

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 Hall Chapel on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at 12:00 pm, Mike Essary, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Aquila, Cort, Durm, Essary, Hyde, Johnson, Kerner, Lewis, Stevenson, Turner-White, Vaughn, Woodruff, (Quorum 12/13).

Faculty Senate Minutes for October approved as amended. (Lewis/Kerner) Passed.

Committee Reports/Old Business

Academic Affairs-Rick Roberts

Presented recommended changes in Distance Learning policy, along with Faculty Affairs.

Motion to table policy for clarification of recommended changes. (Lewis/Durm) Passed.

Faculty Affairs-James Gadberry

Recommended approval of class size section of Distance Learning policy.

Tenure/promotion policy under review by committee and will be presented at January meeting.

Elections- Bruce Thomas

Presented rewording of bylaws by Mark Durm. See appendix A.

- 1) Motion made to include "electronic voting" as acceptable means of voting in bylaws. (Durm/Lewis) Passed. Will be voted on by full faculty, through paper ballot, in January.
- 2) Motion made to include statement in bylaws that specifically allows committee proxies to vote on committee motions. (Durm/Lewis) Passed.

NOTE: No committee proxies may vote in committees until Motion #2 is passed.

Curriculum Committee-Tedi Gordon

See Appendix B for report submitted.

New Business

- 1) Graduate Curriculum Committee-Existing Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Development Committee will address Graduate Curriculum issues. Changes in Curriculum Review Policy to accommodate graduate program and split undergraduate and graduate mechanisms. Motion to approve changes. (Johnson/Lewis)
Motion to call the question. (Lewis/Durm). Passed.
Motion to approve changes passed.

Request made to all committee chairs to submit minutes to webmaster.

Request made for Information Services to attend January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm (Kerner/Lewis). Passed.

Next meeting in Founders Chapel at noon on Thursday, **January 19, 2017**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Vaughn

Appendix A

The plan will be to have two different ballots, *the first will read:*

The following changes are being proposed to the Faculty Constitution and Bylaws, Article X. Amendment of Constitution and Bylaws to read

“The Constitution may be amended only by a recorded two-thirds vote of the Faculty followed by a written acceptance by the President of the University.

The Bylaws may be amended by a ~~written~~ two-thirds vote of the Faculty participating in a vote where a quorum is present or participating. **Voting may be written, electronically or the current accepted practice.** The Bylaws may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of those voting at a meeting where a quorum is present, but this does not apply to the Constitution. If a provision from the Constitution is repeated in the Bylaws, the rule in this article that governs the Constitution shall apply.”

We will place three options on voting

1. Vote to accept change
2. Vote to decline change
3. Abstain

The second ballot to be sent out will read:

The following changes are being proposed to the Faculty Constitution and Bylaws, Article XII. The Faculty Senate to read

“D. Power of Proxy. If for any reason a senator is to be absent from a Senate meeting, such senator is empowered to authorize a proxy to attend meetings and to vote on behalf of the absent senator. However, such authorization must be in writing and must be presented to the presiding officer of the Senate prior to the start of the Senate meeting. The proxy must be a regular voting member of the Faculty from the College of the absent senator. **Moreover, this rule of power of proxy also applies to the standing committees of the faculty.**”

We will place three options on voting

1. Vote to accept change
2. Vote to decline change
3. Abstain

Appendix B

Curriculum Committee Update for Fall 2016

Charge: Review all curriculum proposals for addition of courses, changes in degree requirements, changes in course descriptions for existing courses, and make recommendations to the Senate.

The following is a summary of the curriculum proposals addressed by the Curriculum Committee.

College of Arts and Sciences

Proposals: 17

Majors:

- Religious Studies – courses added to the catalog
- Information Technology

College of Business

Proposals: 6

Certificate: Accounting

Minors:

- Accounting
- Forensic Accounting

College of Education

Proposals: 3

Minors

- Middle Level Education
- Autism & Developmental Disabilities