

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, July 1, 2015, at 12:00, Robert White, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: n/a

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

Committee Reports:

AA: n/a

FA: n/a

CC: n/a

EC: n/a

LR: n/a

Old Business: Faculty may have hard copies of catalogs as requested in previous meeting.

New Business: Senate invited Dr. Ingle to its meeting to discuss Degree Works (DW). Ingle turned the floor over to Sarah McAbee, who reported that most faculty had now been trained. Senate expressed concerns that Shared Governance Document was not followed in administration's decision to move from SAM to DW, that SAM had been free and DW is at university expense, that AA was not involved in decision process, that we are no longer in the Community College system who was buying into it at a discount, that students may not access DW, that "wrinkles have not been ironed out," that DW is cumbersome, that DW requires more paperwork and substitution forms, that students were not considered in this change, that faculty were not informed in change of policy that students changing majors or minors also change catalogs, etc.

Senate was informed, "we got a good deal on it," so administration "seized the moment." Ingle says students should do the research and provide advisors with documentation for substitutions. McAbee offered additional training and said she hoped we'd have completed the move by spring.

Moving on, Ingle said we are reinstating a university grants program. Administration is studying a faculty credentials policy for graduate teaching. They want to re-examine the promotion and tenure policy. Noting that DL/Online For-Profits are swiftly going out of

business, customers are no longer looking for convenience but now quality. So Ingle wants to set up a Quality Enhancement Team available for faculty wishing to improve quality of their DL courses on a voluntary basis. Administration is reconsidering faculty travel policies and reimbursement, with stipends as a possibility, though they are taxable. And finally, Ingle has studied Tina Sloan's Summer Pay Document and thinks there is much to be considered in the document, wants to be transparent and fair across the board, and finds it admirable work.

Senate thanked Dr. Ingle for coming.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bebe Gish Shaw, Secretary