

A-State Faculty Senate  
Friday, May 4, 2018  
Minutes

Present:

**Steering Committee**

- Mike McDaniel - Chair/President Present
- Loretta McGregor – President Elect Present
- Vice Chair – Claire Abernathy Present
- Secretary – April Sheppard Present
- Joanna Grymes - Secretary/Treasurer Faculty Association Present

**Agriculture and Engineering (2)**

- Greg Phillips Absent
- Shivan Haran Absent

**Business (3)**

- Sharon James Present
- Richard Segall Present
- Philip Tew Absent

**Education & Behavioral Science (6)**

- Jeonghee Choi Absent
- Amanda Wheeler Present
- David Holman Present
- Sharon Davis Absent
- Gwen Neal Present
- Amy Pearce Absent

**Fine Arts (3), Humanities & Social Sciences (6), and Media & Communications (2)**

**Fine Arts (3),**

- Claire Abernathy Present
- Matthew Carey Absent
- Bill Rowe Proxy

**Humanities & Social Sciences (5)**

- Win Bridges Absent
- Richard Burns Present

- Mary Donaghy Absent
- William Maynard Present
- Rollin Tusalem Absent

**Media & Communications (2)**

- Manu Bhandari Present
- Pradeep Mishra Present

**Library & Information Resources (1)**

- April Sheppard Present

**Military Science (1)**

- Lieutenant Colonel Brian Mason Absent

**Nursing & Health Professions (6)**

- Annette Bednar Present
- Jody Long Present
- Stacy Walz Present
- Donna Caldwell Present
- Jessie Camp Present
- Mollie Manning Present

**Science & Mathematics (5)**

- Travis Marsico Absent
- Ross Carroll Absent
- William Paulsen Absent
- Suzanne Melescue Absent
- Jeff Jenness Absent

**University College (1)**

- Nikesha Nesbit Present

**Chairs Council (1)**

- Marika Kyriakos Present

Proxies:

Bill Rowe – Proxy William Maynard

Chair McDaniel called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. He begun by seeking approval of the agenda which was approved. He then introduced the April 6<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup> minutes. Senator Burns made a motion to approve the minutes. Senator Mishra seconded; motion passed.

Chair McDaniel then invited Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration Len Frey to talk about the budget and give an overview of what discussed at the previous UPC meeting. Statements included:

- FY19 Budget developed with real \$3.8 million deficit in mind.
- Budget is not final until approved by the Board of Trustees.
- Budget specifics included:
  - One time redirect of student infrastructure fund.
  - Lower institutional fridge rate from 40% to 39%.
  - \$2.1 million of the deficit is prioritized through permanent cuts.
    - \$1.458 million in permanent cuts made to Academic Affairs, including \$929,000 from the Library.
    - \$529,000 in cuts from colleges.
- Changes to fees included:
  - New safety fee.
  - Increase in the existing academic excellence fee to go towards 1% merit.
  - \$10 yearbook fee eliminated.
- If enrollment does not go up and the deficit right itself, more changes will need to be made later.

Questions to Vice Chancellor Frey included:

- Are the cut from colleges proportionate; Provost Lynita Cooksey stated more or less. She explained that deans were told what portion comes from their college and that the deans figured where the cuts would come from in their areas.
- Was cuts made to Athletics; do not have auxiliary cuts on hand.
- Are axillary funds dedicated to Athletics; not necessary, auxiliary covers where there are deficits.
- What happened to fringe money spent; help balance books at the end of the year.
- Is there some sort of analysis to predict enrollment and not be caught off guard again; Chancellor Kelly Damphousse stated the problem is that last year tuition did not meet revenue needs. Vice Chancellor Frey added that they use previous year's actual numbers to predict budget for the new year. FY18 had much lower numbers than FY17 trends. Chancellor Damphousse added that they are being conservative with the FY19 budget. Currently every indicator for the next year is positive, but never know until the semester starts and students show up.
- Part of Huron's report is to show "new tricks" so we don't get in a bind again; Chancellor Damphousse stated that it was hard work, not tricks, that are need. Need to change to evolve with the market.
- If we have mid-year money, can we carry forward and have a buffer; if extra money mid-year, will ask the Board for mid-year merit increase.
- Was the Library given the number to get and did they choose where; Secretary Sheppard stated that she had just learned of the actual cut in this meeting. She then asked for understanding as the Library addresses these cuts in FY19. Senator Marsico asked if there were plans to increase ILL and Secretary Sheppard stated there was. Chancellor Damphousse added that increase enrollment will fix lots of things, the Library included.

Chancellor Damphousse then stated that Provost Cooksey will be retiring next summer. He has asked her to stay through the HLC visit, which she did. He added he appreciated how much she has done. Provost Cooksey reported that the HLC report was the best campus has received in 20 years, but she cannot share the details until HLC votes on the final report. She added that she is grateful to her team and her faculty.

Chairman McDaniel stated that everything that has been approved through the shared governance process is on the Chancellor's desk. In addition, the new Faculty Handbook is on the Board agenda.

Chairman McDaniel then handed over the "gavel" to President Elect McGregor.

Senator Burns made a motion to adjourn. Senator Caldwell seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 3:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

April Sheppard  
Faculty Senate Secretary