

ASU FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

May 4, 2011

I. Roll Call

- A. Senators Present:** Russell Wilke (Faculty Senate President), Martha Sleutel (Faculty Senate Vice President), Loree Branham (Agriculture), Mark Crouch (Computer Science), Donna Gee (Teacher Education), John Glassford (Political Science), Lynne C. Hughes (Physical Therapy), Cathy Johnson (Communication, Mass Media and Theatre), Kim Livengood (Curriculum & Instruction), María de los Santos Onofre-Madrid (Modern Languages), William E. Renforth (Management & Marketing), Joseph Satterfield (Physics), Jeffrey Schonberg (English), Andrew F. Siefker (Mathematics), Sangeeta Singg (Psychology, Sociology & Social Work), Steven R. Snowden (Kinesiology), Jeff Womack (Art & Music)
- B. Guests:** Constance L. Kelley (Art & Music), Nicole McDaniel (English), Connie A. Russell (Biology), Joel L. Carr (Psychology, Sociology & Social Work), Edith M. Osborne (Chemistry & Biochemistry), William “Bill” M. Doll (Communication, Mass Media, & Theatre), Richard J. Lawrence (Management & Marketing)

II. Approval of February, March and April Minutes: Senator Snowden moved to approve them, and Senator Womack seconded his motion. All approved.

III. Unfinished Business:

- A. Committee on Committees** – President Wilke informed the faculty senate that Senator Murat Kara who was acting as a substitute for Senator Whitney Ruiz was rotating off the Faculty Senate; therefore, a new chair would be needed for this committee. The chair and the committee members would need to collaborate with Dr. Nancy Allen on assignments to repopulate committees for the 2011-2012 academic year. Senator Sleutel moved to elect a chair for the Committee on Committees. Senator Renforth seconded the motion. There was discussion of how the university restructuring would affect this process. The motion was approved with one opposition vote by Senator Singg.

President called for nominations. Senator Womack nominated Senator Livengood, who declined the nomination. Senator Schonberg recommended that the Committee on Committees get input from the sitting senators so as to ease the burden on that committee. Senator Johnson nominated Senator Siefker to chair the Committee on Committees. Senator Schonberg moved that the nominations cease. Senator Branham seconded the motion. The nomination was accepted by all senators present.

Senator Glassford seconded the motion. The discussion that followed included the current issue of membership, voiced by Senator Renforth. The motion was approved; Senators Crouch and Johnson abstained.

- B. Bylaws Change** - There was much discussion with respect to the changes in the University structure and the fact that the bylaws and the constitution of the Faculty Senate will have to be changed.

Senator Siefker questioned the continuity of the Faculty Senate, and Senator Renforth had questions on the representation of departments. Senator Sleutel stated that senators voted under the existing structure would continue in the fall, which may be a transition time, until we know what will happen. Senator Branham asked about bylaws and the election of representatives for the following year. Senator Schonberg informed the senators that a majority of the faculty must be voting for any changes, and that a notice of such vote must be sent out a week before the vote is requested. The Faculty Senate is a recommending agent to the president.

Senator Sleutel made a motion that we use the existing structure until fall when we task the By-laws Committee to work on bylaws that are consistent with the change. Senator Renforth seconded the motion. There was some discussion in which Senator Sleutel informed us that the Bylaws change must await the decision of the Board of Regents on the university changes. The motion was approved by all the senators present, with the exception of Senator Johnson, who abstained.

B. Distance Education Policy – as a point of information, we were informed that concerns were sent to Dr. Nancy Allen. These were presented in a handout passed out to the senators.

IV. New Business:

A. Information Item – OP 6.11 – Grievance Policy – The policy working group have worked on it, but it may not get to the faculty until summer.

B. Information Item – Academic Restructuring – This will cause significant changes to the Committee on Committees, the Faculty Senate constitution and representation, college level tenure and promotion guidelines, and other policies and procedures. The Faculty Senate will address these changes in the 2011-2012 academic year when it becomes official May 12-13th.

C. Information Item – Intellectual Property OP - This is forthcoming. Please make sure that you are aware, that the TTUS “owns” all the rights to courses it pays you to develop on-line. If you develop it here you may not take it to another university, under Regents’ rules. Senator Glassford elaborated on this issue, using an example of someone in his department having designed a course, and someone in another department teaching it. There are legal and moral issues involved.

D. Election of Faculty Senate Chairs for 2011-2012 – Senator Schonberg reviewed the list and duties of the committees. The following new senators would serve on the indicated committees:

- **Academic Affairs:** Michael Butler, Richard Lawrence, Nicole McDaniel
- **By-Laws and Standing Rules:** Bruce Bechtol and Connie Russell
- **University Affairs:** Joel Carr and Edith Osborne
- **Student Affairs:** ---
- **External Affairs:** Bill Doll and Connie Kelley.

The senators met in their respective committees to elect a chair as indicated below:

- **Academic Affairs:** Jason Pierce.
- **By-Laws and Standing Rules:** Connie Russell
- **University Affairs:** Joe Satterfield
- **Student Affairs:** Mark Crouch
- **External Affairs:** Connie Kelley

Senators were informed of their duties.

V. 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.

VI. Roundtable: Senator Johnson mentioned the result of the Good Friday Holiday – there seems to be a random change in days. She also mentioned the evaluation of department heads being done every 3 years, and evaluations being done on a rotating basis for deans and department heads (a staggered 3-year rotation).

VII. Adjournment: Faculty Senator Schonberg moved to adjourn. Senator Womack seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:04 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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