

# Stephen F. Austin State University Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

## Meeting #403

May 9, 2012

Subject to approval at the #404 meeting.

Senators present: Treasurer, Brian Beavers (2), Christine Bergan (3), Chair-Elect, Linda Bobo (4), David Campo (5), Theresa Coble (6), David Cook (7), Secretary, Dana Cooper (8), David Cox (9), Dianne Dentice (10), Ann Ellis (11), Jason Fritzler (12), Dottie Gottshall (13), Tracey Hasbun (14), Chair, David Howard (15), Lora Jacobi (16), Matthew Lindsey (18), Michael Maurer (19), Karen Migl (20), Susan Nelson (21), Jannah Nerren (22), Emmerentie Oliphant (23), Rose Powell (24), Cindy Pressley (25), Deb Scott (26), Parliamentarian, Sandra Stewart (27), Janet Tareilo (28),

Excused/Sent Representative:

Not present: Norjuan Austin (1), Mikhail Kouliavtsev (17), Juan Carlos Ureña (29)

### I. Call to order:

- A. Chair Howard called the meeting to order at 2:32pm.

### II. Presentations:

- A. Dr. Baker Patillo, President, not present
- B. Dr. Ric Berry, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
  1. Commencement this Saturday, applied to graduate is 1,326 students as of Monday, over 250 master's, double digit doctorates, 1,171 planning to attend
  2. Enrollment: summer increase in 100 students and 1,000 credit hours; for fall, enrollment is up slightly, rejection is high, admissions is flat, down in first time freshman, up in transfer students, on balance flat with admits, way ahead 2x denials of admission, bodes well
  3. Housing applications, flat and a little up
  4. Orientation numbers are WAY up to the point that Steve Westbrook asked for a review of numbers, increase of 250 students
  5. Overall, things look fairly positive
  6. As of today, 64% of textbook orders for the fall have been received, not good
  7. Fast facts, university from a statistical viewpoint, Institutional Website, link for fact book, a couple of years available for perusal, encourage you to become familiar with from a student, faculty perspective
- C. Dr. Mary Nelle Brunson, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School
  1. no report
- D. Dr. Adam Peck, Dean of Student Affairs
  1. following THE WAY report, intended to look like a magazine article
  2. Peggy Scott, Ken Collier, Monique Cosich, Cindy Pressley

3. civility included foul language, text speech in papers/emails, misunderstanding of the role of the professor, poor treatment of fellow students and professors
4. provided to freshman when they arrive, encourage them to read, respond to via blog, intellectual theme for the 2012-13 year
5. This year's theme is "The Golden Rule," awareness of others and highlight "The SFA Way"
6. Still a ways to go but made some progress this year as these ideas were shared with student leaders
7. Lindsey, isn't it backwards by rolling it out to the freshman; Peck, we don't have the forum with upper-level students but is available online
8. Campo, perhaps a good idea to speak with larger student groups on campus; Peck, offered to 60+ SFA 101 classes and other student groups
9. Powell, what we do to set the tone in leadership management in nursing classes, gave us a good platform; Peck, a few years ago, lithograph posters printed a few years ago, perfect size for Hobby Lobby frame
10. Migl, posters framed for students with students at the entrance of the School of Nursing; Peck, if we are the only ones doing this, it will fall flat but if others participate it will take off
11. Howard, commencement is this Saturday and part of that is conducting oneself in a proper way

### III. Officers' Reports:

#### A. Chair, David Howard

1. Incredibly fast year, thanks to everyone, enjoyable experience, appreciate your input, fourth year on the senate, different personalities over the year, everyone here is very level-headed, officers and committee chairs have been really great to work with, one final word, great news for some senators— Tracey, Sandra, Janet, Dianne, Mikhail, Michael, Emerentie, Jannah

#### B. Chair-Elect, Linda Bobo

1. Grades Policy, very small paragraph to added to it, midsemester grades, talked about at the dean's council, asking instructors in 100 and 200 level students to provide midsemester grades

#### C. Secretary, Dana Cooper

1. Verified that the #402 minutes has been received by senators
2. Invited comments for corrections/edits

#### D. Treasurer, Brian Beavers

1. Balance is \$4,684.86

### IV. Approval of minutes from Meetings #402

- A. Senator Cook moved to approve, Senator Powell seconded
- B. Minutes passed unanimously

### V. Committee Assignments:

#### A. Academic Affairs Committee

Chair, Tracey Hasbun

1. Faculty survey on Gas and student evaluations

2. 185 faculty participated to date, roughly 450 full-time instructors, have not reached 50%, wanted 70% for reliability/validity purposes
3. Jacobi suggested leaving the survey open for two more week, send out a few more reminders
4. Emails to department chairs regarding out they allot/assign GAs, thanks to Jason Fritzler for condensing responses; 100% weren't aware how allocations were made, which was interesting, please read through the handout, if you have questions, email Tracey
5. Information regarding admittance –traditional versus probation—of students, thanks to Monique Cossich
6. Mean ACT scores, quite a bit of information missing
7. Berry, mean percentile ranking in high school graduating class is not generally calculated; a lot of questions will have to wait to know how many students from entry class of 2008 will have to wait at this point based on necessity of 4-6 years; thus, 2014 is as early as we can know
8. Hasbun, ongoing work

## VI. Old Business:

- A. No old business

## VII. New Business:

- A. Announcing senate election vote totals
  1. Request from a faculty member to release vote totals from this year's election results; Pressley requests a motion for percentages to be released within minutes for transparency
  2. Jacobi, one position open and four people running, run-offs between top two people; if more than two people for one position, could lose in a run-off, if someone wants those numbers, then they should be available, very complex rules and regulations; Howard, very exciting election season, hanging chads and everything; Jacobi, very difficult situation
  3. Pressley would like to move that the final elections results be put in the minutes; seconded by Powell; Jacobi, it's not the SFA Way to make someone feel bad; Howard, we don't want to be perceived as corrupt
  4. Lindsey, total number of votes and leave it
  5. Ellis, are the numbers available somewhere and someone could go look at present and past votes from Senate elections
  6. Powell suggested that all committees keep their minutes and archive them somewhere so the information is available if and when necessary; uncomfortable with releasing election results
  7. Coble, one page election summary report, putting results in the minutes, should not feel bad about releasing results, extra burden if we require committees to record meeting minutes
  8. Howard, to include something, they should go into the minutes, no trail of in the minutes or changes to the constitution and by-laws; Pressley's motion ties—by a vote of 12 to 12; issue is tabled
- B. Shirts to Outgoing Senators
  1. Thank you to the outgoing senators
- C. Election of 2012-13 Senate Officers

1. Have names for every category except for secretary, must have a secretary
2. Senator Powell will serve as secretary but requests assistance
3. Senator Fritzler will leave this summer, which creates yet another vacancy within the College of Science and Mathematics; that election will likely take place in the fall semester
4. Parliamentarian, Austin; Treasurer, Cook; Secretary, Powell; Chair-Elect, Cooper
5. Gifts for Howard, gavel plaque and directing baton

IX. Adjournment:

- A. Chair Howard moved to adjourn, so moved by Senator Beavers which was seconded by Senator Stewart.
- B. Meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Cooper  
Secretary