

**Stephen F. Austin State University  
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
2008 Meeting #366  
April 18, 2008**

Subject to approval at the 367th meeting.

Senators present were: Neill Armstrong (1), Norjuan Austin (2), Joe Ballenger (3), Sara Bishop (4), Vikki Boatman (5), Dennis Bradford (6), Parliamentarian, Ken Collier (8); Carolyn Conn (9) Al Greule, (14), Chair, Marc Guidry (15); Scott LaGraff (16), Kevin Langford (17), Perry Moon (19), Rose Powell (20), Clint Richardson (21), Treasure, Elton Scifres (22); Chair-Elect, Sally Ann Swearingen (24); Ken Untiedt (26)

Excused absences: Deborah Dunn (12), Jeanie Gresham (13)

Other absences: Erin Brown (7), Randi Cox (10), Lani Draper (11), Tomy Matthys (18), Lee Stewart (23), Dan Unger (25)

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Marc Guidry at the Tracy Pearman Alumni Center.

**GUESTS**

PRESIDENT DR. BAKER PATTILLO

Dr. Pattillo discussed the following:

- Funding on **completed** semester hours as opposed to **registered** semester hours. Bad for SFA due to poor retention and graduation rates.
- Will be making recommendation for Mary Nelle Brunson to be made official Asst. Provost
- Students taking totally online courses will waive student rec. fees.
- Recommendations being taken to the board: Tuition fee increase of \$9 (\$106 per hour), 2.7% increase on room and board, 3% pool raise for faculty and staff, recommendations for faculty equity adjustments with allocation left to Provost
- Recommend Board Meeting May 9<sup>th</sup> about facilities. Construction on Nurse's building.
- Graduation May 10, Governor Perry, speaker at Commencement
- August 9 commencement. Asking Allan Richman to speak.

INTERIUM PROVOST DR. RICK BERRY

Dr. Berry discussed the following:

- Policy Revisions being addressed. Concern about E50A – Tenure. Lack of communication. Will be posted online and faculty will be asked for commentary to be addressed to deans. Will arrange meeting with next year's senate heads to discuss organization of mass communications of these types of policies.

- Reimbursement policies. Must pay within 12-14 days of valid and “correct” vouchers. May have been slowed by increase of professional development funds. Has caused higher load in office. Takes 3-5 days less for online processing rather than “hard copy”.
- Strategic Planning Committee has final draft of mission statement. We have been sent an e-mail with a link to view the draft. Please have a look and make comments as necessary. Planning several “open forums” to discuss this.

#### ASSISTANT PROVOST DR. BRUNSON

- Maymester classes being offered. 162 online sections in class.
- Maymester schedule has gone online (7,100 hits since May, 160 cities) Advertised in Community College towns. Postcards to students with permanent addresses.
- Identification of Student Learning Outcomes. “Moving from what professor does to what student is learning.”

#### DR. STANDLEY

- Accreditation Process. Voluntary Process. SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. 412 MUST statements changed to “Principles of Reaffirmation” Guided by “integrity of institution.”
- Audit in 2011. Mission Statement, Government, measure institution effectiveness in ALL areas, Federal requirements.
- Compliance Audit (self-study) – Dr. ?? is overseeing
- Institutional Effectiveness – Dr. Brunson is overseeing
- QEP – Quality Enhancement Plan – objective is to improve learning.
- Culture of continuous improvement.
- Reformulation of student handbook (Dr. Richardson)

Professor Jones presented the books that have been purchased by the Faculty Senate in honor of the Board of Regents, Dr. Pattillo, and Dr. Berry.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Carolyn Conn serving as secretary. Jeanie will back in May.
- No Faculty Senate/Regents function tomorrow due to prior booking of President’s suite.
- Lani Draper has resigned, Susan Clarke will be replacing her on the Senate for a temporary one-year term.
- Nominations for Senate chair-elect between now and May meeting. May meeting is May 7 at 2:30

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Vikki Boatman to approve the minutes from meeting #365th. Seconded by Clint Richardson. Minutes were approved as written.

#### **Chair’s Report**

Chair Guidry discussed the following: **Weigh in about tenure plan!!!** We need to make our input and be heard. We cannot continue to leave out input and complain about not being heard. He will not be present for May Faculty Senate meeting.

Vice-Chair Swearingen discussed the following: Agenda to accomplish in next year. If you have suggestions, please notify Sally Ann.

Treasurer Dalton discussed the following: \$1500 was paid out for books. Still have \$2378.67.

Secretary— No report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Academic Affairs: no report

Administration and Finance: no report

Communications: no report

Elections: Elections results were announced. There are run-offs that will be completed by Tuesday. Held vote for Adjunct Faculty Member. Dennis Bradford was re-elected.

Dennis Bradford	10 votes
Tamela Kimbro	2 votes
Laura Osborne	5 votes

Faculty Government and Involvement: Faculty Handbook Review Draft of Revisions was distributed and discussed by Clint Richardson.

Professional Welfare: Teaching Overload Compensation Resolution - Draft of resolution was distributed and read. Vote was taken: unanimously accepted.

Ethics: Resolution to add “sexual orientation” to the university’s discrimination policies. Draft of resolution was handed out and read. Vote taken: unanimously accepted.

### Strategic Planning:

OLD BUSINESS: Ad Hoc Committee to review FAR Software. Dates outside of covered dates are a problem. Marc Guidry’s notes: Academic advising is not being printed in teaching but is in miscellaneous. Sara Bishop: Noted problem in co-authoring situation. Marc Guidry will re-iterate problems.

Discussion about support of non-smoking campus. Will ask Dr. Patillo about his thoughts.

### NEW BUSINESS:

A motion made to adjourn at 4:30 by Perry. Seconded by ALL.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Conn  
Acting Secretary