

Faculty Senate Minutes for January 31, 2014

Chair Julie Isaacson called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. The meeting was held at the Delta Center for Economic Development, Room 201.

Approval of the minutes of November 15, 2013 (attached)

Senator Bill Humphrey moved to approve the minutes of 15 November 2013. The motion was seconded by Senator Andy Mooneyhan. All were in favor.

D. O. Update—Dr. Jason Penry

Dr. Jason Penry gave an update on the prospect of an Osteopathic Medical School at ASU-Jonesboro. A brief overview of his last visit to the Senate was given. The idea of the medical school began in 2009, but was abandoned the following year due to the cost of approximately 25 billion. Over the next two years we learned that three other Doctor of Osteopathy schools were looking at Arkansas as a result of an emerging trend. Several schools have been opening branches in other states, such as Virginia Tech.

ASU is currently negotiating with the New York Institute of Technology as a partner. The following are a few benefits of partnering: 1) Mortality rates are a direct reflection on medical needs, and the Delta region is in great need; 2) It will help from an economic standpoint; 3) It will bring prestige to the university.

In the ensuing discussion, Dr. Penry emphasized the ‘good feel’ regarding the entire process. He has not seen a problem with opposition. The facility location is up in the air. Another community in the state is interested, but ASU is not competing with them, and is further along in position. There is a lot of excitement in the project from perspective students and businesses as well. Faculty will have the opportunity for joint appointments. This can be a total game changer for the university and the community. The majority of Doctors of Osteopathy are in primary care, an area for which there is great need.

International Travel—Katherine Prescott (attorney) & Dr. Cooksey

Attorney, Katherine Prescott explained the changes in procedure for approving international travel. This has to do with export control laws, which have been in place since the 1970s. Basically, information that has been wrongly leaving the country has been traced to higher education institutions. As a result, it has been brought to the forefront that the procedures of many institutions of higher education are not compliant with existing export laws.

ASU is taking a good look at international travel. Certain questions need to be asked: When you leave the country, what do you take with you and what are you working on? Compliance errors have already resulted in civil and criminal prison terms for faculty members. A license may be necessary for professional and/or personal international travel.

In the following discussion, Attorney Prescott explained that the information faculty needs for export control is being put in a format so that it is easy to understand. The faculty will be made aware of what is compliant. If the choice is made to take a risk, imprisonment may be the outcome, and it could impact the university (e.g. the loss of Federal funding). Even personal travel may require going through export control. If an ASU device (e.g. phone, computer or iPad) is taken or even a personal device, export control regulations must be followed. Email can easily be hacked, which puts ASU at risk. Information and Technology Services has clean cell phones, computers, iPads, etc. for faculty to use abroad. Prescott reminded the Senate that these are not new rules; ASU simply must get up to speed with existing regulations. Even a discussion at a conference may be a violation of export control. Violation of regulations does not only include the use of electronic devices. Doing research with foreign students or collaborating with foreigners would require going through export control. Most importantly, faculty must know what is not compliant.

Kim Marshall from the Office of Research Compliance is assisting with this process. Contact her for information. There is a 16-page PowerPoint Presentation, which may be put on the ORTT website.

New Business:

Gun Control

Senators were advised to begin to think about this again with colleagues for possible changes.

Academic Calendar 13 FA-06 (attached)

The proposal for the next three academic years was provided. Vice Chancellor Lynita Cooksey mentioned that the mid-year processing time once needed for international or domestic transfer students is no longer such a problem. This is also moving faster now with the improvement of technology allowing electronic transcripts, etc. The vote will occur at the next meeting, so feedback from colleagues needs to happen right away. Regarding contracts beginning 15 August, all appointments will be modified to reflect the academic calendar.

Evaluation of Administrative Duties to PRT 13 FA-07 (attached)

The Shared Governance Oversight Committee received the above proposal from the Dean's Council prior to Christmas. In short, it expresses the need to add an evaluative process for administrative duties within the course of Promotion, Retention and Tenure. Senator John Hall was concerned about clarity of the proposal. The format seems to be in a language more appropriate for the Handbook. Other concerns expressed by Senator Joanna Grymes involved items existing in inappropriate categories (e.g. some would be better regarded under "Service"). Senator Hall questioned the course of progression for the proposal. Though he is a member of the University PRT Committee, he was unaware of the document. Senator Andy Mooneyhan assured senators that the process

was not out of order. At this point, the SGOC will view the proposal. The UPRTC would have the opportunity to comment later. The Senate would also have time to comment and vote later. The proposal contains significant changes. Senators were advised to stress careful attention to this document in notifying their colleagues. Feedback should be given ASAP. Though the proposal is in process, most likely the SGOC will extend the deadline for voting due to the long break and lack of time for faculty review.

