

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING**

**April 7th, 2023  
HSS 1028**

**Attendees:** Donna Caldwell, Cheryl Knight, Karen Graham, Robert Williams, Richard Segall, Zahid Hossain, Gary Edwards, Veena Kulkarni, Sarah Scott, Suzanne Melescue, Pradeep Mishra, LTC John M. Weatherly, Andrea Brown, John Hershberger, Kim Vickrey, Addie Fleming, Ed Salo, David Pearlman, Arianne Pait, Nikesha Nesbitt, Scott Mangan, Kris Biondolillo, Matthew Harmon, Carlitta Moore, Dayday Robinson

**Proxy Attendees:** Benjamin Poku for Claude Rector

**Guests:** Lydia Placzek, David Kern

**Absentees:** Hrishikesh Desai, Jake Qualls, William Maynard, David Pearlman, Robert Robinette, Tim Oliver, Ibrahim Duyar, Eric Scudamore, Sudeepa Bhattacharyya, Bert Greenwalt, Rollin Tusalem, Gabriel Horowitz

**Meeting Called to Order:** Ed Salo established a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Ed Salo.

**Order of the Day:** Motion to approve the order of the day by Addie Fleming, seconded by John Hersheberger, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the March 17, 2023 meeting minutes with correction (edit to indicate that Karen Graham was in attendance) by Andrea Brown, second by Kris Biondillo, all in favor, motion carried.

**Q&A with Chancellor, Dr. Todd Shields and Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Relations, Dr. Will McLean:**

- Filling vacant positions; email deans and chairs about position approval or denial within next 2 weeks.
- FYE mandatory items?
  - FYE removed some training elements, active shooter, title IX, and continued to be left out, but were only removed due to COVID. Trying to bring these training sessions back to the classroom.
  - Experiences should be similar across all FYE courses
- Legislative sessions are almost over.
- ADHE meeting
  - New appointees to board
  - Anticipate much more scrutinizing of what we are doing and what programs have low graduation rates
    - Expecting yearly reviews; might even back date and look at data

- If they say it's gone, there's not much we can do about it. Can repropose it if needed. Be prepared with justifications.
- Have you identified programs that are under scrutiny? Yes.
- Be proactive and if they will or likely be on the list; come talk about this ahead of time.
- Deans and program directors are aware
- Will- Standard is 4 graduates a year for 4 years and it's an average.
- Graduation- changing the format of it?
  - Bringing faculty back into it and give them a bigger role--students are interested in this
  - Faculty seated and able to greet, shake hands, and take pics with students and congratulate them as they exit
  - Punch and cookies?
  - Let chancellor know if you have other suggestions
- Convocation of scholars
  - Support awards ceremony on Wednesday
  - Please show up; we want turn out to increase
  - Honor retirees
- Create@state- go support students there

#### **Athletic Advising-Lydia Placzek, A-State Athletics:**

- Dr. David Kern, Faculty Liaison
  - Here for students and faculty
  - Reach out if you have questions, suggestions, etc.
- Notify faculty of student being gone
- Travel issues
  - Travel letter at beginning of the year-used to be a paper copy
  - Need to send out electronically
  - Sometime students lack communication
  - Email
  - Canvas Masquerade view?- could allow athletics to view syllabi and grades
  - Pack Support- add bar as student athlete?
- Advising- how does this work?
  - Athletics should be secondary advisors
  - Faculty advising should be done first
- Require a signed form to force students to come speak with the faculty member?
  - Could explore this possibility

#### **Old Business:**

##### *Nomination Committee Announcement:*

- 2 nominations for president elect
- Qualtrics survey, entire faculty vote
- Amanda Moehler
  - 7 yrs at A-State, associate professor, OT, CNHP
- Carlitta Moore

- 4 years at A-State assistant professor, AT, CNHP
- Nominations from the floor? None
- 2 weeks before voting. Last week of the semester. Voting will be online. Committee will certify the election results. Can contact Donna with questions. Will go out on 4/24 keep open for 3 days.
- Library has representation, but couldn't be president because they don't hold academic rank. May need to look at adding librarians and archivists. Would need to amend the constitution in the future.

**New Business:**

No new business.

**Other Business:**

- Working on reapportionment. Finalizing on 4/26 along with the names for committees. 1 senator for every 15 and we round up. Usually end up with 36-37 senators. Every college gets at least 1.

**Open Forum:**

No discussion.

Ed Salo adjourned the meeting at 4:01 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 21st at 3:00 pm in HSS 1028.