

ASU FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES  
August 18, 2000

FACULTY ASSOCIATION  
Jeff Bailey, President (Library)  
Mary Jean Rutherford, Past President (NHP)  
Nonie Wiggins, Secretary/Treasurer (NHP)

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
Paul Armah

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
Roger Abernathy  
Bob Bennett  
Ron Endicott absent  
Dick Freer  
David Jimerson  
Ernesto Lombeida absent  
Bill Maynard absent  
Victoria Spaniol  
Richard Wang

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS  
Dan Marburger  
Clint Relyea  
Jim Washam

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS  
Jack Zibluk

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
Cindy Albright  
Steve Haggbloom absent  
Joe Justen  
Veda McClain  
Carl Vaupel

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING  
Charles Coleman

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS  
Bill Rowe  
Molly Simpson

Theron Waddle absent

## COLLEGE OF NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Terry Baggs  
Steve Guffey  
Laura Owens

## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Dee Layton

## LIBRARY

Myron Flugstad

## MILITARY SCIENCE

Daniel Tiscareno absent

## COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC DEANS

Jan Duggar

## PROXIES

None

## VISITORS

Dr. Les Wyatt, President; Dr. McDaniel, VPAA; Greg Chance, KASU, Aaron Sadler, Jonesboro Sun; Alicia Smith, The Herald; Debbie Bailey, Library; Warren Johnson and Linda Pritchard, Arts and Sciences.

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bailey.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Bailey called for additions and corrections to the minutes of the May 5, 2000 meeting. None were offered and the minutes will stand as distributed (Zubluk, m; Bennett s).

## REPORTS

Dr. Les Wyatt, President of ASU, asked for discussion about issues and or procedures that faculty and administration could work together on.

Chair Bailey asked about the fall enrollment. Dr. Wyatt answered that they really won't know until the official roster day or eleventh class day. However that there are indicators (i.e. on campus housing enrollments are up, two off campus sites reported enrollments in the Jonesboro classes were up) that enrollments may be strong. Dr. Wyatt reported that the enrollment this fall is the count that the legislature uses for funding purposes. Dr. Wyatt also applauded Dr. McDaniel's leadership in addressing the enrollment situation this fall.

Senator Rowe asked how the university is going to handle on line courses. How is the university going to charge students taking an on line course out of state? Is there a plan?

President Wyatt's response was at this time there is not a plan. There has been discussion about having some type of response to these issues. Several issues that need to be addressed. 1) What should be the pricing policies for students who take web based classes; should the course cost more? Less? 2) Should it also include fees that are expected from resident students? 3) What about fees for courses that are imported? 4) How will these courses be transcribed (i.e. does AR stand for Arkansas, Argentina)? 5) What should we do with digital classes in respect to residential status? May need to consider what is a resident student? Dr. McDaniel has been asked to focus on these issues and bring suggestions and recommendations forward which will eventually be taken to the board.

Senator Bennett asked how funding looks going into the next biennium.

President Wyatt stated that right now the funding looks grim. The revenue estimates are for the same basically flat growth as last year. At this point there is no way to track the revenue curve which might predict growth. The estimates given by the Department of Finance and Administration and the state economist suggest that we should be entering a flat growth pattern in revenues across the state. Which means there should be more money in the next biennium but a modestly larger amount of money. There are several issues that fall outside the education arena that will require more expenditure on that pool of money. Within the education arena the issues of K-12 teacher salaries is getting a lot of attention. What the universities are trying to do is persuade the state to give higher education faculty the same consideration as public school faculty for salary increases.

The participation of students in state loan programs has been enormously successful. The demand upon the budget will require an expenditure of 24 million in the next biennium. Together these programs will need 50 million dollars which comes right off the top for education issues. That leaves very little growth for the normal operations budget. We have continued to and will continue to press toward an increase in funding for the Jonesboro campus on the basis of equity. If the equity issue is resolved there would be another potential source of funding. The biggest opportunity to press for funding will be during the first year, fiscal 2002.

