Stephen F. Austin State University

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes May 5, 2004 Meeting #330

Subject to approval at September 8, 2004 meeting.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:35 p.m. Because the newly elected secretary, Linda Bobo, was unable to attend (and unaware that she was now the secretary) an accurate role was not taken. There were a large number of absences.

New senators were seated and welcomed by Chair Gary Wurtz. Expandable folders that contained copies of the Senate Constitution, Standing Rules, a roster, and committee assignments were distributed to all senators present. Chair Wurtz appointed Kelly Salsbery parliamentarian. Brief discussion regarding the folder contents ensued.

Under the topic of Old Business, Wurtz pointed out that the new tenure policies would not be available for discussion until after the long term had ended, and that is was important that senate members make a point to be aware of opportunities to give feedback whenever they occurred.

Under New Business, Wurtz informed those present that the Provost had already forewarned him that the senate would have a hand in evaluating the core curriculum in the coming year. He also warned that there would be the need to help the Provost fill out the membership in her many committees.

Dr. Wurtz asked the senate to consider hiring a webmaster from outside the senate due to the disheveled state of the senate's web site. Discussion followed. The matter went to a vote and passed. Wurtz agreed to look further into the matter and report back in the fall.

The final matter discussed was the purchase of a laptop computer for the senate with funds remaining in the senate account. All agreed that it should happen.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary wurtz, chair Faculty Senate