

**Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Meeting #378
September 9, 2009**

Subject to approval at the 379th meeting.

Senators present were: Kim Archer(1), Brian Beavers (3), Kathleen Belanger (4), Sara Bishop (5), Vikki Boatman (6), Parliamentarian, Linda Bobo (7), Dennis Bradford (8), Erin Brown(9), Susan Clarke (10), Chair-Elect, Ken Collier (11); Secretary, Carolyn Conn (12), Randi Cox (13), Mitch Crocker (14), Dianne Dentice (15), Christina Guenther(16); David Howard (17), Treasurer, Keith Hubbard (18), Mikhail Kouliavtsev (19), Chair, Kevin Langford(20); Cynthia McCarley (21), Emmerentie Oliphant (22), Carl Pfaffenberg (23), Daniel Scognamillo (24), Ken Untiedt (26).

Not present: Neil Armstrong (2) Lee Stewart (25)

Agenda

I. Call to order. The meeting was called to order by Chair Langford at 2:37 pm.

II. Presentations: No Presentations today

III. Announcements:

IV. Approval of minutes from Meeting #377 – The minutes were approved

V. Officers' reports:

A. Chair

- Disproportionate number of entering freshmen are requiring remedial courses.
- Percentage of entering freshmen that ultimately graduate is very low (shows comparison to UT)
- We manage to graduate lower "quality" of incoming students and help them to achieve high standards
- Up to us to seek out dedicated students rather than "any" student
- Approach board with solutions rather than simply problems
- Discussion around how we might highlight SFA and its qualities.
- Personal attention, value of state university with private school appeal, quality of opportunities, strong arts opportunities

B. Chair Elect – no report

C. Treasurer – Budget is \$4383. Lost \$2400 unspent money last year. Suggestion to keep these monies in mind. Ms. Boatman suggests Texas Council of Faculty Senates

D. Secretary

- No report.

VI. Committees Report:

- A. Academic Affairs Committee – Chair-Erin Brown, Kim Archer, Dianne Dentice, Cynthia McCarley, Daniel Scognamillo
 - Policy on the academic recommendations for coursework/attendance/assignments during emergencies
- B. Administration and Finance – Chair – Lee Stewart, Mikhail Kouliavtsev, Carl Pfaffenberg, Randi Cox
 - Develop a plan for the BEST utilization of available funds for advancing faculty salary rankings
 - Chair Langford requests “framework” in place by January meeting
- C. Faculty Government and Involvement – Chair-David Howard, Mitch Crocker, Keith Hubbard, Neil Armstrong
 - Increase the utilization of the FS to advance the strategic plan among the faculty namely, recruitment and retention of BETTER students
- D. Communication Committee– Chair – Kathleen Belanger, Brian Beavers, Emmerentie Oliphant, Susan Clarke, Christina Guenther
 - Develop a plan for better communication between faculty and the Bookstores
 - Publicize student/faculty success stories
 - Hand out given highlighting SFASU graduate Erin Roth
 - Board loves to hear about student success, Chair Langford will share these items with board, send stories etc... to committee
- E. Professional Welfare Committee – Chair- ??, Ken Untiedt, Linda Bobo, Sara Bishop, Dennis Bradford
 - Production of SFASU Faculty Recruitment Brochure
- F. Elections- Chair- Vikki Boatman- other members of faculty senate as needed

VII. Old Business:

- Meeting dates for 2009-2010 posted on website
- 2nd Wednesday of month at 2:30 except for May 5, 2010 (1st week)
- November 11 meeting will be in different location to be announced

VIII. New Business:

- E-mail from faculty member – two days of “open class days” for students to “view” classes – will assign idea to committee for further discussion
 - Moved to assign to committee by Randi Cox, seconded by Dennis Bradford, confirmed by all
- Funding for library. Ideas for recovering lost library budget. Online vs. hard copy options. Access to educational and scholarly materials
 - Chair Langford has asked Keith Hubbard to locate the findings of the University committee which studied this issue
- Faculty testifying as expert witnesses may not in fact have anonymity

IX. Adjournment.

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:59pm by Chair Langford.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Conn
Secretary