

ASU FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
October 19, 2001

FACULTY ASSOCIATION

Bob Bennett, President (AS)
Jeff Bailey, Past President (LIB)
Bill Rowe, Sec/Treasurer (FA)

FACULTY SENATE

Bob Bennett, Chair
Bill Humphrey, Vice-chair
Debra Walden, Secretary
Michael Morrell, Parliamentarian

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Bill Humphrey

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Roger Abernathy absent
Jim Bednarz
Joe Sartorelli
Dick Freer
David Jimerson absent
Ernesto Lombeida
Bill Maynard
Victoria Spaniol
Richard Wang proxy – Michael Morrell

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Dan Marburger absent
Clint Relyea absent
Jim Washam absent
Chris Brown

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Jo Anna Grant proxy – Jack Zibluk
Lillie M. Fears

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Cindy Albright
Kris Biondolillo
Joe Justen
John Ponder
Carl Vaupel absent

DEPT. OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE

Charles Coleman absent

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Bill Rowe

John O'Connell

Ken Hatch absent

COLLEGE OF Nursing & Health Professions

Terry Baggs

Steve Guffey proxy - Jim Keller

Debra Walden

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Polly Green

LIBRARY

Myron Flugstad

MILITARY SCIENCE

Daniel Tiscareno absent

COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC DEANS

Jan Duggar absent

VISITORS

Brooksie Feltz, Dr. Gambill news reporting class

Serena Clifft, Dr. Gambill news reporting class

Heather McCutcheon (Herald)

Jerry Linnstaedter

CALL TO ORDER

Senate Vice-chair Humphrey called the meeting to order at 3:03.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes from the Oct. 5, 2001 Faculty Senate meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes was made by Maynard; seconded by Spaniol. Motion carried.

REMARKS

Vice-chair Humphrey deferred a budget report listed on the proposed agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Identification Numbers:

Humphrey reported that faculty will be able to request I.D. cards without social security numbers. Senator Maynard voiced concerns about the widespread used of social security numbers as a means of identification on campus. Humphrey agreed that that issue should be pursued further.

Faculty Handbook:

Humphrey noted that today was the deadline for comments relating to the proposed faculty handbook. To date approximately five comments have been received, some substantive, most editorial.

Senator Freer informed the senate that a letter had been received from AAUP outlining serious concerns with sections 5 and 6 of the handbook. The AAUP has sent sample policies that have been adopted by other institutions. Discussion was held regarding the specific handbook issues that may be of particular concern to the faculty.

Senator Maynard urged the senate to distribute the AAUP letter to the faculty and make the proposed documents available for consideration. He stated that he would talk to William Allen about posting the AAUP letter on the WEB and sending other documents as attachments.

Humphrey responded by suggesting that the letter sent by the AAUP summarizing concerns be made available over the WEB.

Discussion followed regarding the need for faculty to become actively involved in handbook revisions. Freer pointed out that the entire senate must be able to endorse the content of the document. Humphrey indicated that now was the ideal time to insert proposed changes before presentation of the handbook to the Board of Trustees. Maynard restated that his concern that a lawyer be consulted regarding the drafting of a statement of contract that will precede the handbook.

Parliamentarian Morrell offered a point of procedure. He suggested that a member of senate should enter a motion to accept the document as it stands. At that point, once the document is disseminated, amendments to the document could be entertained.

Humphrey suggested that there were four major issues that needed to be addressed:

1. the letter of contract
2. tenure issues
3. intellectual property rights
4. technology use

Following discussion, Humphrey proposed that the handbook with amendments as approved by the senate should be presented to administration.

Freer noted that the AAUP documents would be shared with the senate as amendments were considered. Humphrey noted that he had been provided with a document relating to how graduate faculty status is determined. This document was provided by Gary Emmert and reflects the work of a committee concerned about this issue. Senator Bednarz stated that the work of this committee needs to be reviewed.

Senator Allbright inquired as to the need to establish an ad hoc group to consider and draft these proposed amendments and bring them before the next senate meeting.

Humphrey informed the senate that a group would be meeting October 22 at 3:00 in the library to consider these major points of concern. The following faculty members have currently agreed to consider the amendments: Freer, Maynard, Bennett, Humphrey, Rowe, A. Grippo. Any other faculty interested in participating in this process will be welcome.

Senator Brown verbalized concerns about the process of appointing faculty to tenure track positions. Humphrey encouraged Brown to draft an amendment related to his concern if the handbook was not clear on the issue.

Morrell informed the senate that any amendments must be coordinated, specifically worded and numbered by the end of next week. Humphrey stated that he hoped to have the amendments prepared by next week and ready for review by the Senate.

Campus Safety Committee:

Senator Rowe reported that the committee (Emmert, Rowe and Humphrey) had met and has decided to investigate and evaluate concerns related to a number of safety issues. In many cases problems have been identified and the physical plant agrees that problems exist. The primary issue has become the availability of money to correct the problems.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business a motion was made to adjourn by Spaniol and seconded by Morrell. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Walden
Secretary