

TROY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING

MINUTES

September 25, 2012

I. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 2:04pm.

II. Roll Call

a. Members present:

Tammy Esteves	Tom Kolasa	Richard Voss	Trellys Riley
Ruth Elder	James Cargal	Bill Heisler	Jonathan Harrington
Alan Wright	Rick Turpin	Richard Scott Nokes	Johanna Alberich
David Carlson	Ben Robertson	Christi McGrath	Cheron Hunter Davis
Murray Widener	Deborah Rushing	Lane Boyte Eckis	

b. Members absent:

Charlotte Minnick -absent with notice	Steven L. Taylor-absent with notice	
Debra Lett-absent with notice	Govind Menon-absent with notice	
Dianne Eppler	Michael Burgan	Dodie Meier

III. President's Report-Dr. Nokes discussed the fact that funding for travel may be danger depending on what happens starting the new fiscal year. Dr. Ingram added that spring semester enrollments will be very important. Dr. Nokes then reported that he met with Greg Price who is planning to come to the October meeting to talk to the Senate. Dr. Nokes plans on meeting with faculty members at other Alabama campuses to discuss any issues they may have as part of creating a global faculty community across Troy's sites.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee: Scott Nokes reported that this committee met and discussed the items on the agenda.
- b. Committee on Committees: Tom Kolasa reported about the Library Advisory Committee.
- c. Elections Committee: Johanna Alberich provided no report.
- d. Academic Affairs Committee: Jonathan Harrington presented his research on video teleconferencing technologies. He compiled a draft report and read some recommendations which are as follows:
 - 1-establish of one or more faculty standing committees
 - 2-pursue grant opportunities to pursue state of the art classrooms
 - 3-develop a model where this technologies can create revenue through lease arrangements
 - 4-provide and expand technology specific training for faculty
 - 5-provide more technology support hours
 - 6-explore the cost and viability of using a third party video teleconferencing providers
 - 7- invest in more bandwidth
 - 8-periodically monitor faculty and student satisfaction with these technologies

This report will be posted in the new Senate Blackboard shell under 'reports'.

- e. Faculty Welfare Committee: Steven Taylor did not attend the meeting and provided no report.

V. Campus Reports

- a. Dothan Campus: Richard Voss reported that the Dothan Economic Summit on Jobs took place September 19 at the Dothan Civic Center. Several Dothan Campus faculty participated as project group facilitators and leaders. This is a major annual event, led by the Dothan Chamber of Commerce. TROY was highly visible. Project groups work through the year on economic-development ideas adopted during the summit.

The Dothan Campus was represented at a dinner and social for 23 visiting businessmen from Guǎngdōng Province, China, September 22 at Water World, after a quick tour of the city, which included the spectacle of a brightly lit welcome sign in Mandarin at the Dothan Campus.

The Sorrell College of Business is continuing to work on its plans for an entrepreneurship institute to promote entrepreneurial scholarship and interaction between students and community entrepreneurs. Dr. Skip Ames, Associate Dean of the Sorrell College of Business in Dothan, has been leading the project and making connections in the community.

- a. Global Campus: Tammy Esteves reported that Global Campus is changing. Recruiting teams are being vamped up and more training opportunities are being provided. She raised the question if tuition assistance program will still be available with the eTroy differential. Another issue that Dr. Esteves reported is administrative support for faculty in Global Campus.
- b. Montgomery Campus: Tom Kolasa noted that the Montgomery campus is planning for homecoming. The History and Social Science Organization will change its name. The tobacco free policy is going well. There are some budgetary issues that are being worked out. Dr. Kolasa asked the question if we have a site license for Office and/or Windows 7.
- c. Phenix City Campus: Trellys Riley said that they are conducting a series of workshops on topics important to faculty and students. There was a workshop on the library and the Praxis.
- d. Troy Campus: Steven Taylor did not attend and gave no report.
- e. Library: Ruth Elder noted that the bathroom remodeling at the library is going well. Women do not have to walk to the restroom in the dark.

VI. SGA-Faculty Senate Liaisons:

- a. Montgomery-Dr. Kolasa reported that the Montgomery SGA had a meeting that went well. They started planning Homecoming. Community outreach was stressed and planned
- b. Troy-Dr. Minnick did not attend the meeting so there was no report.

- c. c. Dothan-Dr. Voss noted that the Dothan SGA held meetings September 4 and 19, presided by President Keah Chambers. The SGA has set up a House of Representatives, to create a voice for campus clubs, to meet for the first time in mid-October. The SGA has also started movie night, to start the evening of September 27 in Sony Hall, with a movie called *Radio*.

VII. Old Business

- a. None

VIII. New Business

Faculty Senate Blackboard Site-Dr. Nokes reported that we now have a Blackboard shell but the faculty members have not been loaded. It will be used to disseminate information and there was also be two different discussion boards. One will be on issues that we bring up. The other will be one where anyone can create a thread. He reminded faculty to maintain decorum on the discussion board.

b. Richard Voss presented a question from Alan Belches regarding the Faculty Handbook Designation for promotion and tenure when changes were made in 2005. He wanted to know if the Faculty Handbook Designation forms were still in effect. Dr. Ingram reported that the forms that needed to be completed, needed to be completed at that time. It is not an option today. If they have not exercised that option yet, then they still qualify. If they've got up for tenure then that was there one exercise. Any effort triggered on their part then puts them under the new handbook.

- IX. Adjourn-Dr. Kolasa motioned to adjourn and Dr. Nokes seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 pm.