

ASU Faculty Senate Minutes

April 12, 2012

MCS 100

3:00 PM – 4:29 PM

I. Roll Call:

- A. Senators Present: Martha Sleutel (Faculty Senate President/Nursing), Michael Butler (Accounting, Economics, and Finance), David Huckaby (sub for Andrew Siefker, Faculty Senate Vice President/Mathematics), Loree Branham (Agriculture), Edith Osborne (Chemistry-Biochemistry), Robert Nalbandov (sub for Bruce Bechtol, CSS), Marilyn Eisenwine (sub for Kim Livengood, Curriculum & Instruction), Jason Pierce (History), Steven R. Snowden (Kinesiology), Richard Lawrence (Management & Marketing), Maria de los Santos Onofre-Madrid (Modern Languages), John Glassford (Political Science), Marilyn Eisenwine (sub for Donna Gee, Teacher Education), Heather Braden (Physical Therapy), Stephen Magnan (sub for Valerie Reid, Aerospace Studies), Nicole McDaniel (English), Tom Starkey (Psychology, Sociology & Social Work)
- B. Senators Absent: Mark Crouch (Computer Science), Bill Doll (Communication, Mass Media and Theatre), Connie Kelley (Art & Music), Connie Russell (Biology), Joe Satterfield (Physics)
- C. Guests: Dr. Rallo (President), Dr. May (Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs)

After President Sleutel gave the welcome, Dr. Rallo updated the faculty on the legislative, system and campus issues, including the plan for a pay increase. During a short question and answer session, both Dr. Rallo and Dr. May answered faculty questions about the legislative issues, housing situation on campus, the pay raise and distance education.

Following the question and answer session, there was a short break before the regular senate meeting began.

II. Approval of the March 7 minutes.

Senator Pierce moved to approve the minutes. Senator Snowden seconded. All approved the minutes for March 7, 2012. The approved minutes will be posted and the previous version of the Bylaws will be removed from the Faculty Senate Website.

III. Standing Committee Reports

A. By Law and Rules

The Bylaws were approved by a large margin. The new version will be updated on the website and the old ones will be removed.

B. Academic affairs – Senator Pierce

Merit Pay - The comments about the Merit Pay Policy were mostly grammatical so the raise motion was ready for a vote at this point. Senator Butler made a motion to accept the policy as written and Senator Branham seconded. The motion carried.

Status of Instructional Track and Lecture promotions – Both policies are in the Provost’s office. Dr. May has assured the senate recently that both policies would be finalized this year. Dr. Allen indicated she will send both policies to the Senate to review. Previously, the Senate suggestions have been incorporated into the policies before final approval. As senators, if your faculty wants to give input, let them review the policies. If not, just review it as a senator.

C. External Affairs - None

D. Student Affairs – None

E. University Affairs – Senator Osborne

The committee has been working on the banquet by email. The Chair of committee was not in attendance. They have organized the banquet and are continuing to take care of details. The appropriateness of the national anthem and presentation of colors for an awards banquet was discussed. The slide show is being updated so photos from faculty who do not have images on the ASU website are needed.

The deadline to RSVP is April 17th. All nominees will receive a certificate. The semi-finalists will be a surprise. The committee has done a very good job with banquet preparations.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. President’s Awards – Senator Branham

The members of the Executive Committee will meet in the next few days to finalize the awards.

B. Provost Search Update

Dr. May’s interview day will be Friday April 13th. Dr. Carter’s interview day will be on Monday April 16th. Meeting open to the faculty will be 10:30-11:30 AM and 4:00-5:00 PM each day. Forms to rate the candidates in order of priority will be available through Rampart. This search process is coming to a resolution.

C. Gary and Pat Rodgers Awards

The Gary and Pat Rodgers Award nomination time period ended on Friday. A committee will be formed to identify the winner.

D. University Committee Assignments for Fall

Senator Siefker was on a student trip and unable to attend the meeting. The assignments are being finalized. Dr. Allen has provided President Sleutel with the information to facilitate this process next year.

V. New Business

A. Petition for Additional Senators

Two departments petitioned to add additional senators, Health and Rehabilitative Sciences (resulting in one for Physical Therapy and one for Nursing and one for Clinical Faculty) and Math and Computer Sciences (resulting in one for Math and one for Computer Science).

Voting separately:

1. Health and Rehabilitative Services – Senator Braden made a motion for Health and Rehabilitative Services add two additional senators resulting in one for each Physical Therapy, Nursing and Clinical Faculty. Senator Branham seconded. The motion carried.
2. Math and Computer Sciences – Senator Starkey made the motion for Math and Computer Sciences add one additional senator resulting in one for Math and one for Computer Science. Senator McDaniel seconded. There was some discussion as to whether the senators must come from each department as the motion specifies. This is the case for both motions. The motion carries.

B. Officer Election

President Sleutel asked for volunteers or nominations for the offices of Parliamentarian, Secretary and Vice-President that must be filled.

Dr. Will Dickson was nominated for Parliamentarian. The motion was made by Senator Butler and seconded by Senator Lawrence that nominations cease. The motion carried.

Senator Nicole McDaniel volunteered for the position of Secretary. Senator Maria de los Santos Onofre-Madrid made the motion and Senator Edith Osborne seconded. The motion carried.

An incoming senator was nominated as Vice-President but was not present to accept. Senator Branham moved to table nominations. Senator Lawrence seconded. The motion carried.

C. Senator Elections

All of the departments with Senators ending their terms should have elected new senators this month. We need to bring the new senators to our next meeting May 9th. President Sleutel suggested that the senators have dinner after that meeting as has been done in the past. Senators agreed.

d. Announcements

Senator Seifker asked that two committee assignments be reviewed, Faculty Research Enhancement Grant Committee and the Core Curriculum Committee. Senator Snowden made the motion to accept and Senator Lawrence seconded.

e. Awards

Senator Maria de los Santos Onofre-Madrid thanked everyone who worked on faculty award nominations.. The Senate discussed a continuing problem that some nominators did not follow the rules on page limits. Senators would like CTR to return any proposals not meeting requirements. Senator Gee said this could be stated in the criteria that they would be turned away if instructions were not followed. The directions already indicate the that nominations must follow page limits. Senator Lawrence suggested CTR request people do a raise and resubmit.!

f. Adjournment:

Senator Butler made a motion to adjourn and Senator Lawrence seconded. All approved.