

Stephen F. Austin State University Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Meeting #393 April 13, 2011

Subject to approval at the 393rd meeting.

Senators present: Norjuan Austin(1); Brian Beavers(2); Kathleen Belanger(3); Parliamentarian, Linda Bobo(4); David Campo(5); Chair, Ken Collier(6); Secretary, Carolyn Conn(7); Dana Cooper(8); Mitch Crocker(9); Dianne Dentice(10); Ann Ellis(11); Nancy Fox(12); Tracey Hasbun(13); Chair-Elect, David Howard(15); Treasurer, Keith Hubbard(16); Mikhail Kouliavtsev(18); Cynthia McCarley(19); Carl Pfaffenberg(22); Rose Powell(23); Sandra Stewart (25); Janet Tareilo(26); Juan Carlos Urena(27).

Excused/Sent Representative:

Kim Kato(17); Michael Maurer(20); Emmerentie Oliphant(21).

Not present:

Christine Hennessey(14); Daniel Scognamillo(24).

I. Call to order. Chair Collier called the meeting to order at 2:36 pm.

II. Presentations:

- A. Dr. Berry, Vice President of Academic Affairs—
 - 1) Regents Meeting- Tuesday- Board taking proactive approach toward University policy.
 - 2) Three new Regents: Ken Shafer from Brownsville, Bridget Henderson from Lufkin, Ralph Todd from Carthage (son of Walter Todd, former Chair of Board of Regents)
 - 3) Will be proposing adjustments in tuition and fees. Increase to \$124 per semester credit hour. (\$4 increase) Increase technology fee from \$20 to \$22. Establish an academic advising fee of \$5 per credit hour. Regular course fee adjustments. Room and board adjustments average about 3% increase. Used to help fill the gap of lost budget. Will help us to not cut services or personnel. Should assist with \$3.5 million of loss of budget.
 - 4) Teaching Excellence Convocation at 3:30 this afternoon.
 - 5) Senator Kouliavtsev asks how these numbers were determined.dr. Berry answers: Use 15 hour model to ensure that increases overall do not exceed 4.9% overall. Retaining relative rank for overall expense.

- B. Dr. Mary Nelle Brunson- Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs – no report at this time

III. Officers' reports:

- A. Chair – Will present to Regents on Monday and Tuesday, Please notify Chair Collier of any concerns that should be brought to Board. Any large or small items are worth sharing. Anything that makes our presentation unique and personal is appreciated.
- B. Chair-elect – Need to continue (finish) gathering names for elections.
- C. Treasurer - \$4,500 and holding . . .

D. Secretary – No report

IV. Approval of minutes from Meetings #392. Motion to accept by Hubbard seconded by Stewart; unanimously passed.

V. Committee Reports:

- A. Faculty Government and Involvement
Revision of standing rules of the Faculty Senate
 - 1) Remove specific # (25) of senators required
 - 2) Will have a Parliamentarian each year/term. Determined specific duties for the Parliamentarian.

- B. Professional Welfare Committee –
Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award- prepared statement of eligibility and criteria. Reviewed document as found in e-mail with senate. Senator Powell suggests leaving year out of dates on final page. Will have vote at May meeting to accept this document for implementation beginning next year.

- C. Communication Committee – No Report

- D. Academic Affairs Committee – No Report

- E. Administration and Finance Committee – No Report

- F. Elections/Constitution Committee- Voting opens on Monday and will be available through Friday. E-mail with instructions on voting will be sent

Discussion regarding “Adjunct” representatives for Faculty Senate. General desire is that the “adjunct” category include all non-tenurable positions including “Lecturers.” Senator Hubbard and senator Fox will work together to place a clearer definition in the standing rules to be put forth for vote in May.

VI. Old Business:

VII. New Business:

“Seven Breakthrough Solutions” – Please look at these and share thoughts with Chair Collier. Found on TexasHigherEd.com. Be aware that Governor Perry is seriously looking at these as potential policy items or will have further effect on our world. Some of these items are questionable to Chair Collier. We need to be informed and prepared to implement or defend accordingly.

Texas College and Career Readiness. Senator Fox will be attending seminar. Writing Department has summer seminar August 1-4, 30 seats, will e-mail for reservations. For incoming Freshman. Any concerns about alignment with high schools, please attend or speak with Senator Fox. Every discipline will have some type of seminar or opportunity.

Senator Cooper reminds us that we may be able to fight the handgun bill by calling our representative. Please do so if you have concerns and would like to do your part to keep this bill from passing.

VIII. Adjournment: Chair Collier adjourned the meeting at 4:02 pm

Motion made by Senator Kouliavtsev, seconded by Senator Pfaffenberg

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Conn
Secretary