

A-State Faculty Senate  
Friday, February 2, 2018  
Minutes

Present:

**Steering Committee**

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

**Agriculture and Engineering (2)**

- Greg Phillips Present
- Shivan Haran Absent

**Business (3)**

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

**Education & Behavioral Science (6)**

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

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

**Fine Arts (3),**

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

**Humanities & Social Sciences (5)**

- Win Bridges Present
- Richard Burns Present

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

**Media & Communications (2)**

- Manu Bhandari Absent
- Pradeep Mishra Absent

**Library & Information Resources (1)**

- April Sheppard Present

**Military Science (1)**

- Lieutenant Colonel Brian Mason Present

**Nursing & Health Professions (6)**

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

**Science & Mathematics (5)**

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

**University College (1)**

- Nikesha Nesbit Absent

**Chairs Council (1)**

- Marika Kyriakos Present

Proxies:

Loretta McGregor – John Hall

Donna Caldwell – Cheryl Knight

Chair McDaniel called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm. He begun the meeting by seeking and gaining consent of the agenda.

Chair McDaniel then introduced Brad Phelps, University Council. Phelps addressed the Senate regarding the new conceal and carry law, including:

- The law took effect September 2017, but guidelines were presented and approved in early January. Expect to have people begin carrying in 2-3 week.
- Previous versions of the law allowed university Board of Trustees to opt out, the new version removes this option.
- In order to conceal carry on campus, people need:
  - Conceal carry license
  - Enhanced permit administered by Arkansas State Police.
- ASU Legal will create a website with summary of law, FAQs, etc. New signage will also be deployed on campus.

Questions posed to Phelps included:

- If we see someone carrying, can we ask to see their permit; No, if you see a weapon, call UPD. Conceal means that, concealed.
- Do we call UPD if we find a weapon; Yes.
- Can we put “no guns” on classroom and office doors; we cannot lawfully exclude guns from classrooms or offices. Some exemptions are daycare facilities, athletic events, private club areas, and locations that serve as grievance/disciplinary areas.
- If a building is a mixed use space that has some athletic events, what do we do; there will be security or conceal guidelines. Law makes no changes to our responsibilities, we will not have act as deputies.
- Who searches people before disciplinary hearings; not in the law.
- If someone is shot with a concealed gun, can they sue the state; university is not responsible.

Chair McDaniel then introduced Library Director Jeff Bailey to address the Senate regarding library privileges for emeriti faculty. His discussion points included:

- Emeriti have two areas of library privileges with differing guidelines: on and off campus.
- On campus, emeriti have full use of the library, including all library databases accessed within the library or through campus wi-fi.
- Print access: emeriti can check out 10 items at a time, more with permission for special projects; have full ILL privileges.
- Legislative audit determined that library materials are considered state property.
  - Placed limit on number of items emeritus could check out.
  - Placed limit on how long items can be checked out by all patrons.
  - Requires annual application form to verify mailing address.
- Off campus, emeriti have limited access to online resources.
  - Vendor licenses limit access to current students, staff, and faculty.
  - Once retired, no longer considered “current” faculty.
  - Larger well-funded institutions have own licensing department to re-negotiate licenses to include emeriti. Only known institution to do so in Arkansas is U of A.
  - To change licenses would involve campus legal and hundreds of licenses.
    - Likely that some vendors would want additional money for additional access.

- If emeriti are still working on university business, off-campus access can be arranged.
- Everyone can access databases in our [Free Online Databases](#) guide.

One question was asked of Bailey:

- What do we do if retired faculty want to maintain an office space for teaching/research; likely depends on how much space is available in each department.

Chair McDaniel then recognized Hope Phillips, Chair of the Staff Senate.

Chair McDaniel stated that he had attended a meeting on the efficiencies study and that another meeting on the system side was planned. Once the report is ready, McDaniel stated that President Welch and Chancellor Damphousse would hold a campus-wide forum.

Chair McDaniel then gave a brief overview of recent Shared Governance Oversight Committee (SGOC) decisions, including:

- The SGOC decided not to take up the Limebike issue. Senator Marsico later stated that campus needs more rider education instead of a punitive approach.
- The SGOC tabled discussion of comfort dogs; a Disability Services issue, not a shared governance issue.

Chair McDaniel then introduced the A-State Assessment Handbook to the Senate, stating that the Senate will vote on the handbook in two weeks. Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Director of Assessment, Summer Deprow, was also present to take comments and answer questions regarding the handbook.

Questions and comments to Deprow regarding the handbook included:

- Are there penalties outlined in the handbook; no, the handbook covers what is expected of us and provides an overview of our assessment efforts. More of a guidebook than policing.
- Why are we calling it a handbook; open to suggestions for other terminology (guidebook, manual).
- Are departmental assessment guidelines included; no, if every guideline was included, the book would be over 500 pages long. Departmental guidelines are included on our website.

Chair McDaniel then moved discussion to the System Office resolution, reminding the Senate that before discussions began, not everyone has tenure. The Senate then discussed whether to adopt the resolution now or to vote on it in two weeks. After discussion, Chair McDaniel stated that voting today was not in our by-laws. He also added that he had receive a response from the Chair of the Board of Trustees and that he emailed the response to the Senate shortly before the meeting began. Senator Maynard noted that the response didn't answer the concerns in the resolution. Erik Gilbert added that the letter addressed processes, but not product (or what they do for our campus). He did note that he agreed that Jonesboro is isolated and may not be the best location.

Senator Marsico asked whether our goal is to move the System Office or abolish it altogether. Senator Rowe replied that it was coincidental that the resolution came out the same week as Erik Gilbert's Transparent Tuesday and that both discussed the System Office. Chair McDaniel added that the Huron report was not going to suggest abolishing the System Office.

Senator Marsico asked if we are fully utilizing the System Office. Senator Maynard stated that they haven't helped us before, why would they now. He also noted that our lobbyist before the move to Little Rock was just as effective then as they are now. Senator Marsico replied that we have new administration both on campus and there, that maybe we should try again.

Senator Maynard stated that things could be done here and save us money. Senator Paulsen asked if a study has been done to show how much money would be saved if the System Office moved to Jonesboro. Faculty Association Secretary/Treasurer Grymes also asked if there was an objective measure being used to show that things are getting worse. She further asked if there is an objective way to talk about the resolution going forward.

Chair McDaniel asked the Senators to talk with their constituents. He added that he would not be surprised if someone from the System Office would want to come in and speak to the Senate. He then stated that the resolution could be tweaked and that the Senate could vote on the new version in two weeks. Senator Bridges added that if changes are made, that both versions should be presented to make it easier to spot the changes.

Senator Burns made a motion to adjourn. Senator Maynard seconded; motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 4:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

April Sheppard  
Faculty Senate Secretary