

Stephen F. Austin State University Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Meeting #380 November 11, 2009

Subject to approval at the 381st meeting.

Senators present: Kim Archer(1), Brian Beavers (3), Kathleen Belanger (4), Sara Bishop (5),Parliamentarian, Linda Bobo (7), 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); Lee Stewart (25)

Not present: Neil Armstrong (2), Vikki Boatman (6), Dennis Bradford (8), Cynthia McCarley (21), Emmerentie Oliphant (22), Carl Pfaffenberg (23) (sent representative Carol Bradley), Daniel Scognamillo (24) Ken Untiedt (26).

Agenda

I. Call to order. Chair Langford called the meeting to order at 2:37 pm.

II. . Approval of Minutes from Meeting #376 and #379. Hubbard moved to approve the minutes of Meeting #376. Kouliavtsev seconded the motion and the motion carried. Hubbard made the motion to approve the minutes of Meeting #379. Clarke seconded the motion and the motion carried.

III. Dr. Berry:

- Reports that we need to pay some special attention towards our low producing degree programs. Coordinating Board is looking for “efficiencies”
- Work towards achieving National recognition of programs in order to achieve incentives.
- Questioned by Chair Langford about funding information. Dr. Berry notes that the next session will be a “tough session” regarding funding. Tuition and fees shall not increase more than 3.95% -- this is a non-binding agreement. Texas A&M may not increase at all.

IV. Chair Langford:

- Needs reports from committees on current work for presentation to board
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V. Officers' reports:

A. Chair:

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B. Chair Elect: No report.

C. Treasurer: A \$30 accounting error was found and adjusted.

D. Secretary: Thanks to Vikki Boatman for taking October minutes.

VI. Committees Report:

- A. Academic Affairs Committee – Chair-Erin Brown, Kim Archer, Dianne Dentice, Cynthia McCarley, Daniel Scognamillo.
Will report next meeting.
- B. Administration and Finance – Chair – Lee Stewart, Mikhail Kouliavtsev, Carl Pfaffenberg, Randi Cox.

Stewart requests further ideas for this committee. Discussion about attempt to boost the salary increases attached to Promotion. Could this help us with our salary rankings? Long discussion regarding how faculty salaries can be approached. Chair Langford encourages the Senate to think about putting together ideas and data to eventually submit a recommendation of the use of faculty salary monies.

- C. Faculty Government and Involvement – Chair-David Howard, Mitch Crocker, Keith Hubbard, Neil Armstrong.

Looking into being able to access photos of students via MySFA.
- D. Communication Committee– Chair – Kathleen Belanger, Brian Beavers, Emmerentie Oliphant, Susan Clarke, Christina Guenther.
- E. Professional Welfare Committee – Chair- Sara Bishop, Ken Untiedt, Linda Bobo, Dennis Bradford.

Distributed handout containing a list of suggested topics to be included in a webpage to assist future incoming faculty. Looking for feedback from the rest of the Senate in December meeting.

- E. Elections– Chair- Vikki Boatman- other members of faculty senate as needed.

VII. Old Business:

- A. Senator Clarke reports that library is working towards a “quiet floor” agenda in the Spring semester. Handouts for online survey.

VIII. New Business

Bishop thinks that January 24th should be the Grand Opening for the Nursing Building pending the availability of the Governor.

IX. Chair Langford adjourned the meeting at 3:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Conn
Acting Secretary