

Stephen F. Austin State University Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Meeting #383 March 10, 2010

Subject to approval at the 384th meeting.

Senators present: 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); Ken Untiedt(26).

Excused/Sent Representative:

Emmerentie Oliphant(22)

Not present:

Neil Armstrong(2); Cynthia McCarley(21); Carl Pfaffenberg(23); Daniel Scognamillo(24)

Agenda

I. Call to order. Chair Langford called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes from Meeting #382. Senator Hubbard moved to approve the minutes of Meeting #382. Senator Howard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Announcements from Dr. Berry:

- Data was gathered concerning online education comparing our growth at SFA compared to statewide growth. SFA maintains quality in relation to quantity of online offerings. Between '03 and '08 national increase was abt. 18% and the SFA increase was 21%. Our summer increase was abt. 36%. Nearly 1/3 of our students are taking at least one online course this semester. Dr. Berry feels that we are in "good shape" regarding this matter. Refer to Sloan Consortium for more data and information regarding these reports. <http://www.sloan-c.org/>
- Maintained 3.95% increase in tuition. \$119.85 per semester hour.

III. Officers' reports:

A. Chair:

- Recommended raises will be determined by early June.
- Need student success stories to be brought to April Regents meeting. Need to get perspective from student as well as faculty. Will also be passed on to public affairs.

B. Chair Elect: No report

C. Treasurer: \$4,353 in account. No new expenditures.

- Provided suggestion for honoring Lee Stewart. Phi Delta Kappa, professional association for educators, has new scholarship for

students pursuing careers as school principals. Dr. Hubbard suggests a \$2000 donation for this fund. Would provide for (4) \$500 scholarships. Senator Belanger moves to use \$2000 for scholarship in Lee Stewart's honor if the funds are available for that type of use. Motion was seconded by Senator Bishop. Voted unanimously.

- Also suggesting purchasing SFA shirts for new faculty members. Should be approximately 20 faculty members at \$30 each. Suggested expenditure of \$600. Given at new faculty orientation. Senator Untiedt moves to allocate funds of \$1000 for SFA polo shirts for new faculty assuming funds can be used in this fashion. May be determined in future years if this will be continued. Senator Crocker seconds motion. Unanimously voted for by senate.

D. Secretary: no report

IV. Committees Report:

- A. Academic Affairs Committee – Chair-Erin Brown, Kim Archer, Dianne Dentice, Cynthia McCarley, Daniel Scognamillo
- No report.
- B. Administration and Finance – Mikhail Kouliavtsev, Carl Pfaffenberg, Randi Cox.
- Senator Cox investigated the situation regarding students being dropped from courses while financial aid is being processed. Found that students going through normal deadlines for registration will not be dropped. Those applying late or may not be qualified will be at risk to be dropped.
- Committee will continue to gather information.
- C. Faculty Government and Involvement – Chair-David Howard, Mitch Crocker, Keith Hubbard, Neil Armstrong.
- No report.
- D. Communication Committee– Chair – Kathleen Belanger, Brian Beavers, Emmerentie Oliphant, Susan Clarke, Christina Guenther.
- No report.
- Suggestion from Senator Belanger for Faculty Senate “Open House” first or last meeting of semester.
- E. Professional Welfare Committee – Chair- Sara Bishop, Ken Untiedt, Linda Bobo, Dennis Bradford.
- Working on “ghost site” for new faculty information. Will be made available soon!
- F. Elections– Chair- Vikki Boatman- other members of faculty senate as needed.
- E-mail will be sent to all faculty for nominations for election.
- 1 for Fine Arts, 3 for Education, 3 for Liberal Arts, 1 for Science and Math, 1 for Forestry and Agriculture, 1 Adjunct, and 1 for Library. Only 2 per area. Nominations due by noon Friday April 9th. Elections will take place April 12-16, run-offs April 19-23.
- Senator Kouliavtsev has volunteered to join Senator Boatman as Elections Chair “understudy”.

V. Old Business:

- Paper to .pdf cost savings mandate
 - Senator Langford uses a one question "quiz" to verify that students have received the course syllabi and information
 - Faculty senate all appreciate and prefer digital means when possible. We intend to lead by example. However, we do not feel that a mandate should be made at this point.

- Remaining Faculty Senate meetings:
 - April 14, 2010
 - May 5, 2010 (**FIRST week on month)

VI. New Business

- Senator Cox was asked to raise question of library fees for faculty. There is a \$1 per day fee overdue fee for interlibrary loans. Situation in question occurred over Christmas break. Senator Clarke notes that there is a Library committee that sets those fees and that faculty is represented on that committee. The Senate feels that charges are generally fair and that instances like this need to be dealt with individually between the faculty member and the Library.
- Senator Howard asks about the ability for faculty to purchase old computers. Can we not purchase them instead of sending them to surplus? Dr. Berry suggests talking to Procurement & Property Services.
- Senator Kouliavtsev asks about what has happened with smoking ban discussion. Chair Langford says that this is still on the slate for SGA to consider.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Conn
Secretary