

**Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
2008 Meeting #368
May 7, 2008**

Subject to approval at the 369th meeting.

Senators present were: ~~Senators present were:~~ Neill Armstrong (1), Joe Ballenger (3), Sara Bishop (4), Vikki Boatman (5), Dennis Bradford (6), Erin Brown (7), Carolyn Conn (9), Secretary, Jeanie Gresham (13); Al Greule, (14), Scott LaGraff (16), Kevin Langford (17), Rose Powell (20), Clint Richardson (21), Treasure, Elton Scifres (22); Lee Stewart (23), Chair-Elect, Sally Ann Swearingen (24); Ken Untiedt (26)

Excused absences: Chair, Marc Guidry (15); Perry Moon (19), Parliamentarian, Ken Collier (8)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:25 p.m. by Chair Sally Swearingen at the Tracy Pearman Alumni Center.

GUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Swearingen welcomed the new senators that were present.

Chair's Report

Chair Swearingen discussed the following:

She encouraged new senators to be active and reminded them that they represent their colleges. Also, she said that we have been praised for showing up at university events. She reviewed the standing committees and passed out a sheet listing the committees. She asked for the senators to fill out the sheets. She again praised Chair Guidry to creating a positive link between the Senate and Regents. Senator LaGraff asked why the Regent did not show at our last meeting. She said that she did not know. She stated that we have an open line of communication with her. She said that she is pleased with Dr. Pattillo's work to increase salaries. She said that money was disseminated for faculty adjustments. Dr. Berry is working to complete this task. She reviewed how she discussed with Dr. Pattillo to take some of the work off of the campus concerning our work in the advancement arena. She said that promotion policies are a concern. She said that Dr. Berry is willing to work on this policy. She hopes that we can work on that issue. She asked Vikki Boatman and Ken Collier to review the election process. She is concerned about us building self-sustaining buildings. Also, she said that we have been highlighting the faculty but can add a link on our website to showcase faculty. The Regents could go to this link. She said that safety is a concern for some. An example is terrorism so she wants to push this. Also, she believes that we might consider reviewing our standing rules. Advising is something that we could consider.

Senator Ballenger asked about the old faculty focus newsletter. She said that she would check on this.

Vice-Chair Report: No report.

Treasurer Dalton: No report. He stated that we might lose our money if we do not spend it. He said that we need to think of how to spend money. Chair Swearingen said that we might need tags to identify us as Senators. She asked us to think about how we need to spend money. She also suggested that we think about the Chair and Chair-Elect attending conferences.

Secretary: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Senator Scifres asked if the resolutions were presented. Chair Swearingen said that they were presented. Concerning the adjunct salaries, the administrators were not aware of the problems. The second one, discrimination, was well received. It would be referred on to the university lawyer.

NEW BUSINESS: Chair Swearingen stated that we will continue meeting the second Wednesday of each month. Chair Swearingen appointed Ken Collier as parliamentarian.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie Gresham
Secretary