

Faculty Senate Minutes
30 October 2013

- I. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Members present:

Tom Kolasa	Richard Voss	David Carlson	John Jinright
Ruth Elder	James Cargal	Jon Boncek	Dionne Rosser-Mims
Johanna Alberich	Richard Scott Nokes	Tammy Esteves	Mary Anne Templeton
Steven L. Taylor	Alan Wright	Mark VanHooser	Christi McGrath
Lane Boyte Eckis	Dianne Eppler	Kerri Outlaw	Cheron Hunter Davis
Ronald Shehane			
 - b. Members absent:

Dodie Meier	Maureen Casile	Deborah Rushing-absent with notice
Jonathan Harrington-absent with notice		Trellys Riley -absent with notice
- III. President's Report-Scott Nokes went to Dothan and had a town hall meeting. He was unable to meet with Earl Ingram but he met with Hal Fulmer instead. They discussed various issues such as course shells and travel for teaching.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee: Scott Nokes stated that this committee was unable to meet and therefore met virtually.
 - b. Committee on Committees: Tom Kolasa reported on the Athletic Advisory Committee. They debated on student athlete class absences and the Hall of Fame facility among other things.
 - c. Elections Committee: Johanna Alberich reported that this committee met via email and decided that they were not going fill Dodie Meier's vacant spot on the Senate at that time.
 - d. Academic Affairs Committee: Jonathan Harrington gave Steven Taylor his report because he was unable to attend the meeting. He shared news from the Office of Sponsored Programs that many people are getting and receiving grants all over the university.
 - e. Faculty Welfare Committee: Steven Taylor reported that this committee met. There was some concerns over Dining Hall policies but we are not acting on the issue. They are currently conducting research on domestic partner insurance and post tenure review. Because of issues involving morale, they are working on a survey instrument.
 - f. Education Technology: Mark VanHooser asked to give a report from this committee. Alan Wright discussed the availability of resources and they have agreed to include technology questions on the faculty morale survey. Keri Outlaw added that they would be looking at faculty who may be interested in technology.
- V. Campus Reports
 - a. Dothan Campus: Richard Voss noted that Dr. Skip Ames of the Sorrell College of Business in Dothan coordinated this year's Dothan Economic Summit on Jobs,

with broad participation from Dothan Campus faculty, with about 125 people in attendance. This is the first year that Troy University has managed the event, with the intention to continue doing so in the future. Following the event, separate meetings took place this past month in the six different tracks (Aviation, Entrepreneurship, Infrastructure, Healthcare, Quality of Life, and Workforce Development), to set objectives and timelines for this year's respective job-creating agendas. Dr. Ames held an after-action review meeting yesterday morning with the Mayor, City Manager, and interest group leaders.

- b. Global Campus: Tammy Esteves discussed getting credit for recruiting. She noted that she now has a ListServ of the Global Campus faculty.
- c. Montgomery Campus: Tom Kolasa reported that there was a strategic meeting on the Montgomery Campus where new academic offerings, better marketing, academic programs (semester vs 9 week terms), operational efficiency, students and retention, more ties with the city, homeschooling, and local school systems were some of the topics discussed. STAR is planning three different activities: Toys for Tots, recycling and the Salvation Army. He also reported problems with Hotmail and Troy Webmail.
- d. Phenix City Campus: Trellys Riley-no report
- e. Troy Campus: Steven Taylor-no report
- f. Library: Ruth Elder-no report

VI. SGA-Faculty Senate Liaisons:

- a. Dothan-Richard Voss reported that the Dothan Campus SGA recently concluded its Homecoming Picnic and Trivia Night. The SGA designed these events to adhere closely to this year's TROY-wide SGA "superhero" theme. For its part, the Trivia Night idea has simultaneously promoted a key local cultural institution, namely, the Deli, which has often had trouble staying open in past years, while serving the important purpose of building student morale in line with the noted theme.
- b. Montgomery-Homecoming went well in general. They have been helping STAR with charities. They have been advertising and there are some students that would like to start recycling.
- c. Troy-Christi Magrath is now the new Troy SGA Liaison. SGA President, Cody Farrill, came to the meeting. He thanked Christi Magrath for her service and said that they will be working with Montgomery on the recycling project.

VII. Old Business

- a. Content of campus reports-Scott Nokes told the Senate that the campus representatives met via email and discussed various issues. One was being more proactive in getting more information around campus. The concern is that the campuses such as Global Campus may not have a voice if we were to change to college reports. Tom Kolasa added that one issue that we brought up four years ago was sending out a newsletter/update. Steven Taylor added that perhaps we should utilize Blackboard more for this issue. Keri Outlaw added that there are some people that are not Blackboard certified. There was discussion about our Blackboard shell. Scott Nokes recommended that we send out an email directly to the faculty and post minutes to the Faculty Senate Blackboard shell. Scott

Nokes recommended that an email with the minutes attached and referring faculty to the Blackboard shell go out to all faculty. Steven Taylor moved that we do so. The motion was seconded by Kolasa. The motion passed unanimously. Scott Nokes also recommended that there be a spot in the Faculty Senate Blackboard shell for campus reports.

VIII. New Business

a. John Dew on the Strategic Plan for Montgomery

In the fall of 2012 they began the process of making the strategic plan. They worked with Dan Joselyn. Around Dec/Jan2013 things came to a halt due to requests from the Montgomery mayor. Dr. Dew continued with the planning assumptions: The Montgomery Campus will continue to serve nontraditional students through expansion of academic programs and continuing education, providing flexible programs in evenings, weekends, weekdays, online, and with programs that blend online with classroom delivery. He then discussed the strategic objectives. They are:

1. *Expand academic offerings.* There are exploring what programs we can offer in Montgomery such as a program where students can take both online and on ground courses.
2. *Achieve comprehensive marketing in Montgomery.* This has been difficult in the past.
3. *Enhance delivery of academic programs to adult learners.* There will be a decision made regarding whether or not Montgomery should change from semester to terms. Other discussion is regarding blending delivery within a class.
4. *Improve operational efficiency.* This includes the use of space
5. *Develop better delivery of services to students.* He hopes that there is a one stop location for students.
6. *Enhance support for public policy initiatives in the capitol city.* The Confucius Institute in Montgomery is one example.
7. *Expand outreach to the home schooling community.* Outreach to the homeschooling community by exploring summer programs and other activities.
8. *Collaborate with the local schools and school systems.* We are working with Trenholm College that is preparing to be a community college.

John Dew then discussed a timeline for the Strategic Plan. They are:
Plan for expanding academic offerings and comprehensive marketing -October 2013.
Plan for One-Stop Student Services will be ready by January 10, 2014.
Public Policy Center will be established by August 1, 2014.

John Dew entertained questions. Scott Nokes asked about recruitment. He asked about the issue of terms and semesters. John Dew responded that they are awaiting input on the Phenix City's transition from semesters to terms and that the recruiters. He also said that the university has invested \$500,000 on a recruiting computer program. Scott Nokes asked if the combination of terms and semesters would be possible. John Dew was unable to answer this question because it falls under the academic division. Ray White would be the point of contact for any questions about this plan.

- IX. Adjourn-There was a motion to adjourn by Steven Taylor and it was seconded by Tom Kolasa. The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 pm.