

Faculty Senate Minutes for November 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Gilbert at 3:00 p.m.

Interim Chancellor Dan Howard reported that Arkansas State University with the support of the Faculty Senate will be raising its admission standards for the third time in the fall of 2012. This raise will result in the loss of about 125 to 150 students but will also reduce the number of students in remediation. Exceptional admissions will be allowed for individual students with unique gifts if that proposal is accepted in the shared governance process. There are currently 1044 international students enrolled and the proceeds from the English as a Second Language program will be used to re-furbish the Smith Center. He added that 117 ASU students are currently engaged in activities outside of the United States. ASU will have a site visit for accreditation in 2010. The strategic planning process was a success with a website being put together and a steering group named for implementation of the plan. He mentioned that the assessment process of continuous quality improvement is going forward and that Interim Provost Glen Jones is in Washington, D.C. meeting with congressional delegates to make sure that ASU continues to receive research money. Chancellor Howard finished by again thanking the faculty for the opportunity to serve it.

President Gilbert requested a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Senators Bill Humphrey and Roy Aldridge moved and seconded the approval of the minutes from the October 29, 2010 Faculty Senate meeting. There were two corrections and the corrected minutes were approved.

President Gilbert reported that the Humanities and Social Sciences Building Resolution passed by the Senate at the October 19 meeting has been forwarded to the shared governance process.

Old Business

1. Henry Torres reported on changes to the Appropriate Use of Information and Technology Resources proposal. Senators Mike McDaniel and Richard Grippo moved and seconded that the proposal be approved as changed. Vice-President Jack Zibluk and Senator Aldridge made and seconded an amendment to add the word "criminal" to Section E, Number 3. "When there are reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of law may have taken place and access and inspection or monitoring may produce evidence related to criminal misconduct; or ..."

The amendment passed unanimously.

The main motion then passed with one abstention.

2. The revised Proposal for New Shared Governance Committee on Campus Safety was reviewed and President Gilbert noted that the Faculty Senate request for an additional faculty member on this proposed committee had been acceded to. Senator Humphrey and Senate Loretta Brewer moved and seconded that this committee be approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. The revised Persona Non Grata proposal was presented by Senator McDaniel who reported that few, if any, of the concerns of the Faculty Senate had been addressed in the revision.

Concern was expressed about capricious decision-making, lack of an appeals process and no mechanism for due process. Senators Richard Burns and Andy Mooneyhan moved and seconded that the proposal be approved.

The motion was defeated unanimously.

4. Dr. Lynita Cooksey reported on Assessment and Higher Learning Commission activities. Dr. Josephine Welsh will head a separate unit called the Office of Student Learning Outcomes Assessment and assessment will be handled through this office. Ten assessment goals have been generated and a time line prepared. The generic assessment plan will be ready shortly.
5. In the absence of Senator Pradeep Mishra, the Mace Bearer Committee report was delayed until the next meeting.

New Business

1. President Gilbert reported that campus landscape architect, Bill Hall, has asked the Senate for one faculty member to serve on the Comprehensive Campus Master Plan Committee. Senators James Bednarz and Mike McDaniel moved and seconded that Senator Richard Grippo be appointed to this committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. The Admission by Exception for Prospective Students with Exceptional Talent proposal was presented by Professor Nonie Wiggins. After discussion it was decided to table this proposal and take it back to the faculty for discussion before bringing it up for a vote at the December 3, 2010 meeting.
3. Senator Bednarz gave a presentation on the new online application form for Promotion, Retention, and Tenure. The form is the same online as in the printed application.
4. Professor Dick Freer presented the proposed change to the General Statement of Employment at Arkansas State University and the Diversity Statement. Senators Rowe and Stacy Troxel moved and seconded the adoption of these two statements. Senators McDaniel and Burns moved and seconded an amendment to merge these two documents and add them to the faculty handbook.

The amendment and main motion both passed unanimously.

5. Senator McDaniel presented the proposed amendment to the ASU Faculty Handbook on faculty primacy. The amendment reads, "This Faculty Handbook recognizes that the faculty has responsibility for policy development in such fundamental areas as research, scholarship, creative

activities, faculty service, faculty status, and those aspects of student life that relate to the education process. Further, this Faculty Handbook recognizes that the faculty has primacy in the area of curriculum including the method of curriculum delivery.” The motion was made and seconded by Senator Amany Saleh and Vice-President Jack Zibluk to approve this amendment.

The amendment passed unanimously.

6. The Distance Learning Resolution from the Faculty Senate Committee on Quality was presented by Senator Aldridge. After discussion Senators Burns and Sydorenko moved and seconded that this motion be tabled until the next Faculty Senate meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Vice-President Zibluk presented Proposed Senate Resolution A. After discussion the motion was tabled by the presenter until the next Faculty Senate meeting.
8. Senator Sydorenko presented Senate Resolution B. After discussion the motion was tabled by the presenter for the next Faculty Senate meeting.

President Gilbert announced that the votes on these resolutions would be done by secret ballot.

Senator Andy Mooneyhan moved and Senator Grippo seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Attendees:

Association officers:

Beverly Boals Gilbert
John B. Zibluk
Richard S. Grippo

Agriculture:

Bill Humphrey

Business:

Fay K. Cocchiara
Richard Segall
Jollean K. Sinclair

Education:

Patty Murphy
Andy Mooneyhan
Jackie McBride
Amany Saleh
Tom Fiala proxy for Dixie Keyes
John D. Hall proxy for Amy Claxton

Fine Arts:

Bill Rowe

Ron Horton proxy for Marika Kyriakos

Humanities and Social Sciences:

Warren Johnson

Richard Burns

Peggy Wright proxy for Larry Salinger

Alex Sydorenko

Richard Wang

Library:

Myron Flugstad

Nursing and Health Professions:

Bill Payne

Loretta Brewer

Roy Aldridge

Mike McDaniel

Stacy Troxel

Science and Mathematics:

Hung-chi Su

Jie Miao proxy for Mike Hall

James Bednarz

Dean's Council Representative:

Andrew J. Novobilski

Chair's Representative:

John Pratte

Visitors:

Sherry Pruitt

Nonie Wiggins

Lynita Cooksey