

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
October 21, 2022
HSS 1028**

Attendees: Sudeepa Bhattacharyya, Kris Biondollilo, Andrea Brown, Donna Caldwell, Ibrahim Duyar, Addie Fleming, Bert Greenwalt, Matt Harmon, John Hershberger, Zahid Hossain, Veena Kulkarni, Scott Mangan, William Maynard, Suzanne Melescue, Pradeep Mishra, Nikesha Nesbitt, Tim Oliver, Arianne Pait, Jake Qualls, Claude Rector, Dayday Robinson, Ed Salo, Richard Segall, Rollin Tusalem, Kim Vickery

Proxy Attendees: Wendy Crist for Robert Robinette, Larry Morton for Cheryl Knight, Joanna Grymes for Karen Graham, Po-Lin Pan for Sarah Scott

Absentees: Hrishikesh Desai, Katie Hill, Gary Edwards, Gabriel Horowitz, Carlitta Moore, Eric Scudamore, J. Morgan Weatherly, Robert Williams

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 made to approve the order of the day by William Maynard, seconded by Andrea Brown, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made to approve the October 7, 2022 minutes by Kris Biondollilo, seconded by Po-Lin Pan, all in favor, motion carried.

Guest Speaker: No guest speaker schedule for this meeting. Len Frey will be coming at a later date.

Old Business:

Committee Reports: N/A. Ed reported that progress is being made regarding Team Teaching.

New Business:

Shared governance proposals:

- 1) Support Animals/Service Animals: This proposal has been sent back to legal to clarify language. We will probably see it and be able to review it at our next meeting.
- 2) Captioning: SGOc determined it is a shared governance issue; faculty want to look at it since it deals with teaching. It is undergoing a standard review of 93 business days.
 - Not voting on this at this time. Need to send comments back on this by 10/28/22 (next Friday). Share with colleges and departments
 - Discussion/Questions/Comments:
 - Curious about a mechanism for supporting faculty--falls on departments to find these things; resources?--They are going to hire someone to assist with captioning videos.

- How will this be done in Access and Accommodation Services since they are already understaffed?
 - How are they going to pay this person?
 - Do they have a budget line for this?
 - Do things like this get vetted by Len Frey before they come up? The proposal does mention institutional funds or third party captioning service. Bill Smith stated that we currently outsource long ones (\$1 per minute with the company AOS uses); could be an ADA lawsuit if this is not done. Be careful with automatic captioning—Bill said some have lost lawsuits over this. Could be captioning in some videos and you just have to turn the functionality on.
 - Library has most videos captioned that they offer. Inquire about library -Star Holloway. The language in the proposal does need to be changed as there is currently no “media department” due to changes in staff. Library uses Kanopy service rental for older DVDs.
 - Will Mclean stated that CETL may also be able to help with this for our courses.
 - Is there a statement we should have regarding this (i.e. in course syllabi)?
 - This could be a logistical nightmare with over 500 faculty on campus; powerpoints, videos for an entire course could be a lot of work and very tedious.
 - Could this be done incrementally?
 - Should be providing this to all students. Students don’t have to identify as needing this service.
- Send any comments or questions to Ed before next Friday (by 27th, next Thursday).
- Comments are due on the 28th and they will have until the 8th of November to respond.
- Some stated that they did not receive the proposals. Ed will send the proposals out again via email.
- 3) Admissions proposal: SGOC did determine that this is a shared governance issue; denied expedited review; full review 93 business days; should get revised version next week with correct dates; we will have several meetings to discuss this.
 - Ed stated that he has invited University College to our next meeting to discuss Transition Studies and what they currently do; will include student support services. Ed asked if we wanted Thilla to come back or anyone else. Ed also asked if there was any data that was wanted/needed.
 - Discussion/Questions/Comments:
 - Obtain data from Admissions office—statistical and historical data: enrollment numbers & requirements each year, along with graduation rate.
 - Len Frey-can he discuss money to support this proposal?
 - Data on students who appealed and were admitted—exceptional talent policy; appeal process is new with 85 admitted under this process this fall-no data until December.
 - What prompted the decrease in GPA for international students to 2.3 and what is the retention rate of these students?

- Organizational chart for management/departments? Can we see this?
- Could we have a timeline of admission changes and rationale for changes since 2010? Will send out information about the last change.
- Could we get a comparison of changes from the other comparable institutions? Ariane stated that we had raised standards and was part of our identity at the time (before 2010).
- What is the mechanism for supporting faculty?
- Is this a bigger issue? Is this a national problem? Fewer 18-year olds?
- Are we bringing in “numbers” who will require additional resources? Need more money and can’t even fill tenured lines currently.
- Assessment of pilot study—if a benchmark is set, will this be established?
- How many can a concierge coach (realistically)?
- Ed stated he is establishing a small committee (3 people) to gather information and comments on this proposal. Ed stated that it is okay to feel strongly about the proposal, but please be willing to offer a solution. Comments will not be due until the end of November.

Other Business:

No other business.

Open Forum:

No discussion.

Ed Salo adjourned the meeting at 4:24 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 4th at 3:00 pm in HSS 1028.