# ASU FACULTY SENATE MINUTES December 8, 2010

#### I. Roll Call

- A. Senators Present: Russell Wilke (Faculty Senate President), Martha Sleutel (Faculty Senate Vice President), Bruce Bechtol (Center for Security Studies), Loree Branham (Agriculture), Mark Crouch (Computer Science), Donna Gee (Teacher Education), John Glassford (Political Science), Murat Kara (Accounting, Economics, Finance), Heather Braden (for the first part of the meeting) & Lynne C. Hughes (before the end of the meeting) (Physical Therapy), Cathy Johnson (Communication, Mass Media and Theatre), Mary McGlamery for Kim Livengood (Curriculum & Instruction), María de los Santos Onofre-Madrid (Modern Languages), Jason E. Pierce (History), Valerie J. Reid (Aerospace Studies), William E. Renforth (Management & Marketing), Joseph Satterfield (Physics), Jeffrey Schonberg (English), Andrew F. Siefker (Mathematics), Sangeeta Singg (Psychology & Sociology), Steven R. Snowden (Kinesiology), Jeff Womack (Art & Music)
- **B. Invited Guests:** Mr. "Skip" Bolding, ASU Staff Senate President; Mr. Austin Osmanski, 2010-2011 Angelo State Student Senate President; Mr. Héctor Romo, 2010-2011 Angelo State Student Senate Vice-President; Dr. Nancy Allen, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; Dr. Anthony P. Blose, Provost and Vice president for Academic Affairs
- C. Other Guests: Dr. Laurence F. Jones, faculty Political Science & Criminal Justice; Dr. June Smith, faculty Communication, Mass Media & Theatre
- **II. Welcome:** The Faculty Senate President welcomed everyone present.

# **III. Comments from Guests:**

- **A.** Mr. "Skip" Bolding had nothing to report.
- **B.** Mr. Austin Osmanski, Angelo State Student Senate President, mentioned the event planning in progress and the need to focus on one event (True Blue Initiative) due to budget cut concerns, and Mr. Héctor Romo, the Angelo State Student Senate Vice President, commented on "being more festive during holidays" and having a contest for the departments to decorate. He has spoken to Greg Pecina to work on this beginning next year.
  - C. Dr. Nancy Allen had nothing to report.
- **D.** Dr. Blose opened the floor for questions and gave an update on SACS and QEP after the minutes had been approved.
- **IV. Approval of November Minutes:** Senator William Renforth moved to approve the minutes, and Senator Womack seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### V. Unfinished Business:

- **A. Deans Survey Update** Senator Schonberg made a motion to send a letter (which had been drafted and made available to the senators before the meeting) on the Dean's Survey to the Provost. Senator Snowden seconded the motion. All present approved
- **B.** Faculty Awards and Banquet Revisions Senator Schonberg made a motion to accept the revisions as posted on the R Drive under Faculty Senate. Senator Crouch seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Senator Siefker abstained from voting; the others present approved the motion.
- C. CITR, E-learning Collaboration Senator Branham reported that Dr. Wegner is currently working on a proposal to address this issue. She had also met with Ms. Jeane Irby from Information Technology with respect to the concerns the faculty is facing, especially after the move of Purnell Curtis and Carl Martin to the Center for Security Studies. There seems to be a gentleman's agreement that we can get support from CSS. IT is trying to cover the faculty and student needs with respect to support with Blackboard. E-learning, currently under the direction of Ms. Rebecca Múzquiz, is on call to provide support. There was much discussion, and a comment was made that an important issue was to communicate to the administration that there be a budget for support in these areas.
- **D. Faculty IDEA Evaluations** Senators Sleutel and Siefker (from the University Affairs Committee) met with Sarah Logan. Senator Sleutel reported that Ms. Logan contacted SACS; what is being done now is satisfactory with respect to the frequency of the evaluations. After much discussion, Senator Schonberg moved that Senator Satterfield's comment (There's a need to discuss how often would be good to evaluate courses.) be sent to committee. Senator Snowden seconded the motion. There was some discussion on looking at clarification and any other assessment means. The vote was unanimous.
- **E. Response to memos to President and Provost** Senate President Wilke informed us that we need to wait and see the response on overloads. With respect to OP Review, there was much discussion, especially since the Faculty Senate's original proposal was not accepted as submitted. After much more discussion, Senator Glassford made a motion that the Faculty Senate decline to take the advice given by the Provost. Siefker seconded the motion. There was an objection to the consideration, as it was considered antagonizing. Five senators voted against the amendment and 3 senators abstained. The amendment was killed.

Senator Schonberg moved to table the discussion until we get a definition of "shared governance". Senator Crouch seconded the motion. Senator Glassford objected. There was more discussion. There were 4 votes in favor, 10 votes against, and 3 abstentions.

Senator Renforth moved to accept the Provost's proposal. Senator Schonberg seconded it. There was some discussion. The vote was 4 in favor, 11 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

Senator Sleutel presented as a solution a motion to formally request an explanation why representation from 5 colleges was not accepted. Senator Kara seconded it. The vote included 16 in favor and 1 abstention (Senator Siefker).

Senator Snowden made a motion to have the Executive Committee draft a letter asking for clarification. Senator pierce seconded it. All 17 present were in favor.

- **F. FYI Items** Faculty Senate president Wilke provided a handout which included information on the following:
  - T & P Peer Review Committees.
  - Good Friday is no longer a Holiday
  - Texas Administrative Code Title 19 Part 1 Chapter 4, subchapter M, rule 4.218, Notification Procedures (on the purchase of a textbook by a student)
  - Texas Administrative Code Title 19 Part 1- Chapter 4, subchapter N, Rule 4.228, Internet Access to Course Information (making course evaluations on the institution's website)
  - Faculty Senator's Role

### VI. New Business:

- **A.** Faculty Development Leave Proposal Faculty Senate President Wilke reported that awards may start next year. It will be available in the R drive for review and feedback.
- **B.** The "Gary Rodgers" Faculty, Staff, and Administrative Awards The Faculty Senate and the Staff Senate will be responsible for choosing the recipient of the Administrative award.
- C. University Budget Advisory Team There is the need for a representative from the College of Business. The next meeting is tomorrow, December 9, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.
- **D.** Policy and Procedural Review Request(s) 6.11, 6.23, Faculty Development Plans) The Faculty Senate should not be involved in personnel procedure, but yes in policy procedure. The senators were referred to a handout made available.

Senator Glassford made a motion to send the Provost 8 questions, which arose from Prof. Roger Zarnowski's memo to the provost regarding the Marlow case, and were submitted in writing to the senators. Senator Kara seconded the motion. Prof. June Smith provided comments with respect to the development plan. Senator Schonberg asked why Prof. June Smith was being presented as an expert on the issue at hand. There was more discussion, and Senator Schonberg stated "point of order", followed by a reading of the constitution and the duties of the Faculty Senate. There was more discussion on the intent of the questions. The vote was 10 in favor, 3 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

# **VII. Standing Committee Reports:**

A. Academic Affairs: No report.

**B.** By-Laws and Standing Rules: No report.

C. University Affairs: No report.

D. Student Affairs: No report.

E. External Affairs: No report.

# VIII. Roundtable:

- Senate Sleutel mentioned the Academic Affairs activities.
- Senator Gee mentioned that there had been no change in salaries; they were the same as last year.
- Senator Hughes mentioned concern of lack of privacy in locker room.
- Senator Glassford informed us that he would have a proposal for report for the next agenda.

**VIII. Adjournment: Faculty** Senator Schonberg moved to adjourn. Senator Gee seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:06 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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