

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

4-17-2017

COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT SENATOR

AGRICULTURE & TECHNOLOGY

COLLEGE Greg Phillips

BUSINESS

COMPUTER & INFORMATION TECH Richard Segall

ECONOMICS & FINANCE Phillip Tew---proxy---Erick Chang

MANAGEMENT & MARKETING Sharon James

EDUCATION & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE David Holman

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP Gwen Neal---absent

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---absent

Win Bridges

HISTORY Aiqun Hu---absent

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Hans Hacker---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

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- Chairs Council-Marika Kyriakus, Tom Moore

Call to order-

Quorum established. Meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m.

First Order of Business-

Agenda modification: Removal of 17SP-07

Motion to approve agenda by acclamation-Greg Phillips. No discussion. Approved by acclamation.

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

Guest Speakers

Dr. Len Frey, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration was present to discuss the budget. Donna McMillin and Russ Hannah were present also. There was record spring enrollment for 2017. While this is exciting, a large number of those were online enrollments. We were down 350 students based on those who returned to campus. What does that mean to the budget? Traditional student losses are dollar for dollar. When online enrollment is up, the budget does not show as big an increase because portions of the funds go to the management of those online programs. Following the meeting of state legislators it was determined that our state contribution will be the same amount as last year.

Dr. Frey presented a PowerPoint on budget planning. The presentation included the principles that guide the decision making process for allocation of university resources. These include:

1. Respond to the needs and expectations of the students and the university community
2. Ensure successful, effective, and efficient performance on a long-term basis
3. Facilitate the achievement of the university's strategic plan as related to its mission
4. Recognize the need to preserve and enhance the established asset base
5. Acknowledge enrollment growth or change in student distribution
6. Allow for funding of new initiatives that support the university's mission
7. Reward both productivity and creativity through incentives for entrepreneurial activities
8. Build adequate reserves to provide for contingencies
9. Avoid compromise of long-term strategies by short-term decisions
10. Encourage and support internationalization of the university
11. Be managed conservatively

The total operating budget = \$201,260,424

E & G Operating Budget = \$162,197,130

Auxiliary Operating Budget = \$39,063,294

E & G Salaries and Related Fringe = \$101,805,338 – 62.77%

Instructional and Academic Support Salaries and Fringe = \$62,701,078 – 61.59% of total E & G Salaries and Fringe

2016-17 E & G Budgeted Revenue

57.22% Tuition and Fees - \$92,810,344

40.51% State Appropriations - \$65,710,419

Category A, B, B-1, & C

Educational Excellence Trust Fund

2.27% Other - \$3,676,367

A pie chart and another graph were shown to highlight expenditures from 2011-2017. Fluctuations in certain categories were attributed to online initiatives, deferred maintenance, and research. Frey stated A-State is very aggressive to keep tuition and fees increases to a minimum. There is a task force charged to look at the current budget and Frey said he was willing to help as needed.

Amy Pearce asked if this information was available on the website and if there was a description of each category on the pie chart and yearly graph.

Donna McMillin explained a copy of the budget book can be found online, but there was not a definition as to the meaning of each category.

Greg Phillips stated after looking at a statement for tuition and fees he was appalled at the number of fees and the seemingly increase in number of fees over the years.

McMillin and Frey pointed out that there has only been a 1-1.5% increase in tuition and fees and currently A-State is ranked 5th in the state for tuition and fees.

Frey closed by stating to please reach out to him at any time with questions or concerns.

Gina Hogue was the next guest speaker. She was present to give more information on 17SP-05 Student Academic Load: Undergraduate Enrollment and Academic Curriculum. This proposal will provide updated wording to the terms found in the undergraduate bulletin in an effort to match current practices. Senators received e-mails and handouts with the proposed changes. There have been times when students have been on academic overload and several examples were given by Hogue to demonstrate how this could happen. A new academic calculator is being considered for implementation into the website. This could help students, advisors, and faculty ensure they are in compliance for maximum student load.

McDaniel state 17SP-05 will need action in 2 weeks.

New Business

Shared Governance Proposal 17SP-06 Graduate Assistant Handbook. A request has been made for the development of a graduate assistant handbook. This request comes as a result of the apparent discrepancies across campus due to differences in pay, load, and job descriptions. McDaniel stated he supported the decision to have a handbook. Dr. Cooksey stated some of the differences could be the result of how a GA is supported (i.e. grant money). Some GAs work more, some less, pay doesn't always seem to be based on teaching or workload.

McDaniel stated there would need to be a determination of what material would need to go in a handbook for them. E-mail and handouts were provided for a first reading with voting to take place in 2 weeks.

17SP-08 Committee Clarification. McDaniel---When we moved shared governance out of the faculty handbook and into its own handbook, should the shared governance committee go with it? Some committees have been around for years and are not necessarily shared governance. It would be "sloppy and contentious" to remove them. The faculty handbook committee believes the following committee should remain within the faculty handbook:

1. Academic Hearing Committee
2. Faculty Achievement Awards
3. Faculty Handbook
4. Faculty Research Awards
5. General Education
6. Graduate Council

7. Undergraduate Curriculum Council
8. University Promotion, Retention, and Tenure

John Hall will remain on the historical committee which is a faculty senate committee.

17SP-09 Honors Council Membership Reorganization. In response to the reorganization of colleges at A-State, the Honors Council recommends restructuring the committee to more appropriately reflect the Honors student enrollment relative to each college while considering the workload of the Honors Council representatives. An e-mail was sent to show the make-up of the committee and the rationale. A brief explanation was given to clarify how the courses and students could be cross listed to even out areas where workload is not equally distributed.

Old 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-Voting for President-Elect will begin electronically on Tuesday April 11th. The two faculty senate nominees are Loretta McGregor and Shivan Haran.

Closing Statements

Next Meeting will be Friday April 21st @ 3 p.m. Please support your faculty and students at the various Convocation of Scholars ceremonies in April, as well as, the Faculty Honors Convocation. There will also be a short meeting of the faculty association at the Faculty Honors Convocation.

Joanna Grymes made a motion to adjourn. Second Loretta McGregor. Motion approved by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Wooten