

ASU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
3:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 19, 2022
UC 201, and Remote Access via WebEx

Nick Negovetich President BIO	X	Twyla Tasker Vice President C&I	X	Carlos Flores Secretary TED	X	Christopher Shar Parliamentarian SW	X
Anthony Bartl PSCI/PHL	X	Alfredo Becerra NURS	X	Robert Briwa HIST	X	Michael Conklin AEF	X
Drew Curtis PSY	X	David Fought ENG/LANG	X	Manuel Garcia ENG	X	Mark Hama ENG/LANG	X
Floyd Huang PT	X	JongHwa Lee COMM		Heather Lehto PHYS/GEO	X	Adam Parker KIN	X
English Ratliff AGRI	X	Babajide Sadiq HSP	X	Rene Segoviano M&M		Andrew Siefker Math	
Tammy Stafford NURS (Clin)	X	Devon Stewart VPA	X	William Taylor SEC STUD	X	Grant Wilde CS	X
Ralph Zehnder CHEM	X						

Call to Order @ 3:02pm

Invited Guests

- General Hawkins, President – Present
- Dr. Don Topliff, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs – Present
- Dr. Clifton Jones, Vice Provost and Interim Vice President of Student Affairs - Present
- Meghan Pace-Pena, Staff Senate President – Present
- Brady Floyd – Student Senate President - Absent

Announcements and Questions

- President Hawkins – We have already had three different sporting events postponed due to COVID on other campuses. We feel confident in our COVID protocol. We have had parents call us and ask us to go back to 100% face-to-face, and conversely, we have had a parent ask why we are face-to-face. We want to have our leader development program up and running by May graduation. **Questions:** Since COVID quarantine is only five days, are we still doing accommodations for positive students...yes, it is an accommodation. We have the video cameras, let's use them. If you have another way to accommodate them, that is fine too. One request we have heard for the winter term is to clearly have it marked when registering that it is a winter term. There is a note in the schedule, but students are sometimes still missing this. This year, students who did not log-in on the first day received an email, and those who did not log-in on the second day received a phone call. We are exploring how to automate the notifications to the students.
- Dr. Topliff – COVID updates – as of this morning there are 36 positive students and 10 faculty/staff. Community numbers are down. We have contracted with the Concho Pearl Hotel as well as the Vanderventer Apartments to house on-campus students who are quarantined. Off-campus students isolate off campus. We are moving ahead as long as we do not overrun our capacity to house isolated students. We are following the new CDC rules of 5 days isolation

depending on their symptoms. The percentage of positives requiring hospitalization has gone down. Everyone who comes on campus is required to fill out the wellness check. If you have a face-to-face class, you may ask them to show you their badge, but please avoid confrontations with students. If you have someone who argues with you and refuses to do so, you may file an incident report. Compared to the 20th class day of last spring, we are down about 3.3% in semester credit hours. We anticipate regaining some of this during the second eight weeks. Our undergraduate numbers are down about 300, our dual credit numbers are up. **Questions:** Do enrollment numbers include the winter mini-semester? Yes. It was like a Summer I/Summer II term--it ran for 5 weeks. We had a smaller number of students, but we also offered fewer sections.

- Dr. Jones – We are working with Title IX and Student Affairs about a professional development event for faculty/staff. What we are experiencing in enrollment is not anything out of the ordinary for higher education across the nation. COVID restrictions have impacted whether students want to enroll in IHEs.
- Meaghan Pace-Pena – nothing new to report. There was no meeting in December or January. Hoping to have a great semester.
- Brady Floyd – absent

Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Motion to accept by William Taylor, seconded by Drew Curtis.
- Vote was unanimous to accept the minutes as written

Standing Committee Reports

- Academic Affairs – you have the suggested revisions for OP 06.10. We are looking at OP 06.22 at this time.
- Bylaws – Nothing to report
- University Affairs – President's Award nominations will be out by the end of January. Encourage faculty to nominate each other.
- Student Affairs – Nothing to report
- External Affairs – Nothing to report
- Committee on Committees – will be asking for volunteers to work on the university process. The other organizations have changed their process, so we are all on the same schedule now. Would like to start the process early.

Unfinished Business

- Waiting on OP 06.23 – It is now back in the provost's office and comments will be sent to the senate shortly.
- OP 06.10 – Faculty Development Leaves – sent to the Senate last month. It was mostly grammar changes. No discussion. Senate voted to accept the changes, unanimously.
- OP 52.53 – Employment of Foreign Nationals – there are some wording changes to allow for application of the green card in the first semester. Dr. Topliff expressed his support of this change. This OP does not fall under the Senate, so no vote is needed. It will be sent with the changes to the proper department. **Question:** There is no international office for faculty. Is there a plan to create one? At this time there is not. We work with international attorneys through the Tech system. At this time, the Federal Government is the hold-up on many of these issues; it is not necessarily an ASU issue. We had a faculty member who had the opportunity to travel this

weekend for a professional conference, but did not have copies of the correct paperwork because ASU had them. Dr. Topliff will investigate this issue.

- Ad Hoc calendar committee – we are planning to meet in the next week.

New Business

- Blackboard/Gradebook suggestions – The column indicating students of concern could not be created. The Executive Committee would like to suggest a column indicating if the student is engaged or not. A 1 would indicate you are not concerned about the student's engagement, and a 0 would indicate there is an issue. During the mini-mester, we tried to track engagement based on number and length of students logging in. This works well for online courses but not face-to-face. We would like to pilot this in the GS1181 courses. Anything we can do identify and assist students who are struggling would be beneficial to all.
- The book store would like to identify a faculty member to serve on the bookstore committee. Heather Lehto will serve on the committee.

Roundtable

- Drew – is there any data comparing success of a faculty member reaching out to struggling students versus staff reaching out. Yes, the data shows students respond better to faculty members reaching out to students rather than staff reaching out. There are exceptions to this of course, but for the most part, faculty involvement is the best answer.
- Adam – Ram powerlifting is hosting an event on campus this weekend. If you can go out and support them, please do so.

Adjournment – 3:56