

**Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Meeting #377
May 6, 2009**

Subject to approval at the 378th meeting.

Senators present were: Norjuan Austin(2), Joe Ballenger (3), Sara Bishop (5), Vikki Boatman (6), Dennis Bradford (7), Leland Thompson for Erin Brown(8), Susan Clarke (9), Parliamentarian, Ken Collier (10); Carolyn Conn (11), Randi Cox (12), Secretary, Jeanie Gresham(13); Carol Harrison (14), David Howard (15), Keith Hubbard (16), Scott LaGraff (17), Chair-Elect, Kevin Langford(18); Cynthia McCarley (19), Perry Moon (20), Carl Pfaffenberg (21), Treasurer, Elton Scifres (22); Daniel Scognamillo (23), Chair, Sally Ann Swearingen(25); Ken Untiedt (26). New Members: Mikhail Kouliartsen, Christina Guenther, Linda Bobo, Emmerentie Oliphant, Mitch Crocker, Dianne Dentice, and Kim Archer.

Excused: Kathleen Belanger (4) substitute attending for Senator Belander (Emmerentie Oliphant)

Agenda

- I. Call to order. The meeting was called to order by Chair Langford at 4:02 pm.
- II. Welcome to new Senators. Chair Langford presented folders to new members with Faculty Senate information. Welcome to new officers.
- III. Introduced new Senate officers.
- IV. Meeting dates for 2009-2010 were presented.

Senator Langford has asked that each member has photo taken by Hardy Meredith for University website and Senate website. Senator Langford provided senators with Hardy's contact info.

Committees and assignments will be announced this summer. Additional Ethics Committee added to slate of committees. Or investigate whether "Ethics" committee and "Communication" Committee are same.

Goals for the Faculty Senate will be assessed by "executive committee" of officers. Visibility of faculty senate is a suggestion of a goal indicated by Senator Langford. Faculty Senate should set goals tied to University Strategic plan. Set recruitment and Retention of Faculty as a goal. Need a committee to monitor bond rating of the University. A committee may propose a consistent plan of activity on campus when threat occurs to adopt a policy. Possible communication sub-committees on communicating information between faculty and bookstores. Senator Boatman suggests policy attached to bookstore communication to disperse to departments.

If you were the chair of the faculty senate... what three issues would you want to address this year? This question is presented by Chair Langford and he would like all Senators to e-mail their choices to him ASAP so the officers can use them as ideas for our goals for 09-10.

Library discussion suggest possible symptom of larger discipline issues on campus. We need to investigate how this can be addressed by faculty and/or students. Discussion continued. Can this be tied to strategic Plan of increasing admission standards was question posed by Chair Langford. Also consider how grade inflation adds to lowering of standards. Work with SGA to help with the solutions. Invite athletic programs to participate in solutions. Senator Kouliavtsev asked what the role of the Faculty Senate is in these and future issues. Chair Langford feels that our role is "what we make it." Senator Scognamillo suggests the senate expressing to other faculty the concerns about the library behavior. Discussion continues. Chair Langford wants to go forward with solutions as opposed to problems. We need to work with the administration and departments and organizations find solutions. The concerns about the library behavior will be discussed this summer and slated for a committee as necessary.

Senator Cox feels that by using the online input for the Barnes and Noble Bookstore is clear and effective and is told that the book orders are then shared with other book stores.

IX. Adjournment.

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm by Chair Langford.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Conn
Secretary