

Stephen F. Austin State University Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Meeting #386 May 12, 2010

Subject to approval at the 387th meeting.

Senators present: Brian Beavers(3); Kathleen Belanger(4); Parliamentarian, Linda Bobo(5); David Campo (6); Chair, Ken Collier(8); Secretary, Carolyn Conn(9); Dana Cooper (10); Tracey Hasbun(14); Christine Hennessey(15); Chair-Elect, David Howard(16); Mikhail Kouliavtsev(18); Michael Maurer(19); Emmerentie Oliphant(21); Carl Pfaffenberger(22); Rose Powell(23); Sandra Stewart(25); Janet Tareilo(26).

Excused/Sent Representative:

Kim Archer Kato (1); Norjuan Austin (2); Charity Carney(7); Lisa Grigsby(13); Treasurer, Keith Hubbard(17); Cynthia McCarley(18); Juan Carlos Urena(25)

Not present:

Mitch Crocker(11); Dianne Dentice(12); Daniel Scognamillo(24)

Agenda

I. Call to order. Chair Collier called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

II. Welcome of new senators & introduction of new officers

Presentations:

A: Dr. Rick Berry, VP Academic Affairs

Dr. Berry offered introductory announcements. Cautionary remarks regarding economic difficulties. Encouraging faculty to help Barnes and Noble in any way they can to help keep text book costs down by turning in book orders ASAP.

B: Dr. Mary Nelle Brunson

Quality Enhancement Plan has been determined as "high Impact programs." Continue to work towards accreditation goals.

III. Officers' reports:

A. Chair:

Please review the committee information and notify Chair Collier by June 15 to be assigned to one or more of those committees. Would like to keep some experienced members on each committee but will not object to some changing if desired.

- Would like to continue efforts to improve the academic climate of the campus. What can we do to improve classroom culture? Build faculty community. Improve communicating information from the Senate to the rest of the faculty.
- Suggestion of using Blackboard for communication. Senator Belanger suggests that we clarify WHAT we want to communicate.
- How may communication with Regents improve? Senator Belanger suggests a possible informal gathering for Regents and Senate.

- Suggests that possibly the Faculty Government and Involvement Committee might look at "Standing Rules of the Faculty Senate" and suggest updates/clarifications as needed.
- Would like Faculty senate to have more weight in choosing faculty to serve on policy committees. Pass any suggestions along to Chair Collier.
- Chair Collier feels Faculty Senate should at least pass along suggestions of how funds should be spent to improve the academic departments. "Teaching innovation" Asking for something positive.
- Reserved room at 2:00 for every meeting next year. Come early and talk with others.

B. Chair Elect: No report.

C. Treasurer:

We have roughly \$1700 unallocated. This will vary slightly because we do not yet know how many new faculty we have or new faculty polo shirts we need.

We will lose these funds if they are not spent before the end of the fiscal year, which is prior to the senate's September meeting. Please feel free to discuss ideas for using it well in that timeframe.

D. Secretary: No report.

IV. Approval of minutes from meeting #385: Tabled for next meeting

V. Committee Reports: Tabled for next meeting

VI. New Business

VII. Chair Collier adjourned the meeting at 4:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Conn
Secretary