

Stephen F. Austin State University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Meeting #411
March 6, 2013

Senators present: Ball, Robert; Bobo, Linda; Cook, David; Cecil, Leslie; Cooper, Dana; Cox, Neal; Ellis, Ann; Franks, George; Gottshall, Dottie; Henderson, Bob; Kwaitkowski, Matthew; Lindsey, Matthew; Maurer, Michael; Migl, Karen; O'Dwyer, Darla; Powell, Rose; Pressley, Cindy; Runnels, Scott; Scott, Deb; Tareilo, Janet

Excused Absence-with replacements: Austin, Norjuan; Birdwell, Leisha; Campo, David; Coble, Theresa; Hasbun, Tracy; Jacobi, Lora; Nerren, Jannah; Olle, Mary; Gottshall, Dottie; Urena, Juan Carlos

- I. Call to Order: 2:30 pm
- II. Presentations:

A. Dr. Ric Berry, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs:

- i. Two May Commencements: Students reactions will be posted in the March 7th Pine Log. The Senate is extremely pleased with the BOR's and Administration's decision for a split May Commencement and will encourage faculty attendance.
- ii. Austin, TX: Dr. Pattillo continues to meet with representative. In the Senate Finance Committee strong possibility there will be not cuts for next AY(no promises at this time)

B. Dr. Mary Nelle Brunson, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs:

- 1. AACNU: attended program regarding general education assessment and the new challenges all universities are facing.
- 2. There was a focus on undergraduate programs to find authentic and ways to assess outcomes (e.g., e-portfolios).
- 3. Looking into the LEAP project rubrics as a starting point in meeting the needs of students for the 21st century.
- 4. Coordinating Board:
 - a. McGregor Stevenson has stepped down and now working for the governor.
 - b. Programs are being reviewed
 - i. Looking at low producing programs for this academic year, there are two at SFA (BS chemistry and BS AG development)
 - c. Core Curriculum Committee:
 - i. A second draft is being reviewed by the Provost.
 - d. Core Assessment Committee: compiled comments and suggestions and integrated into current draft; to review draft after spring break and send to the President

- e. Undergraduate committee completed their work and is ready to submit at the April Meeting.

C. Student Bookstore:

- i. Barnes and Nobles presentation of requesting next semester books online. March 1st was due date for Maymester, and Summer I/II. They are willing to come to your department and provide information on accessing them online.
- ii. April 11th Kay Bailey Hutchinson will have a book signing session of her upcoming book.

III. Officers Report:

A. Chair, Linda Bobo: No report at this time

B. Chair-elect: Dana Cooper:

- i. TX Council of Faculty Senates Meeting: Topics that were discussed at the meeting:
 - 1. Dan Branch, President of TCHECB shared bills affecting higher education...contact Dana for more information on those bills.
 - 2. Discussed post-tenure review
 - 3. Consideration of mandatory retirement
 - 4. Recommends that executive officers of faculty senates attend these meetings. Currently they are attended by the Chair and Chair-elect.
 - 5. Member of the executive board: VP for East Texas: Dana Cooper!!

C. Secretary, Rose Powell: No report

D. Treasurer, David Cook: Balance: \$3,058.04

IV. Approval of Minutes: Moved by George Franks and 2nd by David Cook. Passed

V. Committee Reports:

A. External (University) Committees:

- i. Distance Education Committee: no report
- ii. Policy: no report, New Business: policy review
- iii. Core: see report from Brunson
 - 1. Recommending to keep draft with the committee until final revisions is taken to committee
- iv. Strategic Planning: May meet in April and report to Faculty Senate

B. Internal (faculty senate):

- i. Academic: no report
- ii. Administration and Finance Committee: David Cook, handout was provided with a summary of salaries for faculty. SFASU is in the five lowest-paying public universities in Texas. Please share information with your colleagues and submit any feedback or questions to your senator.
- iii. Communication: Ning: Theresa Coble will speak to this topic and comments from Damon Derrick.
- iv. Election: Karen Migl presented a resolution to reinstate nursing clinical instructors and military science voting privileges. Also, with the new version of Banner, it omitted selected faculty from participating in the

election of senators. Chair Bobo, excused the Ethics committee members to work on recommended changes to the constitution to facilitate the changes in time for the upcoming election. Depending on the outcome of the senators vote to clarify voting privileges, Chair Bobo to work with IT to make sure appropriate faculty will be entered into the system to vote for representation in the faculty senate.

- v. Faculty Government & Involvement: Cindy Pressly, Faculty Handbook has been revised and updated. Waiting for HR for clarification and will be ready for Faculty Senate to approve at the April meeting.
- vi. Professional Welfare: E-mail has been sent to Department Chair/Directors to submit names for Adjunct Faculty Award. Results will be presented at April Meeting.

VI. Old Business:

- i. Ning: Theresa Coble will speak to this topic and comments from Damon Derrick.
- ii. Elections: 9 positions will be opened:
 - 1. Education: 4, Fine Arts: 1; Forestry/Agriculture: 1; Liberal and Applied Arts: 2; CoSM: 1. Please encourage participate of interested persons. They will need to sign an agreement form for nomination to be eligible. The election will occur in April.

VII. New Business:

A. Policy order for review:

- i. Recommended Overload Assignments (A-37) be integrated into Faculty Workload (A-18).
- ii. Salary Supplements, Stipends & additional Compensation (E-9). Tabled for next meeting.

B. Other: none

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion: Dana Cooper 2nd Janet Tareilo. Passed

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Powell