

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

3-31-2017

COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT SENATOR

AGRICULTURE & TECHNOLOGY

COLLEGE

Greg Phillips

BUSINESS

COMPUTER & INFORMATION TECH

Richard Segall

ECONOMICS & FINANCE

Phillip Tew---absent

MANAGEMENT & MARKETING

Sharon James---proxy---Hilary Schloemer

EDUCATION & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE

David Holman---absent

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Gwen Neal

HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, & SS

Claudia Benavides---absent

PSYCHOLOGY & COUNSELING

Loretta McGregor---absent

TEACHER EDUCATION

Jeonghee Choi---absent

AT LARGE

Amy R. Pearce

ENGINEERING

COLLEGE

Shivan Haran---absent

FINE ARTS

ART & DESIGN

Joe Ford

MUSIC

Kyle Chandler

THEATRE

Claire Abernathy

HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

CRIMINOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY & GEOG

Mary Donaghy

ENGLISH, PHIL & WORLD, LANGUAGES

Richard Burns

Win Bridges---absent

HISTORY

Aiqun Hu---absent

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Hans Hacker---absent

LIBRARY

April Sheppard

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS

Manu Bhandari---absent

MEDIA

Pradeep Mishra

MILITARY SCIENCE

NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS

NURSING

Brinda McKinney

HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Annette Bednar

SOCIAL WORK

Jody Long

AT LARGE

Debbie Shelton

AT LARGE

Larry Morton---absent

AT LARGE

Amber Wooten

SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

BIOLOGIC SCIENCE

Bob Bennett---absent

CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS

Ross Carroll

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Jeff Jenness---absent

MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS

Suzanne Melescue

AT LARGE

UNIVERSITY

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Nikeshia Nesbitt---absent

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President, Faculty Association

Mike McDaniel

Past President, Faculty Association

Greg Phillips

Vice President

Loretta McGregor--absent

Secretary/Treasurer, Faculty Association

Joanna Grymes

Visitors-

Lynita Cooksey,

Summer DeProw

Call to order-

Quorum established. Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m.

First Order of Business-

Motion to approve agenda-Richard Burns, Second Claire Abernathy. No discussion. Approved by acclamation.

Approval of minutes. Approval of minutes was made by acclamation.

Opening statements-

Mike McDaniel stated he was approached by NYIT to address the senate. Dean of the program Dr. Shane Speights and Vice President Barbara Ross Lee were present to give updates and answer questions regarding the implementation of the new doctor of osteopathic medicine program.

Guest Speakers

Dr. Speights expressed gratitude for allowing him to be present and address the senate. He began by explaining the difference in how one can become a general doctor. Medical school is four years and one can obtain a “Medical Doctor” title or a “Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine”. The first two years of education are done on the A-State campus in Wilson Hall and consist of lectures and labs. The next two years are spent in clinical rotations around the state in areas such as pediatrics, emergency rooms, general surgery, and family practice. Students must then choose a residency program to attend. Sixty percent of DO students attend an MD residency. Post-graduate residency can be performed anywhere in the nation. The statistics show if students leave Arkansas for residency training, they are not likely to return and practice in the state of Arkansas. With the shortage of physicians in our state the program is trying to facilitate residency programs in areas around Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Louisiana, and Mississippi. This community-based training mentality hopes to meet the mission of the school which serves to reduce the disparities in underserved locations in the Mississippi Delta region. Part of the clinical education is mandatory rotations in rural locations to expose students to the need in those areas. Again, statistics have shown if students are exposed to areas with health disparities during their fourth year, they are more likely to return to those areas and practice.

Dr. Speights turned the conversation to Dr. Ross Lee to discuss the relationship between A-State and NYIT. The NYIT program originated in 1977 in New York and serves approximately 1600 students. Career options include Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Family Medicine, Surgery, and Osteopathic Manual Medicine. Why A-State? NYIT had the experience to run a medical school and A-State had the infrastructure to carry it out. Dr. Ross Lee stated that system president Chuck Welch compares the relationship as a “landlord/lease” arrangement. NYIT leases a building from A-State to serve an extremely underserved areas. Obviously establishing a medical is very expensive and can be a long process. Having the established program of NYIT they have the ability to establish satellite facilities anywhere in the nation at a much more economical way. This is first time they’ve implemented a program at a 4-year university. They love that the students have access to all of the services A-State has to offer. A-State was able to help expedite the process of accreditation and start the program within 3 years of the initial meeting. Currently there are 33 Osteopathic medical schools in 48 locations, and 31 states across the nation. The vision of NYIT is developing an undergraduate pipeline for students interested in osteopathic medicine. They hope to connect with other colleges and universities to develop a Bachelor of Science in Osteopathic Medicine. This would give students the ability to plan ahead and also start medical school one year earlier. Several affiliate options are Harding, Ouachita Baptist, Arkansas Tech, and University of Central Arkansas. The majority of students currently admitted

in the program are from the state of Arkansas so the hope is they stay in this area and meet the needs of their communities.

Richard Burns wanted to urge the senate to be involved with the 23rd Delta Symposium. This is a 3-day event beginning April 5th-8th. This year's theme is "Caring for Community". All events are free and open to the public. There will be scholars, poets, writers, musicians, and a film component. On Saturday April 8th from 1:00-5:00 there will be an "Arkansas Roots Music Festival" located in City Water & Light Park. (Riceland Hall will be an alternate location in case of weather)

Brochures were made available to all senators and Burns stated there would be plenty of educational opportunities if faculty wanted their students to attend. For more information contact 870-972-3043 or www.astate.edu/blues

Old Business

Action item 17SP-03 Revising the University Learning Outcomes. Greg Phillips made a motion to accept the proposal. Second Richard Burns. Voting- 15 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTENTION

Action item 17SP-04 Revising the Faculty Grievance Procedure. Richard Burns made a motion to accept the proposal. Second Greg Phillips. Voting- 14 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 4 ABSTENTIONS

New Business

Shared Governance proposal (17SP-07) Proposal to restructure the Shared Governance Oversight Council. The proposal would place 6 faculty members on the council, representing each college. The SGO representative would first need to be a faculty senator. This is so faculty from each college would have representation in times of expedited reviews. No action needed today, but more information will follow for a future vote.

McDaniel needs nominations for president-elect by April 11th in time for the Spring Faculty Association Meeting. Interested persons or names should be given to McDaniel or any member of the "steering committee".

Closing Statements

Next Meeting will be Friday April 7th @ 3 p.m.

Richard Burns made a motion to adjourn. Second April Sheppard. Motion approved by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Wooten