

ASU FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

September 9, 2009

I. Roll Call

- A. **Members Present:** Whitney Ruiz, Michael Buck, William Renforth, Kim Livengood, Mary Sanders, Steven Snowden, Jeff Womack, Cathy Johnson, Jeffrey Schonberg, Jack Barbour, Brian McKnight, Maria de los Santos Onofre-Madrid, Sangeeta Singg, Martha Sleutel, Lynn Hughes, Loree Branham Bonnie Amos for Michael Dixon, Nick Flynn (Faculty Senate Vice President), Mark Crouch, Andrew Seifker, Tony Sauncy (Faculty Senate President)
- B. **Others Present:** Dr. Jim Limbaugh, Dr. Nancy Allen

II. Comment from Guests:

- A. Dr. Limbaugh and Dr. Allen addressed the issues of student recruitment and retention. Dr. Limbaugh then addressed questions submitted by faculty about: 1.faculty handbook and faculty development; 2.tenure and promotion policy/committee; 3.instructional enhancement fees; 4.acknowledgment of PAA awardees; 5.role of faculty-born "grass roots" recruitment/growth/retention initiatives; 6.administrative responsibilities regarding contracts, departmental budgets, and faculty workloads.

- III. **Approval of May and August Minutes:** May minutes were moved for approval by Senator Renforth and seconded Senator Schonberg. Motion passed with two abstentions. August minutes were moved for approval by Senator Sleutel and seconded by Senator Renforth. Motion passed with one abstention.

IV. Standing Committee Reports:

- A. **Academic Affairs:** New chair is Senator Hughes.
- B. **By-Laws and Standing Rules:** New chair is Senator Livengood.
- C. **University Affairs:** New chair is Senator Sleutel.
- D. **Student Affairs:** New chair is Senator Buck.
- E. **External Affairs:** New chair is Senator Womack.

V. Unfinished Business:

- A. Recycling tabled till next meeting.
- B. Moving policy is on line. University Affairs was charged with investigation of increasing moving allowance.
- C. It was proposed that the Senate invite John Russell to discuss the campus master plan status.
- D. The issue of fall break was brought forward again and University Affairs was charged with investigating this concern.

VI. New Business:

President Sauncy discussed the initiatives accomplished last year by the Senate which included: changes in the travel policy; PAA; summer school issues; recycling; and the President's evaluation. She stated the initiatives for 09/10 should include the development of Dean's and Provost's evaluations. It was moved by Senator Flynn and seconded by Senator Womack that Academic Affairs be charge with developing these evaluations. Motion passed. President Sauncy asked for volunteers for an ad hoc committee to assist with the revision and expansion of the faculty award recognition awards. She additionally asked for volunteers to serve an ad hoc committee regarding communication on the campus. She also provided an update on the Provost/VPAA search. Vice-President Flynn provided on update on the status of the VPSA search. Senator Snowden provided an update on the Community Relations Director search. It was moved that Academic Affairs committee be charged with investigating the faculty office hours policy. Motion was made by Senator Schonberg and seconded by

Senator Flynn. Motion passed. It was moved that University Affairs be charged with the exploration of CHP hours in conjunction with ASU Fit initiatives addressing possibilities of extended and/or faculty hours. Motion made by Senator Sleutel and seconded by Senator Schonberg. Motion passed.

VII. Roundtable:

This issue of four day work weeks was introduced and will be placed on new business for the next meeting. “Coffee meetings” are being held on Thursday mornings at the CITR. Dr. Wegner was commended for his letter as an attachment to the Senate agenda. Concern was expressed about the devaluing of the Faculty Senate and how the Senate might address that issue. Concern was also expressed for the issues of non-tenure track faculty. All these issues will be addressed as new business in future Senate meetings.

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting was moved to adjourn by Senator Womack and seconded by Senator Schonberg. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:24PM.