

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 the Student Center Conference Room on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at 12:00, Robert White, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Durm, Essary, Harris for Hyde, Chandler for Heatherly, Johnson, L. Kerner for J. Kerner, O'Neal, Shaw, Turner-White, Vaughn, White, Z. for Woodruff (Quorum 12/13).

Members Absent: Busick

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

Committee Reports:

AA: n/a

FA: n/a

CC: n/a

EC: n/a

LR: Jack handed out a draft of ASU Information Literacy and Process, which she will disseminate to the faculty at large for comments and input.

Old and New Business: Dr. Ingle visited Senate and discussed quality control for online classes and sabbaticals/professional development.

Johnson moved that FA oversee sabbaticals as a matter of professional development. Motion carried (Johnson/Durm).

Ingle also reported that Dr. Glenn's evaluation consultant had completed his report and recommends more open communications. Ingle suggests we hire a facilitator and has found two organizational psychologists at Auburn to move this along through meetings to be held with faculty and staff senates.

Ingle also reported that the EEOC has been contacted over an inquiry filed over our promotions process. The proposed settlement is again to hire an outside facilitator for that. Ingle has asked Lisa Rich to chair a committee of equal representation from all colleges to review our process with said consultant. One criticism is that there is currently no feedback to applicants.

Ingle also noted that expensive events sponsored by the Livingston Concert/Lecture Series were poorly attended by faculty or students.

Ingle also noted that CC has been made to forward day to day business to Senate, when really it should only need to report for information only unless something major like a program change is being considered. White says we'll revisit that matter.

Then Ingle addressed graduate students and who admits them. He does not believe this should come under the responsibility of the undergraduate admissions office, but rather the faculty in the program.

Then Quality Matters and quality matters were addressed. Senators expressed reservations about QM, which will be addressed at a Special Meeting called for October 1.

Finally, Ingle thinks we'll also need an outside facilitator to help in the search for a new provost. He states he will only remain on during that time if such a search consultant is hired.

New Business: Documents on Quality Matters (and other documents on sabbaticals and professional development issued by the Provost's office) will be released to the faculty in the coming days asking for feedback. Senate has called for a Special Session on October 1 at noon to discuss said documents.

O'Neal moved documents be disseminated to faculty for feedback. Motion carried (O'Neal/Durm).

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bebe Gish Shaw, Secretary