

## ASU FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

January 27, 2010

### I. Roll Call

- A. Members Present:** Whitney Ruiz, Kim Livengood, William Renforth, Mary Sanders, Steven Snowden, Jeff Womack, Cathy Johnson, Jeff Schonberg, Glassford for Jack Barbour, Maria de los Santos Onofre-Madrid, Sangeeta Singg, Martha Sleutel, Lynn Hughes, Loree Branham, Russell Wilke, Nick Flynn (Faculty Senate Vice President), Legrande for Mark Couch, Andrew Siefker, Tony Sauncy (Faculty Senate President)
- Others Present:** Dr. Jim Limbaugh, Dr. Nancy Allen, Patrick Dierschke, Staff Senate President

#### **Comment from Guests:**

Dr. Limbaugh addressed the issues of: expansion of the CHP. He also stated that the issues of QEP and summer school salary guidelines were addressed in his email to the campus. He stated that these guidelines and projections for 2011 might change dependent upon possible budgetary constraints coming from the governor. He stated that the 5% decrease for this year's budget had not touched academics yet. He stated that the CUPA study was ongoing. He stated that shared governance should be an issue addressed on campus at this time. He stated he would attend the Special Called meeting the following week to address this issue. He then addressed the issue of core curriculum and stated that he would listen to the recommendation from the committee and then make a decision based upon what was best for the university and would satisfy the Coordinating Board. President Sauncy asked about the process of approval of the OP's affecting faculty and Drs. Limbaugh and Allen stated the comments from the faculty would be under consideration along with the earlier draft. Dr. Allen stated that changes were coming to SOAR that faculty would be made aware of in the near future. Mr. Dierschke stated that the Staff Excellence Awards would be presented on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM. He also stated that some staff were taking advantage of the program where employees may take classes at a reduced rate.

- II. Approval of December Minutes:** December minutes were moved for approval by Senator Womack and seconded by Senator Flynn. Motion passed with six abstentions.

### III. Standing Committee Reports:

**A. Academic Affairs:** There were minor revisions to Dean's survey and it was ready to be disseminated. President Sauncy addressed the latest revision of the Faculty Excellence Award Process. Senator Sleutel moved that the draft and process for the Faculty Excellence Award be accepted with the minor revisions needed. Seconded by Senator Schonberg. Motion passed with sixteen senators voting for the motion with two abstentions.

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

**C. University Affairs:** Committee provided the results of how departments voted on the issue of a fall break. Senator Flynn moved that based upon survey results that the Senate seeks no change in the fall schedule. Seconded by Senator Branham. Discussion followed. Motion passed with one nay vote and one abstention.

**D. Student Affairs:** No report.

**E. External Affairs:** No report.

### IV. Unfinished Business:

- A.** President Sauncy provided an update on the CUPA study.

**V. New Business:**

- A.** President Sauncy discussed the review of the operating policies recommendations from Faculty Senate.
- B.** Senator Flynn discussed his proposed draft for Senators duties in anticipation of upcoming spring elections. Senator Womack moved endorsement of these guidelines. Seconded by Senator Hughes. Senator Snowden moved a friendly amendment that the guidelines include the new duties of Senator based upon the new College Nominating, Review and Selection Committees for the Faculty Excellence Awards. Seconded by Senator Schonberg. Friendly amendment passed. Motion to endorse guidelines and place them on Faculty Senate webpage passed with one abstention.
- C.** Senator Snowden provided information from the NCAA national convention and the Life in Balance Initiative passed by Division II.
- D.** President Sauncy discussed the need for a special called meeting to discuss the status of shared governance at Angelo State. The meeting would be next Wed at 3:00PM at a location to be determined.
- E.** Senator Wilke brought forth the issue of the cost of vans and drivers needed for labs “in the field”. The cost of this local travel is about  $\frac{3}{4}$ 's of a course budget leaving limited funds for supplies, etc. Apparently, the cost structure was made by fiscal affairs without consultation of the academic side. This issue was charged to the Academic Affairs Committee.
- F.** President Sauncy brought up the issue of Core Curriculum. She stated that since the faculty owns the curriculum she charged the Academic Affairs Committee to do a study of the Core Curriculum and to report their finding in the form of a motion or non-actionable item.

**VI. Roundtable:**

Senator Siefker brought the issue of parking on campus. He also addressed the issue of House Bill 2504. Staff Senate President Dierschke commented on the unveiling of the IPAD and that IT was looking at possible impacts on campus. Senator Johnson brought up the issue of academic suspension and how the policy was or was not working. Senator Flynn addressed the opportunity for faculty to be judges in the upcoming science competition. President Sauncy stated that Expanding Horizons had 186 students on campus last weekend.

**VII. Adjournment:** Senator Schonberg moved adjournment. Senator Flynn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:20PM.