

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**Minutes of February 2, 2007**

<b>FACULTY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS</b>		<b>PROXY</b>
Bill Humphrey—Chair	A	
Richard Freer—Vice-Chair of the Senate	P	
Louella Moore-Faculty Association President Elect	P	
William B. Maynard—Secretary Faculty Association	P	
Judith T. Pfriemer—Secretary of the Senate	P	
Win Bridges—Acting Parliamentarian	A	
<b>AGRICULTURE (1)</b>		
Bert Greenwalt	P	
<b>BUSINESS (3)</b>		
Mark Foster	P	
Richard Segall	P	
Ahmad Syamil	A	
<b>COMMUNICATIONS (2)</b>		
Lillie Fears	P	
Pradeep Mishra	P	
<b>EDUCATION (5)</b>		
Cindy Albright	A	
Daniel Cline	A	
David Holman	A	
Marci Malinsky	A	
Amany Saleh	A	
<b>ENGINEERING (1)</b>		
Shivan Haran	A	
<b>FINE ARTS (3)</b>		
Stacy Alley	P	
Tim Crist	A	
Alyson Gill	A	
<b>HUMANITIES &amp; SOCIAL SCIENCES (6)</b>		
Robert Baum	A	
Win Bridges	A	
Mary Donaghy	P	
Eric Gilbert	A	
Joe Sartorelli	A	
Richard Wang	P	
<b>LIBRARY (1)</b>		
Myron Flugstad	P	
<b>MILITARY SCIENCE (1)</b>		
Benjamin J. Vincent, CPT	P	
<b>NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS (4)</b>		
Donna Caldwell	P	
Richard Freer	P	
Cathy P. Hall	P	
Judith Pfriemer	P	
<b>SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS (4)</b>		
Bob Bennett	A	
John Pratte	P	
Jeff Jenness	A	
Jie Miao	A	
<b>UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (1)</b>		
Gloria Bridges	A	

Vice Chairman Freer called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M. Having reviewed the attendance he noted that 15 Senators were present and a quorum was not obtained. Reports will be given but can not be acted upon until the February 16, 2007 meeting.

**I. MINUTES:** Minutes from the January 19, 2007 meeting can not be approved and will be submitted at the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

i. **Pre-employment background checks** Louella Moore distributed via email to the list serve and hard copies at the Senate meeting of the committee's report entitled: Report of Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee to Respond to Background Check Proposal Presented by Jennus Burton at 1/19/2007 Faculty Senate Meeting. Louella thanked Jennus Burton for bring the proposal forth to the faculty Senate. She further explained that the Committee understood its charge to be as follows: to develop a timely response to the proposal by the next Senate meeting. To this end they sent out an open-ended survey to the members of the faculty listserv (Faculty-L) on Monday January 22 asking for responses to the proposal by noon January 25th.

They asked for faculty to indicate if they were 1) highly in favor of the proposal, 2) highly opposed 3) partially in favor, but only with significant modifications in the wording of the policy to protect the misuse of the data – if so, what kind of modifications? In addition to responses from the faculty listserv participants, they also received one forwarded comment from Donn Mixon as contacted by the local AAUP. Three committee members met to reach a consensus on how to categorize the open-ended responses. (See Attached) Louella summarized the findings as: a total of 33 individuals responded to the survey; different views were expressed; many individuals had concerns about implementation; proposal was not detailed enough; some suggestion to send proposal back to Mr. Burton for more details to be added; costs to departments.

Executive committee had sent a letter to Mr. Burton thanking him for bring the issue to the Senate but also expressing concerns about the July 1, 2007 implementation date. Mr. Burton asked to address the Senate and stated that there were some concerns brought about from the feedback from not only the Faculty but also the Staff Senate. He further stated "the July 1<sup>st</sup> implementation date is no longer on the table".

Mark Foster recommended that Mr. Burton contact his counterpart at other institutions that have implemented background checks. Mark stated that there was much discussion on this matter by the Faculty Senate of Penn State following the hire of a convicted triple murderer and the Pennsylvania legislature on background checks affecting all public and private institutes of higher education.

Mr. Burton asked that these references be sent to him.

Richard Wang thanked the Committee for their good report but stressed that the "hiring official must remain within the department...the last thing I want to do is hire or deny hiring due to a decision being made at a different level outside my department".

ii. **Proposed Student Recreation Facility** Rick Stripling and SGA officials Tiffany Frazier, President; Lacey Hawkins, Vice President; and Rian Snell, Chief of Staff presented information on the proposed facility. Tiffany explained the history behind the facility dating back to spring 2005 when discussion with Dr. Wyatt first started through site visits to Murray State and university of Maryland in fall 2006 to Resolution presented to Senators on October 20, 2006 and passed by senate on November 28, 2006. The proposed facility would be available to students between and after classes as well as housing the intramural sports program. The facility would be funded by increasing the current Student Union fee from \$10 to \$15 per credit hour and once the facility is built and running an additional increase of \$2 for staff would be assessed.

Lacey reviewed the justification for the request as well as past open meetings that were held to obtain student feedback. Rain reviewed the positive effect that the center would have on the student population.

Rick stripling answered question regarding the bond issue and informed the Senate that they may soon be hearing about housing needs on campus. This spring ASU had a retention rate of 93% compared to past years rates of 73 to 74%. The increase is believed to be related to requiring freshman students to live on campus. With the increased retention rate there is a shortage of upperclassman housing. 1100 beds are available for traditional freshmen; 836 in the North Quad; 330 in Collegiate Park. There will not be enough upper level spaces and a new apartment facility for 195 students with occupancy in fall 2008 is being investigated. The facility will be adjacent to the north Quad. The second needed housing related to the Honor Program and dedicated housing for those students. Talks are of building a new facility for 250 students between Kays Hall and University Hall. The occupation will be one half freshmen and the remainder upperclassman.

The reason for all this decision to occur now is that it is cheaper to roll all the bond issues together. The time line on this would be to bring the proposals to the Board of Trustees on March 9, 2007. Then seek ADHD approval; then issuance of the bond; the design phase and finally construction documentation will be generated.

iii. **Bookstore** Jo Lunback, ASU internal auditor and Chris Jarchow, ASU Bookstore manager addressed the Senate. Ms. Lunback thanked the Senate for this opportunity to review some of the issues they have dealt with this semester and the directions the bookstore will be taking to improve the service to the students and faculty. (See attachment of the January 2, 2007 minutes). Mr. Jarchow clarified the policy on ordering book as one based on past sales and reviewed by the textbook manager. Senator Mishra stated he has been calling the bookstore every Monday and at least one other day of the week every week and the textbook for his course has still not arrived even though we are in the fourth week of the semester. Mr. Jarchow stated his office phone is now being forwarded to his cell phone offered his direct line (972-3525) for any faculty to call if they have concerns. Mr. Jarchow asked for the faculty's help with timely book adoptions. Currently about 75% of the faculty respond with the adoption forms on time but he would like this to increase. He is working with IT to have in place a software package for faculty to adopt texts online and receive communication back from the bookstore if there is a new edition or problems obtaining the requested texts as well as a program called "Book Now" that would be tied to student registration and would allow ordering of books and have them available when the semester starts. This will allow for adequate number of books to be ordered by the bookstore based on presales. Mr. Jarchow is also establishing a Bookstore Committee with members from faculty, students and employees to better facilitate service to the ASU community.

iv. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

III. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Executive council will meet next Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 please forward any agenda items to any of the members

V. **ADJOURNMENT:** In the absence of further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.