

**Stephen F. Austin State University  
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
Meeting #409  
December 12, 2012**

**Senators present:** Austin, Norjuan; Ball, Robert; Birdwell, Leisha; Bobo, Linda; Campo, David Cecil, Leslie; Coble, Theresa; Cooper, Dana; Cox, Neal; Ellis, Ann; Franks, George; Gottshall, Dottie; Hasbun, Tracey; Henderson, Bob; Kwaitkowski, Matthew; Lindsey, Matthew; Maurer, Michael; Migl, Karen; Nerren, Jannah; O'Dwyer, Darla; Olle, Mary; Powell, Rose; Pressley, Cindy; Runnels, Scott; Scott, Deb; Tareilo, Janet; Urena, Juan Carlos

Absent:

Excused Absence & sent Representative:

David Cook, represented by

Lora Jacobi, represented by Dr. Steven Estrada

Dr. Ric Berry and Dr. MaryNelle Brunson were present.

Officers:

Linda Bobo, Chair

David Cook, Treasurer

Dana Cooper, Chair-elect

Rose Powell, Secretary

Norjuan Austin, Parliamentarian

1) Call to order:

a) Chair Bobo called the meeting to order at 2:30pm

2) Presentations:

a) President Baker Pattillo introduced State Representative-Elect, District 11, Mr. Travis Clardy

b) Mr. Travis Clardy: Introduced self as the State Representative-Elect for District 11. There was a question and answer session. He is looking forward to working with SFA and keeping with its mission. Committees have not been assigned; to be decided around January. A couple of committees he is interested in: a) Natural Resources Committee and b) Higher Education. His response to the \$10K tuition and tuition freeze concepts, he likes the idea but may not be realistic. Handbill law: not a good idea on campus. The set principle, "education should trump violence." He is willing to work with campus UPD, president and student affairs. His response on formula funding: it is an easy fix, but hard to do with a formula. Introduced assistant Ms. Gerry Jones. There will be Townhouse meeting Monday 12/17/2012 at the Courthouse Annex at 6 pm.

c) Dr. Ric Berry, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

i) Discussed they are continuing to revise Core Curriculum and plan on assessing the Core Curriculum.

ii) Dallas meeting: SACS: reaffirmed from last year, it is a continuous process of what we do and evaluate the effectiveness.

iii) Recommends to look up Bill Strickland, inspirational speaker, out of Pittsburgh, PA

- 3) Officers' Reports:
  - i) Chair, Linda:
    - (1) Reminder to send comments on the Core Curriculum ASAP to appropriate people
  - ii) Chair-elect, Dana:
    - (1) Nothing to report at this time
  - iii) Secretary, Rose: Nothing to report at this time
  - iv) Treasurer, David:
    - (1) Currently: ~\$2,427.21
  
- 4) Approval of minutes from previous meetings
  - i) Minute's approval from Meetings #407, motioned by George Franks, 2nd by Jannah Nerren. Passed.
  
- 5) Committee Reports:
  - i) External University Committees:
    - (1) Distance Education Committee: Senator R. Powell, No report
    - (2) Policy Committee: Senator J. Nerren
      - (a) Three (3) approved:
        - (i) A-35.1: Oral English Proficiency Program
        - (ii) A-46: Small Classes
        - (iii) A-41: Grade Reporting
      - (b) Academic Affairs Policy Under Review: A-18: Faculty Workload
      - (c) Senator Coble discussed: D-20A: Digital Intellectual Property is going under re-evaluation by Dr. McDonald. Motion: Senator Franks: requests Dr. McDonald to extend the review of the policy for input from Faculty Senate until the end of February, Second by Senator Coble. Passed.
      - (d) Graduate Council: Senator Cooper: Some of the dates have changed; make sure to refer to the Graduate School webpage or the Registrar for date changes.
      - (e) Assessment Plan Draft: Senator Cooper: continues to meet
  - ii) Internal Reports:
    - (1) Faculty Government and Involvement: Senator Scott reviewing content and requesting that the review of the Faculty Handbook should be every 2 years versus every year. Other information needs to be updated.
    - (2) Professional Welfare: No report
    - (3) Communication:
      - (a) Senator Coble wants to increase faculty communications through an online forum.
        - (i) NING: an online social networking site that has the capability of hosting multiple discussion groups. There is an annual fee of ~\$250 for 10,000 members. Funding would be from Faculty Senate.
        - (ii) Recommendation for this committee to present more information next meeting February, 2013.
    - (4) Ethics: No report

- (5) Elections: Senator Norjuan Austin:
  - (a) Discussion over Nursing and Military Science faculty having the opportunity to vote in the election. Clarification is needed.
- (6) Finance and Administration: Senator Linda Bobo:
  - (a) Continued discussion on where does the faculty and staff salary compare to other universities and salary compression among academic units/colleges at SFA. Danny Gallant, in a previous Senate meeting, presented comparative salary rankings of SFA administrators to other Texas universities.

6) Old Business

- a) Professional Development Requirement: Dr. Berry developed with TEC. The requirement to attend these TEC sessions is written in faculty contracts. Initial workshops begin during new faculty orientation, but are dispersed throughout the academic year. If wanting to opt out one is advised to talk directly with Dr. Berry.
- b) Core Assessment Plan Draft: Senator Cooper: requests to review information and send comments to her. The Committee has received many comments from colleges, Liberal and Applied Arts and Science and Math. She posed the question: Does Faculty Senate want to deal with this?
  - i) Don Pratt, Chair of the Core Curriculum Advisory Council/Committee and in the academic unit of Biology, added to the discussion and shared a synopsis from the Core Curriculum Advisory Committee meetings. Senator Bobo is to send this synopsis to Faculty Senate.
  - ii) Motion: Senator Cecil: send a survey to faculty January 14, 2013, and close January 21, 2013 regarding the synopsis. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Senator Hasbun. Quorum: 18 yeah; 1 Nay: passed. Questions to consider: Do you endorse the content in the synopsis, Do you teach a core course?
  - iii) Handgun Resolution: Senator Franks makes a motion to approve the Handgun Resolution with Senator Cooper 2<sup>nd</sup>. Quorum: 18 yeah; 1 Nay: passed.
  - iv)

7) New Business: TABLED

- a) Policy order for review: These will be reviewed and discussed during the February meeting. Please look over these during the winter interim.
  1. *Faculty Workload (A-18)*
  2. *Digital Intellectual Property (D-20-A)*, particularly the new compensation scale

8) Next meeting February 13, 2013, 2:30 pm in the Hall of Honors Alumni Center

8) Adjournment

Motion Senator Nerren, 2<sup>nd</sup> Senator Coble; Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,

Rose M. Powell  
Secretary