Senator Bennett asked if we could expect any additional money as we move towards the system concept.

President Wyatt stated that all that approval of ASU as a system has done is to reallocate money which is now within the Jonesboro budget. 1.3 million worth of effort which is for all the campuses but housed within the Jonesboro budget. The recommendation from the Department of Higher Education is to recognize the expenditure of money for effort as being focused to serve purposes other than just the Jonesboro interest. There are several reasons to do this. One, is to make a more accurate picture of the overhead cost of administration here. Also, money which is spent to address other campus needs has been rolled into the Jonesboro figure and calculates into our FTE student distribution. Moving that money out will more accurately show that our FTE per student funding from the state is really farther behind than anyone imagined. At this point all that has happened is the money has been moved from the Jonesboro budget to another entity called the "system". At the time the legislature meets we will try to have that money in the

Jonesboro budget displaced because we should have been receiving incremental increases in the Jonesboro budget without that burden of the system. Thus we should show we are owed something because we haven't been recognized for the incremental adjustment on the Jonesboro base.

Senator Wang stated that he assumed the press was accurate when it reported this month that there is no new money. Then making the assumption that the money is eligible for reallocation to other campuses within our system that there will be costs.

President Wyatt stated that there is no new money. But there are also no new expenditures. He gave the example of our governmental affairs officer who serves all the campuses but has been carried on the Jonesboro budget. His title and function would be changed from the Jonesboro budget to system budget and that money will go with him. It is a way to allocate the money more properly for how people are employed.

Senator Wang asked if this is a step toward the University of Arkansas system?

President Wyatt replied, that it is a step towards that model but will probably operate differently. He further discussed how this model would work.

Senator Wang asked how long it will be before we have a chancellor at each campus; another layer of administration.

President Wyatt replied that yes that may happen eventually but not during his time. He further explained the process with which those changes may occur.

Senator Relyea asked about the doctoral programs that went to the Department of Higher Education.

President Wyatt deferred to Dr. McDaniel, however he did say that ASU has the burden of justification of those programs.

Chair Bailey asked about the time table for the advisory group for the general education committee.

Dr. McDaniel stated that the committee should be named within two weeks. President Wyatt added that the committee will be recommended by Academic Affairs.

Senator Freer asked if there are any plans for Wilson Hall.

President Wyatt stated that Wilson Hall has been a priority and will be the highest priority going into the next legislative session. Dr. Wyatt explained that there have been several steps in the justification of this project. Because the cost to renovate the building to make it earthquake safe the state has denied funds to renovate. Therefore there will need to be a replacement building at a cost of 15 to 16 million dollars. They expect the funding to come from the legislature in blocks, receiving the funds to begin the building in the first year of the biennium and the funds

for completion in the second year. The process will take approximately 5 years. There have not been plans made for Wilson Hall once it has been vacated.

Senator Wang expressed concern about the faculty maintaining livable working conditions as the building continues to deteriorate.

President Wyatt relied that the state building services will permit emergency repairs only. Any other issue has to go to the state building services to be approved because the building has been designated as a building to be phased out.

Senator Bailey ask if there are any other buildings on campus that are reaching that status?

President Wyatt stated that he did not know of any other buildings that we cannot spend money on. The Business building is a priority to be replaced with separate funding.

Senator Freer asked about what the odds where of having higher education faculty salaries link to the K-12 salary initiative going to the legislature.

President Wyatt stated that there has not been any mention of including university faculty members in the same context as public school teachers. Because that has not come up naturally in discussions with the Governor and legislature we will have to raise that issue and lobby to be included as similar professionals.

Chair Bailey asked about he possibility of private funds or a capital campaign for academic purposes.

President Wyatt stated that yes, those issues are being discussed but are in the initial stages.

Chair Bailey asked Dr. McDaniel to address the Ph.D. programs.

