

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

12-2-2016

Call to order-

Quorum established. Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.

**COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT          SENATOR**

**AGRICULTURE & TECHNOLOGY**

**COLLEGE          Greg Phillips**

**BUSINESS**

**COMPUTER & INFORMATION TECH          Richard Segall**

**ECONOMICS & FINANCE          Phillip Tew**

**MANAGEMENT & MARKETING          Sharon James**

**EDUCATION & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE**

**CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE          David Holman**

**EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP          Gwen Neal**

**HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, & SS          Claudia Benavides---absent?**

**PSYCHOLOGY & COUNSELING          Loretta McGregor**

**TEACHER EDUCATION          Jeonghee Choi**

**AT LARGE          Amy R. Pearce**

**ENGINEERING**

**COLLEGE**

**Shivan Haran---absent?**

**FINE ARTS**

**ART & DESIGN          Joe Ford---absent?**

**MUSIC          Kyle Chandler**

**THEATRE          Claire Abernathy**

**HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**CRIMINOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY & GEOG          Mary Donaghy**

**ENGLISH, PHIL & WORLD, LANGUAGES          Richard Burns**

**HISTORY          Aiqun Hu**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**Hans Hacker---absent?**

**Win Bridger---absent?**

**LIBRARY**

**April Sheppard**

**MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS**

**COMMUNICATIONS** Manu Bhandari  
**MEDIA** Pradeep Mishra

**MILITARY SCIENCE**

**NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

**NURSING** Brinda McKinney  
**HEALTH PROFESSIONS** Annette Bednar  
**SOCIAL WORK** Jody Long  
**AT LARGE** Debbie Shelton---absent?  
**AT LARGE** Larry Morton  
**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** Nikesha Nesbitt

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**President, Faculty Association** Mike McDaniel  
**Past President, Faculty Association** Greg Phillips  
**Vice President** Loretta McGregor  
**Secretary/Treasurer, Faculty Association** Joanna Grymes

**Visitors-** Len Fry, Bill Rowe, Tom Moore, Doug Whitlock, Chuck Welch, Sarah Morris (The Sun)

**Opening statements-**

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.

McDaniel asked if all were in approval of the minutes and if any changes were needed. One correction was to list Loretta McGregor as the Vice Chair of the Senate. No other corrections were offered and minutes were approved.

McDaniel stated he spoke with Dr. Welch about incorporating shared governance into the job description for chancellor. Welch will provide the opportunity to talk with him about the description. There was a request made to update knowledge on campus safety. Len Fry made comments on the

subject. McDaniel also commented that this has been brought up and that there is no university policy about locking classroom doors. If that is something we wish to pursue, he will support the process.

### **Guest Speakers**

Fry- stated there are about 400+ lockable learning environments. At this point about 20 have been identified as not lockable and a plan is being developed to address this. If anyone finds a non-lockable door please let him know so it can be addressed. Loretta McGregor suggested that perhaps instead of a "policy" put into place, there could be a "best practices" statement developed regarding security issues. Data is currently being gathered to see if a uniform lock system can be put into place.

Dr. Chuck Welch was given the floor and stated he was present to discuss criteria for the upcoming chancellor search and solicit feedback from senators. Before taking comments he wanted to clarify the news announcement regarding the legislative audit committee. There were seven findings for the system and all seven were from the internal audit conducted for Tim Hudson. Nothing new or surprising was found and this was reported to the prosecuting attorney. The annual audit was a "standard order of business".

Welch- The chancellor search will include a search committee of approximately 21 individuals. The committee will be made up of faculty, alumni, students, and staff-(No board of trustees or vice chancellor) Some of the standard considerations for chancellor will include education, skill set, background, etc. The search committee will be charged with the task to narrow down the choices. Welch anticipates 3-5 final candidates who will be brought to campus, hold public forums, interview with the committee and Welch. They will give their feedback anonymously.

The floor was then opened--- "What do you want in terms of a new chancellor?"

Greg Phillips- Transparency, Committed to communication and shared governance.

Joanna Grymes- Proven experiences to reflect a mindset of shared governance.

Kyle Chandler- Strategically identify areas of strengths and areas of growth to create a shared vision. A-State cannot "be all things to all people"

Loretta McGregor- We need someone who can consider our target population. Consider someone who has an understanding to our Delta are students. We bring in diverse populations, but we also need to know our own local population and create an environment of balance.

Bill Rowe- Credits should transfer if student attended ASU-Beebe or another institution because we are accredited by a national agency. Welch responded saying there is a need for a system tracker identification process and this would not be something that the ASU-Jonesboro Chancellor could perform alone.

April Sheppard- The new chancellor should have research experience since A-State wants to be recognized as a research driven institution.

Chandler wanted to compliment Dr. Doug Whitlock for being encouraging and sending personal e-mails to address the accomplishments of faculty.

Welch concurred sentiments regarding Whitlock. He would like to find someone with personality who could “push the envelope”, take A-State to new heights, and not simply be a placeholder or title.

Phillip Tew suggested it would be nice to see the chancellor teach a class at least once per year to keep faculty perspective in mind. “Help them connect”

Grymes stated academics must be a priority in action not simply verbiage.

Welch agreed and stated he will utilize Whitlock for insight because he has no vested interest. Welch would also like to see Whitlock’s traits mirrored in a new chancellor-willingness to listen, visit faculty, and learn from faculty and staff.

McGregor stated it would not be wise to walk in and begin implementing new changes right off and expect faculty to “fall in line”.

McDaniel asked Welch to explain the process- invite people to apply, nominate someone to apply, what is the process?

Welch explained that he personally talks with each potential applicant and encourages faculty to do the same. Try and generate interest, encourage people to research the university, campus, Jonesboro, the job itself, and have any interested person contact Welch if interested. The search committee ultimately decides who the final candidates will be. There are no “slam dunk, predetermined” candidates.

Welch called for any final questions or comments. Hearing none he thanked the senate for their comments and excited.

### **Old Business-Voting**

McDaniel- Consider motion to remove shared governance piece from faculty handbook. It will be moved to another location.

Greg Phillips made the motion. ?????????????? seconded.

Hand count- 22 For, 1 opposed, 3 abstentions. Motion carried

16FA-04 SGOE Hand count- 25 for, 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

16FA-05 Sexual discrimination proposal to make the language follow federal guidelines.

Greg Phillips made the motion. Amber Wooten seconded

Hand count- 8 For, 2 opposed, 13 abstentions. Motion carried.

16FA-06 Medical Amnesty

Richard Burns made the motion to accept. Greg Phillips seconded.

Hand count- 24 For, 0 against, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

McDaniel expressed his appreciation for the senate's hard work and called for a motion to dismiss.

Adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Wooten