

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

4-21-2017

COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT	SENATOR
AGRICULTURE & TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE	Greg Phillips---proxy---Richard Burns
BUSINESS	
COMPUTER & INFORMATION TECH	Richard Segall
ECONOMICS & FINANCE P	hillip Tew---absent
MANAGEMENT & MARKETING	Sharon James
EDUCATION & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE	
CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE	David Holman
EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP	Gwen Neal---proxy---David Holman
HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, & SS	Claudia Benavides---absent
PSYCHOLOGY & COUNSELING	oretta McGregor---proxy---Amy Pearce
TEACHER EDUCATION	Jeonghee Choi
AT LARGE	Amy R. Pearce
ENGINEERING	
COLLEGE	Shivan Haran---absent
FINE ARTS	
ART & DESIGN	Joe Ford
MUSIC	Kyle Chandler---absent
THEATRE	Claire Abernathy---absent
HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES	
CRIMINOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY & GEOG	Mary Donaghy
ENGLISH, PHIL & WORLD, LANGUAGES	Richard Burns
	Win Bridges
HISTORY	Aiqun Hu---absent
POLITICAL SCIENCE	Hans Hacker---proxy---Richard Wang
LIBRARY	
	April Sheppard
MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS	
COMMUNICATIONS	Manu Bhandari---absent

MEDIA

Pradeep Mishra---absent

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---absent

AT LARGE

UNIVERSITY

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Nikeshia Nesbitt

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President, Faculty Association

Mike McDaniel

Past President, Faculty Association

Greg Phillips---proxy---Richard Burns

Vice President

Loretta McGregor---proxy

Secretary/Treasurer,

Faculty Association

Joanna Grymes

Visitors- Chairs Council-John Pratte

Call to order-

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

First Order of Business-

Motion to approve agenda by acclamation-Richard Burns. No discussion. Approved by acclamation.

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

Opening Statements-

The faculty senate recognized Hannah Aldridge as out-going president of the Student Government Association. Hannah is the also the daughter of Professor Roy Aldridge in physical therapy. Roy is suffering several health issues at this time and a moment of silence was held in his honor.

Recognition was also made in honor of Greg Phillips for his service to the faculty senate. Greg was absent, but a plaque will be given to him at a later time.

There is a need for commencement marshals. One marshal from each college is needed. Any interested persons should talk to Mike McDaniel.

Guest Speakers

Mike Doyle and Mark Smith were present to discuss the history of KASU radio station. Doyle is the station manager and alumnus of A-State. KASU began in 1957 and is the oldest, longest running public radio station in the state of Arkansas. John Kramer first asked for the application and it was approved by Dr. Reng. In the beginning KASU would broadcast choirs, band concerts, commencements, election returns, and other local events and news. Doyle showed photographs of Kramer, Reng, and former students-including himself. The radio station has had several "firsts" over the years including:

1. First local broadcast station in the Jonesboro area to pre-empt regular programs during periods of severe weather across the Mid-South. (1973)
2. First station in the area to receive regular daily programming by satellite. (1981)
3. First broadcast station in the region to offer an extensive block of blues programming- "nothing but the blues" on Saturday night. (1995)
4. First broadcasting station in the area to broadcast regularly scheduled live interviews with Senators and Representatives from Arkansas and the region. (1998)
5. First station in Arkansas to offer a daily program devoted exclusively to Arkansas heritage. (2013)

The faculty will be making a \$500 donation to KASU.

New Business

Election of president-elect will begin on Tuesday April 25th.

Old Business

Action items:

1. 17SP-05 Undergraduate Curriculum. Amy Pearce moved to accept. Annette Bednar-second. No discussion. 16 unanimous votes YES. Motion passed.
2. 17SP-06 Graduate Assistant Handbook. Richard Burns moved to approve. April Sheppard-second. Discussion: Burns asked if we had any business to vote on this for them. John Pratte stated if a handbook specifies what salary GA's can receive, it will impact what can be written in grants. Amy Pearce asked if this was a vote for them to give them permission for a handbook, or were we voting on the actual handbook. Sharon James asked how GA's can be equitable across campus. Some teach, perform research, and some do more administrative jobs. Their roles are different so how can they expect to be paid similar? Dr. Cooksey stated the proposed handbook was written by a groups of GA's. This was their first draft and they never sought guidance beyond human resources. Sharon James stated that perhaps they could have a handbook that stated job descriptions, roles, and responsibilities, but not specific salaries. Richard Burns made a motion to approve the handbook as written. April Sheppard-second. No votes received. Motion Failed.

3. 17SP-07 Reorganization of the SGO. Amy Pearce moved to approve. April Sheppard-Second. No discussion. Voting: 3 YES 2 NO. Motion passed.
4. 17SP-08 Committee Clarification. Amy Pearce moved to approve. Jody Long-Second. Pearce voiced constituent's concern over moving the Academic Calendar committee out of the faculty handbook. McDaniel stated that was a valid point. Pratte stated that the shared governance and faculty handbooks will still need to be approved once finalized, so today's vote is not the final say on where those committees may be placed. Voting: 9 YES 5 NO. Motion passed.
5. 17SP-09 Honors Council Membership Reorganization. Amy Pearce moved to approve. Sharon James-Second. No discussion. Voting: 16 unanimous YES. Motion Passed.
6. Benefits Committee Endorsement Request. McDaniel explained the letter attached to the agenda regarding insurance benefits. Annette Hux wrote a letter to Dr. Frey voicing concerns over our insurance benefit through Cigna. It would appear that administration was inaccurate when they stated that coverage would be the same as when we had Blue Cross Blue Shield. James pointed out that Cigna has a vast network and that when first proposed, administration did state that the majority of people would not be impacted. They did say that some employees may be impacted by the change. Win Bridges moved for the senate to endorse the letter as written. David Holman-Second. Voting: 14 YES 1 NO. Motion passed.

Guest Speaker

Shane Broadway apologized for his late coming to the meeting, but wanted to give an update on current bills and legislature. The Campus Carry gun legislation did pass. It was also authorized without requiring individuals to attend training. The National Rifle Association became involved and played a role in the decision making process. It was made clear that if the board of trustees did not support the bill then the university would be liable should a shooter come to campus. The law will begin on September 1st, 2017 and states if you are over the age of 21, hold a concealed carry license, then you can carry a gun onto campus. Broadway briefly discussed a few of the bills that he's been watching. A few have died in committee and some will be re-worded before sending to the legislature. Any questions, concerns, or comments should be directed to him. He stands ready to assist however needed.

Closing Statements

The Chancellor search has begun. The list will be narrowed down in the next week to determine a final list and bring candidates to campus. Visits should start to take place in May.

This is the last senate meeting until fall. McDaniel thanked everyone for their service.

Richard Burns made a motion to adjourn. Joanna Grymes-Second. Motion approved by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Wooten