Dr. McDaniel reported that the two proposals were given the approval to go to the next level. At this time it is up to ASU to prepare for the next level of the review process. The two proposals are for a program in Public History and Culture and in Knowledge and Information Management. A third proposal in Communicative Disorders is on hold while the possibility of a consortial effort is being investigated.

Senator Relyea asked about a time frame.

Dr. McDaniel stated that if the review process moves fast enough it will be put on the October ADHE agenda. If the proposal is almost ready they could call a special session after October. If it is not ready then it will be put on the April agenda. For implementation on campus it will be the following fall.

Senator Rowe stated that he is on the Research Committee and is concerned about funds for the departments with these programs and to the students for research. Are there any funds for these students?

Dr McDaniel replied that there are no funds at this time but through reallocations and new efforts from the Office of Institutional Advancement there may be funds available in the future. There is also a movement to upgrade and improve the research services for faculty and consequently to find new sources for funding.

Senator Zubluk ask about the NCA accreditation.

Dr. McDaniel stated that there should be committees named within the next two weeks. The first step will be to do a self study. The North Central site visit has not been scheduled as yet. It will most likely be fall of 2002 or spring 2003.

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

University Teaching and Learning Center (Center for Teaching Excellence)

Senator Freer reported on the committee for the University Teaching and Learning Center, formerly the Center for Teaching Excellence. The senate approved in April the proposal for establishing the UTLC, a budget, a director and a eight member board. A description of the director's position was posted during the summer. Chair Bailey worked with the UTLC committee to bring the names of eight faculty to make up the UTLC board. The following four members will have one year terms; Rick Carlton (Health Professions), Joanna Grymes (Elementary Education), John Muir (Agriculture Studies), Peter Picerno (Library). The following four members will serve two year terms; Debbie Clymer (Communication Disorders), Gil Fowler (Journalism and Printing), Dick Freer (Sociology), Terry Roach (Management, Marketing and Business Systems). There will be three ex-officio members; Lynita Cooksey (Interim Associate-Vice President for Academic Affairs, William Allen (Director, Center for Learning Technologies), Jeff Bailey (President, ASU Faculty Senate).

Chair Bailey asked for a motion to accept the names of the board for the University Teaching and Learning Center (Wiggins, m; Wang, s). The motion carried.

Chair Bailey brought to the table the second item of new business, the election of senate offices for vice chair and secretary. Chair Bailey asked for nominations for the office of vice-chair. M. Rutherford made the motion to nominate Senator Bennett for vice-chair. No other nominations were made. The motion was called for vote by chair Bailey. The motion passed. Chair Bailey asked for nominations for secretary. Senator Albright nominated Senator Layton (Wiggins, s). The motion passed.

Chair Bailey asked for nominations for parliamentarian. Senator Wang nominated Senator Freer. Senator Freer declined the nomination. There were no other nominations. Chair Bailey asked for the senates approval to ask a non-senate member to fill the position, as is permitted under

Robert's Rules of Order. Chair Bailey will ask Michael Fisher, Speech Communications for possible candidates to be parliamentarian.

Chair Bailey mentioned that he had sent out an e-mail requesting volunteers to fill the seat on the Human Relations Committee that had been held by the late Carolyn Tyree. Dr. Mohammad Jamali, (Physical Therapy) has volunteered to fill that seat. Senator Guffey made the motion to have M. Jamali fill the seat on the Human Relations Committee (Justen, s). The motion passed.

Chair Bailey asked for nominations to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Patricia Barber on the Shared Governance Committee. Senator Rowe nominated Richard Wang to serve on the committee (Relyea, s). There were no other nominations. The motion passed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faculty Senate Planning Meeting is scheduled for Saturday August 26 from 8:00 - 3:00 in the Reng Center, Choctaw Room. Continental breakfast will be at 8:00 with the meeting beginning at 8:30.

Secretary/Treasurer Wiggins announced that there were flowers sent from the Faculty Association to Carolyn Tyree's funeral.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:48