

Stephen F. Austin State University Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Meeting #384 April 14, 2010

Subject to approval at the 384th meeting.

Senators present: Brian Beavers(3); 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); Emmerentie Oliphant(22); Carl Pfaffenberg(23);Ken Untiedt(26).

Excused/Sent Representative:

Kim Archer(1); Sara Bishop (5)

Not present:

Neil Armstrong(2); Kathleen Belanger(4); Cynthia McCarley(21); 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 Clarke moved to approve the minutes of Meeting #383. Senator Boatman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Announcements from Dr. Berry:

- Recognitions and celebrations: Teaching Excellence Awards and Faculty Recognition Ceremony, please attend
- Bright Ideas went well
- Archie McDonald Speaker Series, March 29: Speaker, George Foreman
- SFASU Lifetime Cultural Achievement Award will be awarded to Mr. Foreman and all subsequent speakers for the Archie McDonald Speaker Award

III. Officers' reports:

A. Chair:

- No announcements

B. Chair Elect:

- Met with SGA to open up communication - topics of concern include smoke-free campus and student behavior
- Will be at luncheon to recognize faculty achievement

C. Treasurer: \$1,700 unallocated.

- Adapted the account so that we may donate \$2000 to a scholarship in memory of Senator Lee. Department of Education awarded two \$1000 scholarships to deserving students. These will be awarded Thursday, April 15, 2010.

- Polo shirts have been designed and will be available to order by size and as needed with just a few days turn-around. Faculty senate members can purchase shirts with own funds at Designs Plus on University. (\$22.50 each)

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.
- Information on website regarding financial aid and loans for students is fairly “comprehensive.” If there is confusion, it is not for lack of information on website.
- 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.
- E. Professional Welfare Committee – Chair- Sara Bishop, Ken Untiedt, Linda Bobo, Dennis Bradford.
- created “ghost site” and sent e-mail. April 23rd deadline to offer feedback. (www.sfasu.edu/4391.asp)
- F. Elections– Chair- Vikki Boatman- other members of faculty senate as needed.
- In future, nomination process will begin in March with a mid-March deadline so that nominations are solicited in a timely manner
- Announcement will be made April 15 with a deadline of April 23rd
- Need elected officials for Secretary, Chair-Elect, and Treasurer.
- Votes were submitted by acclamation
- David Howard elected as Chair-Elect by unanimous vote
- Keith Hubbard elected as Treasurer by unanimous vote
- Carolyn Conn elected as Secretary by unanimous vote

V. Old Business:

- The library has instituted the “Quiet Zone” on the fourth floor of the library. Further information is available on the library website.

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

VI. New Business

VII. Chair Langford adjourned the meeting at 3:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Conn
Secretary