

ASU FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

April 13, 2011

I. Roll Call

- A. Senators Present:** Russell Wilke (Faculty Senate President), Martha Sleutel (Faculty Senate Vice President), James Phelps for 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), Lynne C. Hughes (Physical Therapy), Cathy Johnson (Communication, Mass Media and Theatre), 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), Hardin Dunham for Joseph Satterfield (Physics), Jeffrey Schonberg (English), Andrew F. Siefker (Mathematics), Steven R. Snowden (Kinesiology), José Velásquez, (Chemistry & Biochemistry), Jeff Womack (Art & Music)
- B. Invited Guests:** Dr. Rallo (Angelo State University President), Mr. Héctor Romo (ASU Student Senate Vice President), Dr. Joel Carr (Assistant Professor, Psychology, Sociology & Social Work), Dr. Linda Kornasky (Professor, English), Mr. John D. Beatty (Lecturer, Chemistry & Biochemistry), Dr. Edith M. Osborne (Assistant Professor, Chemistry & Biochemistry)

II. Comments from Guests:

A. From 3:00 p.m. and 3:58 p.m., Dr. Rallo addressed preciously submitted questions from the faculty. However, given that there was a long list of them, he condensed them into six areas which included budget items, the Honors Program, HB1 memo, faculty salaries and positions, facilities, including the president's house and the Hardeman Building, and SACS accreditation. He also addressed questions from the floor on realignment, restructuring, tuition issues, class size, the budget, and the Honors Program.

III. Approval of March Minutes: This action was postponed, as some changes had been recommended via e-mail, and the final version was not posted as of meeting time.

IV. Unfinished Business:

A. Review of Shared Governance document – On March 30th a new work group was formed to evaluate and create a new structure. The committee will convene and start over.

B. Committee on Committees – Murat Kara will be the new chair. With the re-structuring going on, the committee will wait for further notice from the office of the vice-president before populating the committees.

C. President's Faculty Excellence Awards and Banquet – Since some faculty members did not receive an invitation, for one reason or another, the senators were asked to inform the faculty members

in their respective departments to call the president's office to be included. They were also asked to submit photos to be used in the slide show which would be presented at the banquet.

V. New Business:

A. FERPA Training – This will be added to the new faculty orientation. CITR will take care of it.

B. FYI – Keeping materials – Although there is no OP on this topic, it is recommended that materials be kept for two year. There was also a discussion on the fact that guidelines should be created. Senator Sleutel made a motion that we not get involved in guideline creation. Senator Schonberg seconded the motion. All were in favor, with the exception of Senator Siefker, who abstained.

C. FYI – Distance Education Policy (OP 04.11) – A copy of the policy was given to the senators. They were asked to review it and to ask other faculty members to do the same, as Dr. Limbaugh had asked for feedback. This may, or may not, be purview for the Faculty Senate. Senator Crouch moved to refer it to the appropriate committee to view and for further investigation. Senator Sleutel seconded the motion. There was much discussion that included reference to OP 56.10 on Intellectual Property. Senator Dunham recommended that we see all information. Senator, and Parliamentarian, Schonberg referred to the Constitution with reference to making recommendations. It was recommended that we proceed with caution, as there's no case or problem yet, with respect to this policy. Senator Glassford questioned why we should not pursue the matter now. The policy would be referred to the Academic Affairs Committee. There was a call for a vote. Senator Hughes opposed the motion; Senators Branham and Phelps abstained; the others present approved the motion.

D. Election of Faculty Senate officers for 2011-2012 – Senators were informed that the outgoing senators and the new senators should attend the May 4th meeting, and that new committee chairs would be assigned at that time.

The current Faculty Senate President presented Senator Sleutel as the president elect for the coming year. He asked for nominations for vice president.

Senator Kara nominated Senator Glassford. Senator Phelps seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations, and Senator Crouch moved to vote by acclamation. Senator Womack seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

Senator Snowden nominated Senator Onofre-Madrid, but she declined graciously. Senator Branham nominated Senator Livengood, and Senator Glassford seconded the nomination. Senator Womack moved to vote by acclamation, and Senator Snowden seconded the motion. All members present voted to approve the nomination.

Senator Womack was nominated for parliamentarian, but he declined graciously. Senator Schonberg nominated Senator Hughes for parliamentarian, and Senator Sleutel seconded the motion. Senator Branham moved to vote by acclamation, and Senator Womack seconded the motion. All members present approved the nomination.

E. Cyber Harassment of a Faculty Member by another Faculty Member in Facebook – Dr. Linda Kornasky presented her case before the senate in the hopes of seeing about creating a policy, or perhaps a recommendation about the procedure to be followed, when there are untrue postings in Facebook

about a faculty member. She was not satisfied with the procedure, as she has seen no signs of disciplinary action after having gone through the appropriate channels to follow a grievance. Senator Kara made a motion to send the issue to the University Affairs committee to explore the issue. Senator Glassford seconded the motion. After much discussion by Senator Glassford on the grievance procedure, and the need for the administration to follow through on OP's, it was mentioned that there is a need to be proactive and simply ask for input. A vote was taken and 4 members voted in favor; 6 opposed the motion to send the issue to committee, and 7 abstained. The motion was considered a failed motion.

VI. Standing Committee Updates:

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.

VII. Roundtable:

- Senator Pierce asked that since President Rallo didn't answer many of the faculty questions, could we politely ask for responses in written form.
- Senator Sleutel stated the Faculty Senate President Wilke had done a good job.
- Senator Gee indicated that there are still questions with respect to summer teaching, and that there has been no feedback. She also indicated the need of more information on distance education.

VIII. Adjournment: Faculty Senator Schonberg moved to adjourn. Senator Gee seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:09 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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