

**Stephen F. Austin State University**  
**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting #413**  
**May 8, 2013**

**Senators present:** Austin, Norjuan; Ball, Robert; Birdwell, Leisha ;Bobo, Linda; Campo, David Cecil, Leslie; Coble, Theresa; Cooper, Cook, David Dana; Cox, Neal; Franks, George; Hasbun, Tracy; Henderson, Bob; Jacobi, Lora; 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

**Excused Absence:** Ellis, Ann, sub: Bailey, Greg; Gottshall, Dottie

- I. Call to Order: 2:30 pm
- II. Presentations:
  - A. Dr. Ric Berry, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs:
    - i. First time SFA will have 2 commencements, Mr. Dickerson, former SFA Regent, will be speaker for both sessions.
    - ii. Budget legislature: no further information at this time. By the 20<sup>th</sup> of May will have the State Budget
    - iii. The appropriation for next AY will be up slightly.
    - iv. Tuition fees are up and anticipation of increased rates for enrollment and retention
    - v. Merit Pool: tuition will assist with merit raises; Dr. Pattillo will make that decision.
    - vi. Strategic Plan is on-going and will be presented at the October Board meeting and will start January, 2014.
    - vii. Legislator: those with concealed gun licenses may have their guns in their cars on campus, but university have an "opt-out" option. SFA will probably choose to opt out.
    - viii. College Learning Assessment (CLA) Bill will not pass. CLA will be used as a tool not as a requirement.
    - ix. Thanks to out-going/in-coming senators for their service that you have given to the University this AY.
  - B. Dr. Mary Nelle Brunson, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs: no report
  - C. Dr. Becky Greer of Human Sciences
    - i. Presentation of Tartan design winner.
    - ii. The Tartan design will be part of the SFA Brand
- III. Officers Report:
  - A. Chair, Linda Bobo:
    - i. Commencement:
      1. Marshals: Instructions for graduation was provided
      2. Attendance at commencement and support the new graduates

3. Board of Regents: presentations summary:
    - a. University policy reviews
    - b. Presence of Faculty Senate on University Committees
    - c. Administrative finances/salaries
    - d. Mr. Steve McCarty: is chair of the Board of Regents
    - e. Academic Affairs: IT announced a new grade change process via on-line. If questions, Please refer to Lynda Langham or Rich Barnhart for more information.
  4. Sophomore Scholars: Dr. Adam Peck introduced a new program to address the loss of student who leave SFA before entering their sophomore year.
  5. Policies: Dr. Abbott presented three policies, *Computer System Access (F-37)*, *Enrollment Inducement Prohibition of Military Service Members*, and *Chairs and Directors of Academic Units (E-10A)*. The last policy was tabled for further discussion.
  6. Dr. Carrie Brown: presented changes via the Research Council, handouts on Faculty Mini-grants and revisions to the Research Enhancement Program.
  7. Dr. Larry King: Senior Exit Surveys, only 2 departments have responded, please share among your colleges and departments.
- B. Chair elect: Dana Cooper: No other report
- C. Secretary, Rose Powell: No report
- D. Treasurer, David Cook: estimated balance forward \$1693.40.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from Meeting #412: motion by David Cook and 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Franks. Passed.
- V. Committees:
- A. External:
- i. Policy: The Faculty Workload policy tabled until fall 2013, looking at all the concerns. There will be a new committee chair for the fall of 2013.
  - ii. Distance Education Committee: No Report
  - iii. Core Assessment: Assessment going forward. To start Fall, 2014
  - iv. Graduate Council: voted on outstanding Thesis, and other graduate awards.
- B. Internal:
- i. Professional Welfare: Juanita Finkenberg was recipient for Adjunct Faculty Teaching Excellence Award
  - ii. Faculty Governance: The Faculty Handbook has been reviewed, revised and updated from 2008. Final corrections and will be posted on the web.
  - iii. Academic Affairs: Hosted Travis Clardy regarding Hand Gun resolution and instrumental in establishing two May commencements.
  - iv. Financial Committee: looked at different salaries of faculty across campus

- v. Communication Committee: Damon saw no problems with e-communication, but that is still pending, consideration to continue possibilities in next year's Senate, may possibly partner with TEC.
- vi. Ethics: Constitution, voting criteria clarified and finalized
- vii. Elections: new Faculty Senators and Faculty Senate Officers

VI. Old Business:

A. Election results:

<b>College of Business</b>	<u><b>Winners</b></u> Violet Rogers Gail Weatherly	
<b>College of Education</b>	<u><b>Winners</b></u> Stacy Hendricks Jay Thornton	Karen Embry Jenlink Kimberly Welsh
<b>College of Fine Arts</b>	<u><b>Winner</b></u> Jorge Davi Salas	
<b>College of Mathematics and Sciences</b>	<u><b>Winner</b></u> Tammy Robinson Harris	
<b>College of Forestry and Agriculture</b>	<u><b>Winner</b></u> Joey Bray	
<b>College of Liberal and Applied Arts</b>	<u><b>Winners</b></u> Norjuan Austin Louise Stoehr	

VII. New Business:

- A. Acknowledgements of tenure/promoted faculty
- B. Distribution of out-going Senator polo shirts
- C. Adjunct representatives (2): The current representative can serve again but will need to be voted on next year. Also, look around in your colleges and recommend an adjunct faculty to represent the Adjunct Faculty on campus.
- D. New Senate Officers:
  - i. Chair: Dana Cooper
  - ii. Chair-elect: Jannah Nerren
  - iii. Secretary: Deb Scott
  - iv. Treasurer: Matt Lindsey
  - v. Parliamentarian: Lora Jacobi
- E. Comments from outgoing Chair

VIII. Adjournment: motion Linda Bobo, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Cook

Respectively submitted,

Senator Rose Powell