: Chris Otto stated that CC had had business as usual: course descriptions, catalog changes, course title changes, major title changes, cross-listings, issues with DegreeWorkss, new minors, the new masters, etc. The one item of new business was that electronic CRR forms are being developed by Gary McCullors.

EC: Derek Newland stated that Senate and P.O. elections had been held. Write-ins were addressed. Senate agreed that write-ins with prior permission from the candidate would be acceptable.

LR: The meeting being over the hour mark, O'Neal spoke for Kimberly Jack, who stated that LR will change GBA300 and HU321 to match the new definition of Information Literacy as defined by LR. LR will also create standards to go with that framework.

New Business: The FFC will be held on May 6 this year because there is not a faculty/staff meeting scheduled for April. Faculty will be here anyway for Honors and Awards. O'Neal moved that we move FFC to May 6th. Motion carried (O'Neal/Lewis).

Senate also needs to appoint faculty representatives to replace the ones rotating off the Standing Board Committees at the April 21st meeting. Senate will invite the current faculty representatives to the April 21st meeting.

Dr. Glenn encourages Senate and Faculty to attend the Board of Trustees Retreat to be held on April 15th.

Old Business: Curriculum Review Policy could not be approved because its wording does not match the wording of the Faculty Constitution unless the phrase “for information only” be struck. Lewis moved Senate approve with amendment. Motion carried (Lewis/Durm).

Mark Gale and Belinda Krigel then fielded IT questions and concerns addressed in the February 18th minutes, particularly regarding DegreeWorks, attendance reporting, and Blackboard, our learning management system (LMS). Gale said the big question with LMS change is cost/benefit. Bb will extend our contract for two years beyond Fall 2017 for a cost increase of \$30K to \$35K per year.

Gale also addressed the DL Policy and stated that currently the only substantive change is to assure student access before courses begin. Gale also wants a DL “neutral” (neither necessarily pro nor con) LMS Committee of members representing each of the three colleges and one from the library. These members are Hugh Long, Stacy Hughes, Rosemary Hodges, and Del O’Neal. Senate approved and motion carried (Johnson/Durm).

There being no additional comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Bebe Gish Shaw, Secretary