

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
Noon, Thursday, March 15, 2018  
Waters Hall conference room

- I. Called to Order at 12:00 pm, by Debra Vaughn, Presiding Officer.
- II. Roll Call  
Present: Aquila, Berzett, Cort, Durm, L. Kerner for Essary, Hyde, Keiley, Kerner, J., Lewis, Sloan, Stevenson, Vaughn, White, D.  
Absent: Brizendine.
- III. February Minutes Accepted or Amended (Lewis/Turner-White), accepted as submitted.
- IV. Unfinished Business
  - A. Accessibility – on track per M. Gale/Vaughn
  - B. Email signatures- Motion to review with faculty of colleges, look at best practices and statements of advocacy (Stevenson/Keiley) passed.
  - C. Parking – Motion to survey faculty by email to pass onto Dr. Delap (Stevenson/Keiley) passed.
  - D. Faculty Course Evaluations- Motion to refer issue to Faculty Affairs to study (Durm/Lewis) passed.
  - E. Attendance Tracking- will ask Ms. McAbee to attend future meeting.
  - F. April Meeting- Motion to hold April 19 Senate meeting (Lewis/Aquila) passed.
- V. New Business
  - A. Help Desk Tickets- announcement to be aware that everyone involved in a ticket can see all posts related to the ticket, including students.
  - B. Employee Training- email forthcoming on training.
  - C. COLA increases- data will be available next month.
  - D. Faculty Commons Initiative- Motion made (at end of minutes) (Durm/White) passed.
  - E. Professional Development- deferred.
  - F. Next Year items and policy approval-deferred.
  - G. Change of term length for Senate-deferred.
- VI. Committee Reports  
Academic Affairs- (Myhan for Roberts) Nothing to report.  
Curriculum Committee (Newland)- Minutes on website.  
Faculty Affairs (Gadberry)- Nothing to report.  
  
Faculty Elections (Williams for Mayfield) – Tenure and Promotions elections will be held March/April. Elections conclude on 4/11.  
Learning Resources (Jack)-  
Meeting scheduled for next week.
- VI. Adjournment at 1:17 p.m. (Aquila/Durm). Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra Vaughn

## Faculty Commons Initiative Motion

Given that Athens State University now competes for a dwindling demand for higher education in a global marketplace, the *faculty needs to be a central and creative driver* of the evolution of Athens State from its current state to one that will be attractive to those seeking higher education opportunities in the future. Motion made for the Senate to create ad hoc committee of faculty to combine creativity and analytics to establish recommendations for the university to implement to proactively evolve in the future marketplace, including faculty from all three colleges and the library.

This idea represents a convergence of priorities of student recruitment, responding to business and industry needs, the creation of a faculty commons, and developing a new university strategic plan.