

# ***Athens State University/Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes***

February 5, 2015

## **I. Call to order**

Dr. Jess Brown called to order the regular meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee at 2:30 p.m. on February 5, 2015 in the Sanders Hall Conference Room.

## **II. Roll**

The following persons were present: T. Sloan, N. Mitchell, Yadi Ziaee (proxy for W. Myhan), J. Brown (Chair), D. Baird, M. Leslie, Q. Stevenson, C. Roberts, K. Bell, L. Baugh, D. O'Neal (proxy for V. Baker), S. Khoury, and W. Cowan. Also attending: Provost Dr. Ron Ingle, the Presiding Officer of the Faculty Senate Dr. R. White.

The following members were absent: W. Myhan, V. Baker

## **III. Information Items From the Chair**

- a) The Chair distributed copies of the mission and responsibilities of the committee from the Bylaws of the Athens State University Faculty.
- b) Next Brown briefed the committee about the recent meeting of the Trustee Committee on Academic Affairs.

## **IV. New business**

- a) Proposed changes in the General University Requirements.

Copies of the current university requirements and the proposed changes were issued to the committee.

The Chair explained the background to the proposed changes and timeline for implementation.

Dr. Ingle took the floor to explain the proposal and the need for timely approval. Then, the Chair offered members of the Academic Affairs Committee, who were also members of the ad hoc committee which had developed this proposal, an opportunity to share information and insights. This was followed by questions and discussion between the members of the committee and the Provost. Concerns were raised about STARS program compliance and the impact of the changes on the relationship between ASU and the community college system. Subsequently, a motion was formulated by the Academic Affairs Committee to address these concerns.

After discussion and questions, a motion was made by Khoury, seconded by Cowan, to recommend to the Faculty Senate the adoption of the proposal contingent upon two actions by the President and Provost. Prior to adoption of this proposal as university policy, they will undertake (1) to

ensure that this proposal is in compliance with the State's Articulation Agreement or STARS program, and (2) to brief central administrators of the community college system and proximate ("feeder") campuses to discern their support for this proposal and its impact upon their students who transfer to Athens State.

The motion received the unanimous approval.

- b) Discussion followed on establishing the next meeting date and time for the Academic Affairs Committee. The next meeting was set for Tuesday, February 24, at 12:30 p.m. to review the Academic Calendar for 2016-17.

## **V. Adjournment**

With no further business to conduct, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn. N. Mitchell made the motion (seconded by C. Roberts). Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: M. Leslie, Temporary Recorder