

Faculty Senate Minutes for February 1, 2013

Chair Julie Isaacson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. The meeting was held at the Delta Center for Economic Development, Room 201.

New Senators were introduced, including Monika Myers who will be replacing Larry Salinger (now chair) as the new senator representative for the Sociology Department and Lina Leatherwood Owens from the department of Education, serving as chair's representative replacing Mitch Holifield who is on sabbatical. Dr. Pradeep Mishra was recognized as the interim Faculty Association Secretary/Treasurer.

Senator Fabricio Medina-Bolivar proposed amending the minutes to read as follows regarding his report from the Faculty Senate Patent Task Force:

Faculty Senate Patent Task Force – Fabricio Medina-Bolivar

Senator- Fabricio Medina-Bolivar reminded the Senate that the US Patent system will change from “first-to-invent” to first-to-file”. This change will take place on 16 March, 2013. Under the current ASU System Patent Policy it may take two years to file for a provisional patent and there is a need to revise the timing in the policy. A seminar will be offered to explain the patenting process and the changes in the US Patent system. There are currently 11 people on the Patent Task Force: 4 from the senate, and the remaining with experience filing patents in and outside the US. The task force will send their proposed revisions.

Senator Andy Mooneyhan moved to approve the minutes. Senator Pradeep Mishra seconded the motion. All were in favor for approval of the minutes for January 18, 2013.

Old Business:

Shared Governance Proposal: 12 FA004 ready for voting

New language, originating from the senate, was added to the Shared Governance Proposal 12FA004 and was ready to be voted on. Senator Bill Humphrey moved to accept the proposal. Senator Cherisse Jones-Branch seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Status of the Profession – Amany Saleh

Senator Amany Saleh announced the survey is complete and ready to be distributed with the approval of the Senate. Senator Bill Rowe suggested the executive committee incorporate the survey into it's planning, in order to set goals for the upcoming year.

When the committee met, they planned to come up with a report and suggestions for the Faculty Senate. Senator John Hall thanked committee for their work and reminded the Senate to encourage other faculty to complete the survey once it becomes available. Senator Amany Saleh

explained the survey was going to be issued electronically, through survey monkey, and that the number of demographic questions had been limited in order to create a more anonymous survey. The committee will apply for approval once the Faculty Senate has approved it.

Senator Lina Owens noted a correction in the ordering of the questions on the survey, where question 23 indicates you should move on to question 21. Senator John Hall moved to approve the survey. Senator Bill Rowe seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Faculty Senate Patent Task Force – Fabricio Medina-Bolivar

Senator Fabricio Medina-Bolivar brought forth the main points of the committee's work to address several issues with the current policy. First, clarifying a number of things by including more definitions in the policy, for example, public disclosure. Secondly, addressing the revisions and timing. The current time frame is two years, while the new proposal has a time frame of 90 days. The committee is also meeting with a patent attorney in Jonesboro who is looking over and reviewing the policy. ORRT will be offering a seminar on February 15th to explain the patent law.

Faculty overload and compensation – Andy Mooneyhan

Senator Andy Mooneyhan shared that the committee is still collecting data and will meet before next senate meeting.

University Sanctioned Events – Andy Mooneyhan

Senator Andy Mooneyhan reported that the committee had begun work on the proposal. Senator Bill Humphrey found information in the student handbook and they intend to look at it and make slight revisions to what is already there.

New Business:

ASU Webpage

Chair Julie Isaacson stated a number of faculty have been calling regarding formatting and missing information with the transfer to new website. She informed the Senate these questions and concerns should be referred to Todd Clark at extension 2947 or tclark@astate.edu. Senator John Hall noted with his site many documents that were up and are commonly used by faculty, staff, accreditors are no longer accessible. He expressed concern about how this impacts admission and interested in programs as well as the University. Some documents and information can be found by searching the web, but not directly on the departmental website itself. Senator Bill Humphrey mentioned that frequently there are links to the information and documents on the site, but they don't lead anywhere.

Chair Isaacson said to please let her know if being referred to Todd Clark was not a satisfactory solution to the current problem.

Chair Report:

Chair Julie Isaacson reminded the Senate they are still accepting applications for Faculty Development funding. The deadline for applications is Friday, February 8, 2013. Currently they have received 24 applications.

