

## **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, July 21, 2016, at 12:00, Mike Essary, Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: Cort.

\*With no additions/corrections to the June minutes, the record shows them approved as stated. Motion carried (Lewis/Kerner).

\*Dr. Delap presented his priorities for the university and answered questions of the Senate.

Committee Reports:  
None.

Old Business:

\*Motion passed to designate Vaughn as secretary (Durm/Kerner).

New Business:

\*P.O. informed Senate that several policies need to be approved within the month, so there will be a regular Senate meeting after the in-service program on August 18, 2016.

\*Essary asked for Senators to submit suggestions for 2016-2017 Focus and Goals for the Senate at the next meeting.

\*A statement of concerns about the writing retreat scheduled in August was presented to the Senate and motion passed to include the statement as an attachment to the minutes (Hyde/Kerner).

There being no additional comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm (Stevenson /Durm).

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Vaughn, Secretary

Faculty writing retreat: This could be a wonderful idea for the future but with more advanced notice.

Concerns about the faculty writing retreat:

1) While this is a wonderful opportunity for us to work on our publications, it will be three of our eight day, off contract, break between semesters

2) This opportunity is rather last minute thus some of us had made plans for a break

3) Given that this invitation will be the first opportunity for faculty to respond in a positive way to our new provost, I feel it puts some faculty at a disadvantage if we decide not to participate

4) My final concern is that this is yet another example of this university's lack of understanding the difference between a faculty member's 9 month contract/work load and the staff/administration's 12 month contract/work load.

Potential solution to this retreat idea is to have the retreat during those days after grades are due while we are on contract.