

**Stephen F. Austin State University**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting #428**  
**February 11, 2015**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Karen Embry-Jenlink called to order the regular meeting of the Stephen F. Austin State University Faculty Senate at 2:30 p.m. on February 11, 2015 at the Baker Pattillo Student Center, Tiered Classroom, 2.201.

**II. Attendees**

Secretary Tammy Harris conducted attendance. The following individuals were present: Charlotte Allen, Norjuan Austin, Joey Bray, Leisha Bridwell, Leslie Cecil, Erica Chapman, Carlos Cuadra, Tammy Harris, Stacey Hendricks, Janice Hensarling, I-Kuai Hung, Karen Embry Jenlink, Robin Johnson, Stephen Kosovich, Matthew Kwiatkowski, David McKemy, Bradley Meyer, Mary Olle, Kefa Onchoke, Karen Price, Violet Rogers, J.D. Salas, Louise Stoehr, Steve Taaffe, Jay Thornton, Johanna Warwick, Kimberly Welsh. Absent: Dorothy Gotshall

**III. Presentations**

**A. Dr. Pattillo:** No presentation

**B. Dr. Ric Berry:** No presentation

**C. Dr. Mary Nelle Brunson: Student Success Initiative**

Advisors initiated the 3 visits/semester in the fall. This served to help students connect with on campus resources and to build relationships. Institutional procedure for students on probation began this semester. "Grades First" will be integrated into our current platform. This is a web-based student performance monitoring system that provides automated student services and communication between faculty, academic advisors, etc. in an effort to better support students and track success and problem areas. We will also serve as an Alpha Partner for a student enablement application.

American Association of State Universities focused on:

Supporting and managing student success.

Open educational resources.

Adult learners – encouraged to re-engage these students in the educational process by working with community colleges and establishing articulation agreements.

**D. Dr. Bob Henderson:** Shared results from the Peer Comparison Project. The presentation was videotaped and can be viewed on the faculty

senate web site. Dr. Henderson shared the findings from this project at the January Board of Regents meeting. Findings indicated that across the board raises were not warranted but supported target increases in identified areas as data indicated that some areas of instruction were under paid, some were right on target and some were above average.

#### **IV. Officer Reports:**

**Chair Embry-Jenlink:** Thanked Dr. Henderson for his time and efforts in the analysis and presentation of the data. The findings from this project have now been shared with the Board of Regents, President and Provost. The Faculty Senate will continue to help support solutions in regard to this issue. Chair Embry-Jenlink asked senators to begin thinking of the next project that the senate would like to address.

Work has been done on the Faculty Senate website to update information and the site will continue to be updated as changes occur and more information is collected.

**Chair-Elect:** Seat is vacant.

**Secretary Harris:** Harris reminded senators to sign attendance sheet and indicate if name plate is needed.

Senator Welsh requested that minutes for the December meeting reflect that Susan Reily attended in her place.

**Treasurer Bray:** Bray reported the balance of \$4,258.65 expenditures over the last month amounted to \$556.80. Expenses included membership dues to Texas Council of Faculty Senates, refreshments for meetings, and renovations to Faculty Senate office.

Account balance for February 11, 2015 is \$3,701.85.

#### **V. Approval of Minutes**

Chair Embry-Jenlink requested approval of minutes from Meeting #427. Senator Rogers moved that the minutes from meeting #427 be approved and was seconded by Senator Salas; the motion carried.

#### **VI. Committee Reports**

##### **A. External (University) Committees**

1. Academic Affairs: No report.
2. Core Curriculum Assessment: Senator Kwiatkowski reported that scoring of the written and oral sections has been assigned.
3. Distance Education: Senator Cecil reported that survey will be sent out to faculty for input regarding distance education and online learning.

4. Graduate Council: Chair Embry-Jenlink attended the Graduate Council meeting in February. The graduate level course and program proposals are currently under review by the Curriculum committee.
5. Policy: Senators Johnson & Taaffe reported that reviewed policies have been sent to Board of Regents for approval.

**B. Internal (FS) Committees**

1. Academic Affairs: Senator Stoehr reported information is being compiled related to release time and its relationship to FAR expectations.
2. Administration & Finance: No Report.
3. Communications: Senator Chapman reported that committee is investigating options for sharing Faculty Senate meetings ie podcasting vs live streaming and then archiving the meetings on the website.  
Senator Rogers requested that notices be sent to all faculty regarding Senate meeting dates and times.
4. Elections: Senator Olle and her committee will be working on policies related to elections.
5. Ethics: No report.
6. Faculty Government & Involvement: Senator Austin is requesting feedback on policy #7.13 regarding faculty workload. He will also be requesting clarification of this policy from Dr. Berry.
7. Professional Welfare: Senator Salas reported that the committee has been working on Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award and Survival Guide for new faculty.

**VII. Old Business**

- A. Faculty Senate Office:** The renovation is coming along. This will actually be not just an office space but more of a multipurpose room. Senators will be able to have committee meetings there; the Senate can host events, etc.
- B. Needs Assessment:** Chair Emby-Jenlink distributed a Faculty Senate Needs Assessment and encouraged Senate feedback for planning and direction.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. Election of Chair-Elect:** Chair Emby-Jenlink announced the need to elect a senate member to the Chair-Elect position. Nominations were elicited. Senator Stoehr nominated Senator Salas. Senator Thornton nominated Senator Austin. No other nominations were received. Senator Olle and her committee distributed ballots for voting. Senator Austin was elected to the Chair-Elect position.

**IX. Adjournment**

Senator Stoehr moved that the meeting be adjourned at 4:05 p.m. Senator Austin seconded, motion carried.