Chair Isaacson shared a conversation she had with John Hall. Amy Pearce discussed with John the back of business building as a very prominent but not attractive site. She proposed a mural designed by students perhaps depicting the history of ASU could be painted on the back of the building to increase its aesthetic quality. Dr. Lynn Frey informed Chair Isaacson that they'd already requested the painting of the building to blend in with the newer Delta Economic Center building. Since it was already under contract to be painted they could not make changes now, but it could potentially be painted differently at a later time.

Senator Jollean Sinclair mentioned seeing a photograph or rendering of the building itself which was graphical in nature and attractive; Senator Richard Segall agreed, thus it may not be an issue. Julie Isaacson agreed to forward the rendering of the new design to senators.

Inside ASU

With the new website design, Inside ASU is gone. Inside ASU, which frequently featured faculty and conferences, has been on hiatus during the website's conversion and is now under evaluation. Senator John Hall moved to request Chair Isaacson to push for bringing Inside ASU back. He emphasized the importance of Inside ASU to both the ASU community as well as the outside community, interest from PR, and prospective student interest, as well. Senator Fabricio Medina-Bolivar seconded the motion.

Chair Isaacson asked whether the Senate wanted to keep Inside ASU exactly as it was or whether they just wanted to maintain the same mission. Senator John Hall indicated he would like it exactly as it was. All were in favor.

Other web concerns:

Senator Hia Jiang expressed concern about the web-language; instead of going directly to a department you have to go through the college, first. This is difficult and confusing, and too many steps.

Dr. John Pratte recommend inviting Todd Clark to a Faculty Senate meeting to address some of the Senate's questions and concerns regarding the new website. He would be able to give the Senate an update as to when widgets are coming, what items are the responsibility of each department and which are the responsibility of the University, as well as who is responsible in each department for transferring documents from the old server to the new. Isaacson will arrange this.

J Isaacson reported that Faculty Handbook updates had been submitted to the Provost's office for the March Board of Trustee Meeting. There are several updates that need to be made and she is hopeful that they can make the agenda.

Kays House – John Hall

Senator John Hall shared with the Senate that a brochure has been generated allowing for pledges for the restoration of the home. Donations can be made in honor or in memory of an individual. Nearly \$28,000 has come in so far and they are moving forward. There is a lot of interest and an architect has donated in-kind help with architectural aspects of the project.

Other

Dr. Hudson has asked to come address the Senate at the March 1st meeting regarding Mexico, as well as other points.

Senator Andy Mooneyhan raised a question about the Intellectual Property Committee. Intellectual property was separated into patent and copyright. Only the patent portion has been addressed to date. Mooneyhan asked if it would be helpful to create a new committee or continue with the prior committee in order to complete the initial task and address copyright as well. Chair Julie Isaacson said she would look in to it and would visit with Dr. Cooksey about it, as well.

Senator Bill Rowe had a question about the Making Connections First Year Experience use of iPads and whether it was legal to reproduce textbooks in a digital format for use in these courses. Gina Hogue answered his questions and concerns, replying that many textbooks are already available for download through iTunes (some at a lower cost than a traditional book, but not all) and iBooks could be created from individual content written by a Professor. She believed that the next phase of this project would include adding more courses and making them available to all students. Jill Simons is the main contact for coordinating the project. Senator Bill Rowe expressed the importance of the project's wording to allow students to use Pell Grant money and financial aid to purchase the iPads if necessary.

Andy Mooneyhan moved for adjournment at 3:40 p.m., which was seconded by Senator Bill Rowe. All were in favor.

Senators in Attendance:

Absentees:

Proxies:

Association Officers:

Chair Julie Isaacson

Agriculture & Technology:

Bill Humphrey

Business:

Faye Cocchiara

Richard Segall

Jollean Sinclair

Communications:

Pradeep Mishra

Larz Roberts

Education:

John Hall

Minghui Gao

Andy Mooneyhan

Joe Nichols

Ann Ross

Amany Saleh

Lina Leatherwood Owens

Engineering:

Shivan Haran

Fine Arts:

Claire (Garrard) Abernathy

Marika Kyriakos

Ed Owen

Bill Rowe

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

Pat Walls

Sciences & Mathematics:

Hai Jiang

Bruce Johnson

Fabricio Medina-Bolivar

Suzanne Melescue

University:

Margaret McClain

Military Science:

Cecil Clark

Library & Information Resources:

Tracy Farmer

