

Faculty Senate Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
Noon
Waters Hall Conference Room

I. Call to Order by Debra Vaughn, Presiding Officer, at 12:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Present: Bergantz, Berzett, Durm, Essary, Jack, Keller, Kerner L. (proxy for Kerner, J.), Pruett, Stevenson, Vaughn, Williams, Wolfe (proxy for Aquila). Absent: Turner-White. Guest: student and Dr. Ferguson.

III. Minutes Accepted (Essary/Williams)

IV. Committee Reports

Academic Affairs – Roberts – in person

1. Curriculum Review Policy, passed (Essary/Stevenson)

2. Repetition of Courses

Motion to find out the following information: Can the language be entertained for a maximum number of attempts in the case of major requirements (not gen eds)? passed (Berzett/Durm).

Curriculum (Newland) – electronic submission, attached

Elections (Mayfield) – electronic submission, attached

Faculty Affairs (Gadberry)

1. Faculty Course Evaluation review is ongoing.

2. Leave with Pay (training), committee approved as is.

Motion to refer policy to Policy Committee for review, passed (Durm/Stevenson).

Learning Resources (Lewis) – electronic submission, attached

V. Unfinished Business

A. Policy Review

1. Policy Committee - Durm/Stevenson

Under Article IX Committees of our by-laws, we create and appoint an ad hoc committee Policy Committee that will have 4 members (1 from each college and 1 from the library) to function under mission and responsibilities provided at fall convocation (attached). (Durm/Stevenson), passed.

2. Motion to appoint L. Kerner as the chair and she will appoint the other members. (Durm/Stevenson), passed.

VI. New Business

1. Publishing and Promotion – invite Dr. Ferguson and the current Tenure and Promotion Committee members (plus 1 from the library) to the next Senate meeting to discuss.

VII. Adjournment - (Bergantz/Jack) at 1:13 p.m. Next meeting: April 14th.

Learning Resources:

Item 1:

The committee is working on the proposal to update its charter in the Faculty Bylaws. A number of comments and concerns was brought up in the committee's March meeting that we are working to incorporate into the proposal. It is our intent to bring the proposal to the Senate in its April meeting.

Item 2:

The Library and Writing Center has asked for assistance and guidance from the committee as to how approach the new edition of the APA guidelines. Members of the LRC will be working with their colleagues in their colleges over the next month to collect data as to what resources each college uses for instructing students in the use of the APA within their disciplines.

Curriculum Committee:

Katia Maxwell – Updates to the CS Program to include a Concentration in Intelligent Systems (passed).

Bruce Thomas – Change in the HWM major to include HS 355 as a required course (passed).

Robert White – Creation of RE 426 and Certificates in Pastoral Leadership and Biblical Studies (passed).

Johnnie Lundin – Create an equivalency for CHD 206 within the Area IV requirements for the Early Childhood 2+2 Agreement (passed).

Gary Huckaby – Creation of OHSM along with 7 courses (passed).

Cynthia Lovelace – Creation of Advanced Manufacturing Major and Minor and 4 courses (passed).

Elections Committee:

Debra Vaughn was re-elected as Presiding Officer. Elections for Tenure and Promotion Committee will be conducted in March and April.

Policy Committee Mission and Responsibilities:

Mission: The Policy Committee is to review policy additions and/or changes that govern Athens State University, especially those that involve the faculty individually and/or collectively. These policies include those of the Administration, Board of Trustees, Board of Regents, and Board of Visitors. This committee is to consist of four tenured members: one from each of the three colleges and one from the library.

Responsibilities: The scope and responsibilities of the Policy Committee shall include, but are not limited to:

- a) Review new, proposed, and current policies that impact the faculty.
- b) Report to the Faculty Senate at each of the regular Senate meetings.
- c) Recognize and make recommendations to the Faculty Senate if any policy change may adversely impact the welfare of the faculty, either individually or collectively.
- d) Provide a consistent framework by which new policies and substantial changes to existing policies are tracked through to approval or rejection and then communicated effectively to those who are impacted.