

ASU Faculty Senate Minutes
3 p.m., February 28th, 2018, VISTA VERDE ROOM

Called to order 3:02

Erin Ashworth-King, Pres.	X	Matthew Gritter, VP	X	Michael Burnett, Sec.	X
Andrew Siefker, Parl.	X	Nick Negovetich	X	Jennifer Braziel	X
Jackie Brown	X	David Carter		Jordan Daniel	
David Dewar		David Faught		Kevin Garrison	X
Larry Hettick	X	Randy Hicks	X	John Irish	X
Crystal Kreitler	X	Kim Livengood	X	Flor Madero	
Vincent Mangano	X	Kendra Nicks - Lee Atkins	X	Lopa Roychoudhuri - Rob LaGrande	X
Chase Runyan		Marva Solomon	X	Andy Wallace	X
Nelson de la Pena Atehortua		Anne Scaggs (Social Work)	X		

I. Approval of Current Agenda. - 1 change (correct date)

II. Invited Guests

- A. Dr. Brian May, President
- B. Dr. Don Topliff, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs
- C. Dr. Javier Flores, VP for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
- D. Kent Corder, Staff Senate Chairperson
- E. Emily Hecox, Student Senate President

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Approved with 1 abstention

IV. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Academic Affairs (Dr. Andy Wallace)
 - 1. Reports below in OPs
- B. Bylaws and Standing Rules (Dr. Lopamudra Roychoudhuri)
 - 1. No report
- C. University Affairs (Dr. Crystal Kreitler)
 - 1. Reports below
- D. Student Affairs (Dr. David Faught)
 - 1. No report
- E. External Affairs (Dr. Jordan Daniel)
 - 1. No report
- F. Committee on Committees (Dr. Matt Gritter)
 - 1. Survey for committees being deployed tomorrow to faculty
 - 2. Due April 11

V. Unfinished Business

- A. President's Awards Update
 - 1. 5 turned in so far, which is typical
 - 2. Reminder email going out soon
- B. Instructional Technology Committee
 - 1. A new committee being formed, widely supported by Deans, Provost, President, Fac Senate Exec Committee
 - 2. Who should be on it? 1 fac + 1 Inst. Design per college? 2 fac per college? 1 fac from undergrad, 1 from grad?
 - 3. Instructional Designers have a monthly meeting
 - 4. Feeling for more Faculty than Staff on this committee
 - 5. Certain at-large members (E-learning, IT, Library)?
 - 6. Can the number change as the need changes? YES
 - 7. Head of IT, E-learning, Library, 2 Instructional Designers, 10 Faculty (2 from each college)
 - 8. Move to table – approved with 2 abstentions
 - 9. Senators are encouraged to ask colleagues about thoughts on the committee
- C. OP 06.30: Senior Instructor, Clinical Professor Merit Raise
 - 1. OP proposed corrections sent with agenda
 - 2. Unanimous approval
- D. Operating Policies to Review / Revise
 - 06.19 Regulations for Performance Evaluation of Tenured Faculty
<http://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14154-op-0619-regulations-for-performance-evaluation-of>
 - 1. OP proposed corrections sent with agenda
 - 2. Unanimous approval
- E. 06.25 Non-Tenure-Eligible Faculty Titles
<http://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14150-op-0625-non-tenure-eligible-faculty-titles>
 - 1. OP proposed corrections sent with agenda
 - 2. Essentially same document minus references to promotion and tenure
 - 3. Moved and approved, 1 abstention
- F. Operating Policies to Review/Revise (discussion)
 - 1. 06.01 Academic Deans and Department Chairpersons
 - a) original handed out
 - b) Colleges need to be updated
 - c) Chair evaluation mechanism has not been used
 - d) IDEA Results need to be available in some form
 - e) Should the process be similar for the Deans?
 - f) Except that they are not on a 3 year term
 - g) Sent to Academic Affairs for revision
 - 2. 06.09 Faculty Departure Notification Procedure [original attached]
 - a) Date for notification

- b) Some faculty wait until after summer session to notify (due to having benefits, etc...)
 - c) Upper admin is fine with striking #6...but faculty would have to teach over summer to get benefits
 - d) Sent to Academic Affairs
- 3. 06.12 Faculty Leave of Absence [original attached]
 - a) Moved and approved unanimous
- 4. 06.24 Academic Administrator Returning to Full-Time Faculty [original attached]
 - a) Full time administrators, not department chairs
 - b) Chairs are on 9 month contracts with stipend for the summers
 - c) Moved and approved unanimous

VI. New Business

NONE

VII. Roundtable

- A. Parking in front of Rasmussen – concerns aired
- B. Curriculum Issues
 - a. Catalog will be updated to reflect current “Texas Core” and the numbers for the component areas
 - b. Moving GS out of core, talk of labs being out of the 090 option B
 - c. Could free up 5 more hours for majors (GS 1181, lab sciences)
 - d. Departments have been tasked to look at curriculum to make sure it is what they want
 - e. Specifically any possible impediments to graduation
- C. Required Minor
 - a. Possibility to remove the minor from the BA and BS degrees
 - b. ASU is one of 2 universities requiring minors in Texas
 - c. Not removing minors, but the requirement to have a minor
 - d. Look at department numbers (fac and students) on how minor is a plus or minus
 - e. Faculty will be provided a forum for feedback
 - f. Slated for fall 2019 at the earliest
 - g. 42 hour majors is a Coord. Board rule
 - h. 1 member and department are “dead-set” against this
 - i. From a concerned senator not in attendance – read into the record: “I, and my constituents, are dead set against eliminating minors. I can pull data, which we should evaluate as part of this process, but anecdotally I can say that minors are the lifeblood of our department. Upper-division classes, taught by tenure-track faculty, give faculty the opportunity to integrate their research into the classroom in ways that just aren’t possible with lower-level classes. Further, without minors, some of those upper-division classes won’t make. When the upper-division history classes don’t make, we descend into the perception of being a service department rather than the vibrant contributor to a humanities education that is at the heart of the university’s mission. I will always vote no on this issue.”

j. Is this the faculty giving up another piece of the curriculum?

VIII. Adjournment

—Moved and approved at 4:37