Modification of Post Tenure Review 13-FA-08 (attached)

Regarding the Modification of PRT Review, Senator Brenda Anderson questioned the section regarding a Departmental Chair's rating of unsatisfactory performance. There seemed to be no comment on a remediation plan. Has the language here been changed? Senator Andy Mooneyhan explained that the remediation plan would actually begin at that time. Dean John Pratte confirmed that no changes had been made to that portion of the document. He added that the Departmental PRT committee should be the deciding factor for remediation needed. Senators were strongly advised to inquire with faculty about this proposal and report feedback promptly.

Other: Change of Grade Reporting Mechanism

Chair Julie Isaacson reported that the Senate would receive feedback regarding the grade reporting mechanism soon.

Committee Reports: (Chair Julie Isaacson)

Shared Governance Committee Reports

DCA Committee

Bill Smith, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications reported that the Development, Communications and Alumni Committee would be glad to have more members join. Chair Julie Isaacson reviewed that the Executive Board had met back in October with Tom Moore, Director of University Communications, to discuss Inside AState. This means for broadcasting newsworthy items is being reinstated to highlight faculty, staff and alumni activities.

Patent

Senator Fabricio Medina-Bolivar announced that the committee has been working on compliance issues. A report would be given to the committee next week, after which the Senate would be updated.

Bookstore (attached)

Senator Jollean Sinclair reported on the visitation of vendors to our campus in November 2013. There were many presentations to attend. The current vendor contract will expire on 30 June 2014. One vendor has backed out. During the visitation, each vendor met with the committee as well as faculty and students, who had all been invited to attend. Financial proposals were provided later. Not only were phone calls made to references, but also some site visits were taken to bookstores, which vendors currently manage. At the last meeting, 16 December 2013, extensive analyses were done based on the proposals. Deliberations remain confidential. Vendors will meet with the Vice Chancellors. The placement of the next vendor will take place about 3 March 2014. Whether our vendor is the same or different, input will be requested. The contract is for 7 years.

Student Evaluation of Teaching Task Force

Senator John Hall reported that this task force would meet soon. A pilot has just been completed. Vice Chancellor Cooksey's office and Vice Chancellor Hogue have approved the launching of another pilot in using an iPad or iPhone. People are needed to experiment. Senators were asked to recruit faculty volunteers. As a reminder, this is a system devised by the IDEA Education non-profit organization, which is being used by over 650 universities in the United States. Students are able to complete evaluations with a mobile device.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Senator John Hall reported that the committee had met once. Nonie Wiggins (Nursing) is the chair. They are concerned about shared governance and the Title 9 issue. More of a push at the University level might be helpful to be sure faculty members are accommodated.

Faculty Emeriti Advisory Task Force

Senator John Hall reported that this task force has not met formally. They are pulling documents used previously under the administration of Chancellor Potts. Chair Julie Isaacson mentioned that Alumni Affairs would like to add someone to this committee.

International Issues Task Force

Chair Julie Isaacson reported that this task force would be up and running soon.

Chair's Report:**Higher Learning Commission**

Regarding the visitation of the Higher Learning Commission in October 2013, Chair Julie Isaacson reported that all documentation up to this date is good. ASU is OK for another 10 years. The visitors were very complimentary about faculty attendance.

Other:

Senator John Hall expressed concern over training issues. The faculty should receive proper notification for essential training needs. It is difficult to decipher what training is required or of utmost importance. Chair Isaacson responded that Human Resources is aware that the timing needs to be friendly, especially regarding the recent Privacy Training request.

After an inquiry to the Senate, Chair Isaacson announced that meetings would return to their regular schedule, the next being on 7 February 2014 unless there were not enough items for the agenda. Prior notification would be given.

Senator Bill Humphrey moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:32 p.m. Senator Andy Mooneyhan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marika Kyriakos

Senators in Attendance:

Absentees:

Proxies:

Executive Committee:

Chair Julie Isaacson

Agriculture & Technology:

Bill Humphrey

Business:

Richard Segall
Jollean Sinclair

Hyung Kim

Media & Communications:

Pradeep Mishra
Larz Roberts

Education:

Minghui Gao
Joanna Grymes
John Hall
Andy Mooneyhan

Joe Nichols

Amany Saleh

Engineering:

Shivan Haran

Fine Arts:

Claire (Garrard) Abernathy
Marika Kyriakos

Bill Rowe

Humanities & Social Sciences:

Win Bridges
Warren Johnson
Cherisse Jones-Branch
Hans Hacker
Thomas Ratliff
Alex Sydorenko

Nursing & Health Professions:

Brenda Anderson
Kat Carrick
Larry Morton
Bill Payne
Judy Pfriemer
Debbie Shelton

Sciences & Mathematics:

Hai Jiang
Bruce Johnson
Fabricio Medina-Bolivar
Suzanne Melescue

University:

Nikesha Nesbitt

Military Science:

Cecil Clark

Library & Information Resources:

Wendy Crist