

ASU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
3:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 9th, 2022
Information Literacy Corner, Library 1st Floor (110)

Twyla Tasker President C&I	X	Drew Curtis Vice President PSY	X	Carlos Flores Secretary TED		Christopher Shar Parliamentarian SW	X
Kenna Archer HIST	X	Anthony Bartl PSCI/PHL	X	Erica Bailey COMM	X	Michael Conklin AEF	X
Manuel Garcia ENG	X	Mark Hama ENG/LANG	X	Trey Holik PHY/GEO	X	Floyd Huang PT	X
John Kellermeier AGRI	X	Melissa McDowell NURS	X	Christine Muelsch ENG/LANG	X	Nick Negovetich BIO	X
Adam Parker KIN	X	Babajide Sadiq HSP	X	Rene Segoviana M&M	X	Andrew Siefker MATH	X
Tammy Stafford NURS (CLIN)	X	Bill Taylor SEC STUD	X	Grant Wilde CS	X	Leila Yarian VPA	
Ralph Zehnder CHEM	X						

Call to Order @ 3:00 p.m.

I. Invited Guests

- General Hawkins, President – absent
- Dr. Don Topliff, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs – present
- Dr. Clifton Jones, Vice Provost – present
- Dr. Ben Lion, Vice President for Student Affairs – absent
- Ms. Meghan Pace- Peña – Staff Senate President – present
- Mr. Trevor Bills, Student Government Association President – absent
- Ms. Brandy Hawkins, Executive Director of Accountability – present

II. Announcements and Questions

- Dr. Topliff – Enrollment numbers have been significantly down for the university; registration for juniors and seniors fell between fall and spring semesters. In addition, semester credit hours are down approximately 7.3%. Administration continues to monitor and respond to changing circumstances. Dr. Topliff also reviewed the current SACSOC reaffirmation process and upcoming visitations during the spring semester.
- Dr. Jones – An update on the renovations and improvements to the library were discussed in detail. Renovations have been delayed in some areas by supply chain obstacles. As the first floor is completed, preparations are being made to begin addressing changes for the basement. Hours of operation have been significantly expanded in response to student and faculty feedback. Discussions continue on the library’s strategic plan for the remaining 150,000 to 200,000 physical resources and the process for which resources will be digitized and which will remain is expected to take between one and two more years.
- Ms. Pace-Peña – Senators were reminded to nominate staff members for upcoming RAMSTAR awards and briefed on the events of International Students Week planned for the following week.

- Ms. Hawkins – Senators were given a short description of institutional data (including census, retention, and graduation data) available to faculty members and how such data is accessible via Blackboard.

III. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Approval for the minutes of the October meeting was tabled until the December meeting.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

- Academic Affairs – Regarding OP 06.02, feedback required from each college's dean regarding suggestions and recommendations for edits and changes. Among items included in the examination by the committee are graduate credit hours and compensating thesis/dissertation advising; realistically adding research-related responsibilities to faculty's existing responsibilities; and compensation for work related to maintaining student labs in science courses.
- Bylaws – No report.
- University Affairs – No report.
- Student Affairs – No report.
- External Affairs – No report.

V. Unfinished Business

- The revised bylaws were ratified by written vote (21 of 25 senators voting for ratification). The revised bylaws and constitution will be publicly posted on the Faculty Senate pages of the ASU website.
- The ad hoc committee discussed how language, terminology, and dates require alignment in all operating policies and procedures related to OP 06.23. The committee continues to meet and identify necessary changes.

VI. New Business

- The SACSCOC online visit was discussed in detail by Dr. Topliff in his remarks at the beginning of the meeting.
- Faculty assignment to committees require updating on the university website. Several faculty members report not having received letters of notification regarding their current academic year's committee assignments. Dr. Taska reported that she would follow up with the Provost's office.

VII. Roundtable

- Dr. Tasker confirmed the approval of the EdD program by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, making it the fourth doctoral degree to be offered at Angelo State University.
- Dr. Hama informed Senators of the permanent endowment benefitting the Department of English and Modern Languages and its renaming to the Natalie Zan Ryan Department of English and Modern Languages.
- Dr. Archer requested more information regarding the early alert system for students participating in athletic programs.

VIII. Adjournment