

## Faculty Senate Minutes November 7, 2008

### FACULTY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Louella Moore-Chair		A
Shivan Haran-Vice-Chair of the Senate		P
Beverly Boals Gilbert-President Elect		A
Lillie Fears-Secretary Faculty Association		P
Amy Claxton- Secretary of the Senate		

### AGRICULTURE (1)

Bill Humphrey	Spring 10	P
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### BUSINESS (3)

Johnny Van Horn	Spring 10	P
Richard Segall	Spring 10	P
Ahmad Syamil	Spring 10	P

### COMMUNICATIONS (2)

Pradeep Mishra	Spring 10	P
Jack Zibluk	Spring 10	P

### EDUCATION(5)

Andy Mooneyham	Spring 09	P
Daniel Cline	Spring 09	P
Tom Fiala	Spring 09	P
Mark McJunkin	Spring 10	A
Amy Claxton	Spring 09	P

### ENGINEERING (1)

Shivan Haran	Spring 09	P
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### FINE ARTS (3)

Brent Foland	Spring 10	P
Ron Horton	Spring 09	P
Bill Rowe	Spring 09	A

### HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (6)

Robert Baum	Spring 10	A
Win Bridges	Spring 10	A
Richard Burns	Spring 09	P
Peggy Robinson-Wright	Spring 09	A
Alex Sydorenko	Spring 09	P
Richard Wang	Spring 09	P

### LIBRARY (1)

Myron Flugstad	Spring 09	P
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### MILITARY SCIENCE (1)

Jeffery Helms	Spring 09	
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### NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS (4)

Donna Caldwell	Spring 10	A
Richard Freer	Spring 10	A
Mike McDaniel	Spring 09	P
Judith Pfriemer	Spring 09	P

### SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS (4)

Richard Grippo	Spring 10	A
Hung-chi Su	Spring 10	A
J. Mike Hall	Spring 10	A
Open Seat		

### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (1)

Vickie Stripling	Spring 10	P
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**Members Present          Proxy**

## **Faculty Senate Minutes November, 7, 2008**

### **Call to Order by Sivan Haran**

#### **Old Business**

##### **1) Minutes Presented for Correction and/or Approval**

Moved to accept with typographical corrections and seconded

Minutes approved unanimously

Will approved next week after corrections

Report form AGOC on item referred by Senate concerning admissions GPA/ACT

##### **2) Admission Policy Report**

McDaniel reported a breach in academic shared governance process related to changes in admissions policies. There is evidence that constituent groups were apprised of the proposal changes but no one could be sure if they weighed in. The changes in admission standards were done in the summer. Two main concerns were expressed. 1) That there would be a substantial drop on enrollment if the previously agreed upon standards were instituted, and 2) so recruiters could get started recruiting. AGOC has requested that current admissions action be labeled interim and be revisited.

Dr. Howard reported that his office will take a look at what happened. Dr. Stripling brought a concern to counsel that we would loose students. He was concerned with lose of students and that some students do not test well. Dr. Howard understood this was to be an interim policy. The administration will propose a summer program for students for the lower admission students to work on their academic weakness. With this proposed program the university will allow students a conditional admission for those students with a limit of 12 hours the first semester. They could recommend or send the student to 2 year college until they can prove themselves before they move on to 4 year college. Bridge program in summer will allow student to mature. Dr. Wang commended the administration for looking at raising and maintaining standards.

Dr. Howard reported that his office is looking at an idea for freshman year advising to occur at University College. He announced that Dr. Lynita Cooksey will become the Dean of University College. The University will advertise nationally for the associate vice chancellor for academic services position.

Wang expressed concerns with first year students Bienekeg advised outside the department. Humphrey supported Wang's comment and strongly advised coordination of advising with the various departments.

##### **3) Discussion on Health Care Premiums**

Dr. Wang expressed concerns with the university initial omission of shared governance and the reversal of a previous agreement with employee benefits committee. The development of a new system tier materially changes shared governance. The question was asked, "Does this new layer override what we have worked for?" The Chancellor's Office has directed many initiatives and sent them for shared governance. . .

Dr. Howard reported that Dr. Potts finds shared governance to be very important and it works and is improving. He believed we need some function or way we can operate around the clock.

Judy Pfriemer expressed concerns with an ASU systems committee versus Jonesboro Campus committees. Previously the Jonesboro campus Fringe Benefits Committee has operated for the entire system. Is this still the case or will there be a systems tier from now on? That question has not been answered. How do we have shared governance in a system when we are only one part of a system? That is the bigger point. If system can do this with the fringe benefits committee it can occur with other issues.

#### **4) Update on HEH**

Dr Howard: Chronology

Task for report done about distant learning

Unsuccessful to find revenue for distance learning but were able to find money for bb8 They had a discussion with Wyatt about HEH in March 2008. Dr. Howard looked at it found it incredible. However, much of the information he had came from the vendor. He wanted to go to Lamar to see for himself. Several ASU administrators went to Lamar and met with Catherine Cotton. She told their two main problems were we couldn't process the applications fast enough. While they had a GRE requirement, many of their student applicants hadn't had GRE.

Howard had 63 questions to discuss with HEH. He believed that ASU would govern all academics. HEH would do marketing and help provide Graduate assistants or academic coaches. Howard then engaged Dean Bienenke and Dr. Holifield. HEH would help with front end start up cost. Howard didn't know the Master's program had been reduced from 36 to 30 hours.

Howard and Potts visited with Ed Leadership Department for hour and a half on Wednesday of this week. They believed they had a frank discussion with the faculty members. Dr. Howard stated he believed the university had a moral, ethical, and legal obligation to finish out the current students. He reported there was a general consensus to go forward with degree program if courses go through curriculum process and Graduate School. Dr. Howard reported that the current faculty involve believe that online delivery works for survey style courses but not for other types of courses.

Dan Cline stated the faculty report he presented before the Faculty Senate in October was brought to this forum because of the implications for the entire campus. At the next faculty senate meeting Dean Bienenke brought his own information in response. Cline stated that the original report that he presented does represent the current state of affairs then and now. There were many things that should have happened in regard to the faculty in the decision process. Faculty only received the opportunity to reveal their feelings with Dr. Potts and Dr. Howard. Cline reported it was a good meeting with the faculty. They endorsed the idea of going forward with one degree program on an experimental basis. Don't let credentialing program away from HEH. If you are will to make your courses in half and make them survey only then maybe it would work. We did not endorse the program under the ASU and HEH banner. Will wait and see. Feelings of faculty are primarily negative. The bad feelings have not gone away. Faculty are grateful to have met with Dr. Potts and Dr. Howard.

## **SHARED GOVERNANCE**

2) McDaniel reported that Dr. Potts that he has met with Staff Senate. They rejected the shared governance proposal.

3) Humphrey: Building Naming Rights

The original proposal was sent to IGOC from the system office

Policy for naming facilities and programs.

Changes have been made since the original proposal was made.

Proposal will be on IAGOC website.

Will discuss next meeting

4) Summer School Faculty rotation Discussion

Humphrey expressed concerns about reducing courses for summer school budget.

Zibluk asked if we have universal guidelines.

The key with summer school is enrollment according to Glen Jones

Dr. Howard stated that it is tough to make a decision when to cancel a course.

Dr. Wang reported these decision are very difficult and decisions have to made right down to the wire. Teaching is predicated on teaching the requisite number of students. Keep sending out emails about need enrollment.

Students reported that their online courses are always full in summer.

5) Discussion of the policy for Release Time for Faculty Association President/Faculty Senate Chair.

Dr. Jones said the administration will honor the 6 hours release time policy.

6) Motion to adjourn