

Faculty Association Minutes for April 26, 2013

Julie Isaacson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Delta Center for Economic Development, Room 201.

Treasury Report

Dr. Bill Humphrey made the Treasury Report. The Ending Balance of All Funds is \$31,012.88. Brenda Anderson moved to accept the report, which was seconded by Dr. Marika Kyriakos. All were in favor.

Kays House Report

Dr. Farhad Moeeni reported on the status of renovations for Kays House. There were 72 votes total. The results included 70 in favor of the renovation. Pledged donations are currently close to \$7500.

Proposed Changes for Bylaws and Constitution

Dr. Julie Isaacson discussed the issue of necessary edits to the constitution and bylaws, which have been delayed. The current motivation to update these documents is the upcoming visitation of the Higher Learning Commission this October. Her concern was that the constitution specifies 30-days notice to Faculty Association members prior to voting on possible changes. Dr. Alex Sydorenko moved to suspend the 30-day constraint and accept the proposal of changes. Dr. Bill Humphrey seconded the motion.

Dr. Richard Wang contended that a quorum was needed for such a vote; therefore, the Association should convene a meeting in the fall, possibly at the opening faculty meetings. Henry Torres offered to create a tool for an electronic vote. Administrators would know who has not voted, but not the outcome of the votes. Reminders could be sent as often as needed.

Due to obvious controversy as to whether a vote should indeed take place, the motion died. Dr. Farhad Moeeni stated that guidelines for changing the bylaws and constitution were not identical. Those present at the meeting could vote upon the bylaws. Dr. Monika Myers confirmed the varying regulations regarding the bylaws and moved to accept the changes. Donna Caldwell seconded the motion. The bylaw changes were accepted without opposition.

Julie Isaacson suggested that the Faculty Association consider raising dues to \$15. Also, it might be wise to vote to approve electronic voting at the fall meeting.

Dr. Richard Wang moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:38. The motion was seconded by Dr. Monika Myers. All were in favor.

Faculty Senate Minutes for April 26, 2013

Chair Julie Isaacson called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m. following the Faculty Association Meeting. Both meetings were held at the Delta Center for Economic Development, Room 201.

Senator Win Bridges moved to accept the minutes with approved changes by Dean John Pratte (Sciences and Mathematics). Senator Bill Humphrey seconded the motion. All were in favor to accept the minutes with the proposed changes.

IRS Update—Lori Winn (Director of Human Resources)

Lori Winn reported that the investigation concerning the security breach at ASU is ongoing. They are still working with individuals through the tax process as well as the state of Arkansas. The assessment of the system's functionality is under continual scrutiny, as well as facilities security, document security, destruction of data, and building access. The number of people impacted at this time is 239. Letters are still being received from the IRS. There is a delay at the state level to be sure inappropriate funds have not been sent.

Old Business:

Status of the Profession (attached)—Amany Saleh

Senator Amany Saleh reported that the number of faculty who participated in the survey is 270, which is a representation of 65%. There is one correction in the survey results:

~~Two in five faculty~~ *Over 14% of faculty respondents revealed they thought about retiring.*

Faculty Senate Patent Task Force (attached)—Fabricio Medina-Bolivar

Senator Fabricio Medina-Bolivar reported that the committee removed the definition of public disclosure from the ASU System Patent Policy draft. Section 4. (Process) A. (Confidentiality) was added, which reads as follows:

In order to preserve intellectual property rights including patentability, the Originator must maintain under confidentiality all potential protectable information.

The patent policy was approved by Dr. Andy Sustich (Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies). Senator Medina-Bolivar moved to accept the policy. Senator Bill Humphrey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Faculty Handbook Proposal (attached)—John Hall

Senator John Hall explained that the purpose of the changes to the Faculty Handbook was to be in keeping with shared governance and to ensure that external searches and internal appointments are clear. He asked that the faculty share the proposed modifications with their constituents. A vote to pass the revisions is projected for the first Senate meeting this coming fall. Dean John Pratte (Sciences and Mathematics) questioned if the intent was to have each interested internal faculty member have to go before their colleagues and announce their intentions. Senator Hall responded negatively.

Advising Statement (attached)—Dick Freer

Dr. Richard Freer (Associate Professor of Social Work) stated that the current content in the Faculty Handbook regarding advising lacks clarity, which is the reason for the proposed statement. Senator Warren Johnson questioned the purpose of the statement. Dr. Freer responded by explaining that this was a foundation for stability, and not a new function. The statement provides coherency without altering the current advising process. Senator John Hall moved to approve the advising statement. Senator Bill Humphrey seconded the motion, which passed with one opposed.

Gun Control

Chair Julie Isaacson asked for comments from the senators who had discussed the issue of gun control with their constituents, particularly concerning a tiered policy for carrying concealed weapons. Senator Richard Segall announced that the opinions of the College of Business were the same. No guns on campus are desired. Several other senators commented that their colleagues shared the same viewpoint (Senators Fabricio Medina-Bolivar, Jerry Ball, Monika Myers, and Marika Kyriakos).

New Business:

Senator John Hall asked the senators if they were aware that admissions has been moved from the Graduate School. The faculty will use WebExtenders to get information on graduate students, which requires training in order to access files. Senator Hall was concerned that faculty duties are shifting to clerical work. The change takes place on 1 May 2013. Dean John Pratte commented that the admission of international students will also go through the Graduate School. Future discussion of this process is necessary.

Shared Governance Committee Reports (none was reported)

Chair's Report/Announcements:

Chair Julie Isaacson thanked the senators, highlighting accomplishments for the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 with a motion from Senator Bill Humphrey. Senator Marika Kyriakos seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Senators in Attendance:

Absentees:

Proxies:

Association Officers:

Chair Julie Isaacson

Agriculture & Technology:

Bill Humphrey

Business:

Richard Segall
Jollean Sinclair

Communications:

Education:

John Hall
Minghui Gao

Ann Ross
Amany Saleh

Engineering:

Shivan Haran

Fine Arts:

Claire (Garrard) Abernathy
Marika Kyriakos

Humanities & Social Sciences:

Jerry Ball
Warren Johnson
Cherisse Jones-Branch
Win Bridges
Monika Myers
Alex Sydorenko

Nursing & Health Professions:

Brenda Anderson
Deanna Barymon
Gauri Bhattacharya
Bill Payne

Sciences & Mathematics:

Hai Jiang
Bruce Johnson
Fabricio Medina-Bolivar
Suzanne Melescue

University:

Margaret McClain

Military Science:

Library & Information Resources:

Faye Cocchiara

Pradeep Mishra
Larz Roberts

Andy Mooneyhan
Joe Nichols

Claudia Benavides

Bill Rowe

Pat Walls

Cecil Clark

Tracy Farmer