

ASU Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2024, 3:00 PM
UC 206

Anthony Bartl President PSCI/PHL	X	Trey Holik Vice President PHY/GEO	X	Leah Carruth Secretary (ALD sub for minutes) TED	A	Rusty Calk Parliamentarian AEF	X
Azize Akcayoglu ENG	A	Erica Bailey (sub) COMM	X	Jacob Burtch PT	X	Jun Wu SEC STUD	A
Leila Yarian VPA	X	Yo-Rong Chen HSP	X	Brook Dickison C&I	A	Allison Dushane ENG/LANG	X
John Langdon AGRI	X	Melissa McDowell NURS	X	Christine Muelsch ENG/LANG	X	Rozie McCabe KIN	X
Saravanan Ramasamy CHEM	X	Gayle Randall M&M	X	Joel Carr SW	X	Andrew Siefker MATH	X
Ben Skipper BIO	X	Tammy Stafford NURS(CLIN)	X	Roya Choupani CS	X	Deanna Watts POL/PHIL	X
Nicole Lozano PSY	X	Taylor Gruman HIS	X				

Call to Order: 3:00pm

I. Invited Guests

- A. General Hawkins, President – Present
- B. Dr. Don Topliff, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs – Present

II. Announcements and Questions

- A. General Hawkins, President – Present
 - 1. Enrollment: 11,607 students enrolled at Angelo State.
 - 2. Salaries: We are working in raising starting faculty salaries.

B. Dr. Don Topliff, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs –

- 1. Enrollment: Semester credit hours up 4 percent with dual credit, 3 percent without. Graduate credit hours are up significantly. Dorms at 98 percent occupancy. 1584 first time in college students this year.

- Question: How are we doing with transfer students.
 - Transfer students are up from last fall. Including spring and summer, we have around 900. Only fall numbers are reported to the coordinating board.
 - Question: What is the new Data Management Officer looking at, in addition to enrollment? What is their primary goal?
 - Where is data stored? What data goes into various databases? Across campus, how could various databases be pooled?
 - The primary goal is to provide data with which we can make good management decisions: enrollment, budget, etc.
2. Salaries: We are working on ways to raise starting salaries without salary inversion.
- Question: Will this affect all salaries or only tenure track?
 - Focus on tenure-track at first, then to all salaries.
 - Follow up: Where are we in terms of faculty numbers?
 - Numbers are pretty flat. Probably less tenure-track, more contingent faculty.
3. Construction: Discussed major construction projects on campus, particularly the lighting project, which is important for student safety. In the Spring, the comptroller will let us know whether CCAPS are available (funding for public institution construction projects). Will submit for an Innovation Hub that will support research and creative endeavors.
4. Provost values the relationship between Academic Affairs and the Senate. Shared governance is good at Angelo State.

III. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Moved: Rusty Calk

Seconded: Gayle Randall

Carries unanimously

IV. Standing Committee Reports:

A. Academic Affairs – Allison Dushane

B. Bylaws and Standing Rules – Andrew Seifker

C. University Affairs -Jacob Burtch

D. Committee on Committees – Trey Holick

V. Unfinished Business

A. Ad-Hoc Committee - library committee – Tony Bartl

Meant to foster communication between the Library Committee and the faculty at large.

Committee will consist of the two faculty senate members already on the Library Committee and the Chair, Tony Bartl: Leah Carruth, Rusty Calk

VI. New Business

A. Meeting Room

B. New form for the DPRC

-different colleges developing ways of processing annual peer reviews. Many were moving towards a digital format, but all were different. The Provost wanted to standardize the process. Archer college was chosen as a model.

Discussion:

A comment was raised regarding the issue of IDEA scores being submitted as primary evaluation of teaching quality

Tony Bartl -the department level standards were introduced so that each department could specify what should go into evaluation of teaching

C. AI Detection (Turnitin): Report from Tony Bartl on Ad-Hoc Committee

-VP proposed we adopt a policy that faculty not use AI detection software. Academic Affairs committee reviewed and faculty senate rejected that proposal.

-Ad-hoc committee met over the summer about research on AI detection software. Bartl met with Provost to ask if we could turn it back on. He said yes if faculty senate provides a set of guidelines for proper use. Executive committee is working on that set of guidelines.

D. Bylaws Committee – tasked with looking Section 3. Article 3. of the constitution, which allows departments to elect an extra faculty senate member if they have a unique cohort for a three-year term. We have departments with two senators currently that are not technically legal.

- immediate charge: see how the language of the provision applies to our current circumstances
- long-term charge: review and make a make a report to the senate on the provision in general

E. Operating Policies up for Review Due November 1st

1. Academic Affairs: 06.03, 06. 27
2. University Affairs: 06.26, 06.17
3. 12 more for the year

VII. Roundtable

A. Quick introductions

B. Question brought up – all minimester courses must be approved by CDLI, and eventually all courses will be. Have others received that communications about this?

Discussion Points:

- o GS courses have started to feel this push towards standardization
- o summer courses have introduced elements of this as well
- o this is part of a larger issue relating to CDLI and its role and academic freedom
- o what happens if faculty don't want to teach courses due to CDLI?
- o if faculty create courses, what right do we have to that intellectual property?
- o could we invite CDLI here to lay out the evaluation criteria?

VIII. Adjournment: 4:22