

MINUTES  
TROY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
26 April 2011

1. Dr. Shelton called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

2. Mr. Jim Davis completed the roll call for the meeting. Attendance was as follows:

a. Members present:      Trellys Riley  
                                    Tom Kolasa  
                                    Brian Webb  
                                    Scout Blum  
                                    Jim Davis  
                                    Regina Gaillard  
                                    Govind Menon  
                                    Ben Robertson  
                                    Sam Shelton  
                                    Kristin Ross  
                                    Lane Eckis  
                                    Bill Heisler  
                                    John Irwin  
                                    Robert Kitahara  
                                    Johanna Alberich  
                                    Frank Browning  
                                    Eddie Clark  
                                    Mary Battaglia  
                                    Debra Lett

b. Members absent:      Catherine Allard (with notice)  
                                    Tammy Esteves (with notice)  
                                    Marty Olliff (with notice)  
                                    Richard Voss (with notice)  
                                    John Jinright (with notice)  
                                    Michael Burgan (with notice)  
                                    Mary Ann Hooten (with notice)

3. The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. President's Report

A. Dr. Shelton stated that the Research Council would be meeting on the following Thursday. He also reported that he had met with Senior Vice-Chancellor Earl Ingram to discuss Dr. Shelton's transition out of the position of Faculty Senate president.

5. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee—Dr. Shelton reported that the Executive Committee met the previous Wednesday to approve the agenda for today's meeting, as well as to discuss the ongoing projects of standing committees, and to discuss faculty issues in general. He also announced the appointment of a nominations committee to collect and present a slate of candidates for Faculty Senate officers at the June meeting. This committee is made up of outgoing senators who are either term-limited or chose not to run for re-election. This committee is made up of Catherine Allard (chair), Scout Blum, John Jinright, and Eddie Clark. Anyone interested in running for a Senate office (president, vice-president, or secretary) please contact a member of the committee. He also reminded those senators who are

appointed to University-wide committees as representatives of the Senate that as per our resolution passed this year, these appointments are for one year only, and those positions will have to be reappointed at the August meeting, so if you wish to remain on these committees next year, and you have not exceeded your time limit on that committee, you should let the new president know before the August meeting.

Dr. Shelton also discussed the shifting of the English Department from Arts and Sciences to College of Communication and Fine Arts, and the effects of this move on the Senate. First, during the Senate and Standing Committee election in April, the English faculty voted in the CCFA elections. This change was accomplished with minimal disruption of the election. Secondly, the Constitutional Review Committee had just that month reviewed the distribution of senators and found no changes necessary for the next cycle, but now the English department shift will necessitate a move of one Senate position from A&S to CCFA. This matter will be addressed at the June meeting. There will be a transitional period as those senators who were elected to represent A&S but now find themselves in CCFA are cycled off the Senate through attrition; no one will have to resign a Senate position.

The 2011-2012 meeting schedule will be submitted at the June meeting. The one change made this past year, moving the meeting time to 2:00 pm, received no complaints and will be continued, pending any discussion from the senators.

B. Committee on Committees—Dr. Allard was absent and there was no report.

C. Elections Committee—Mr. Davis reported that the first consolidated Faculty Senate/University-wide Standing Committee elections the previous week were a great success. Whereas Senate elections had been drawing 30-32% participation since going electronic, the consolidated elections drew a 47.3% participation. HHS led the field with 57% participation, SCoB following with 51%. Troy campus as a whole lagged badly with only 35% participation. Perhaps reflecting this, probably the most interesting result was the number of non-Troy campus nominees who won their positions. In Sorrell College of Business, for instance, none of the nine positions was won by a Troy campus faculty member. Mr. Davis stated that he saw this as a very positive development that bodes well for the future of the University's committees and the Senate as representative organizations.

Dr. Shelton announced the winners of the Faculty Senate elections: In A&S, Jonathan Harrington and Murray Widener; in CCFA, Scott Nokes; in the College of Education, Dodie Meier and Cheron Hunter; in HHS, Tracey Hodges; Troy campus at-large, Steven Taylor; Montgomery campus at-large, Tom Kolasa. All of these senators will begin three-year terms on 1 August 2011. In addition, Trellys Riley has already begun her duties in the unexpired Phenix City at-large term, which will expire 31 July 2013.

Dr. Shelton stated that the election results had been sent to the Deans for distribution to the winners from their respective committees.

D. Academic Affairs Committee—Dr. Olliff was absent, but had stated that he had nothing to report on AAC matters.

E. Faculty Welfare Committee—Dr. Kolasa reported that the 15/9 enrollment rule is a hot topic of discussion particularly in Montgomery, but probably University-wide. He is gathering information for a possible future report to the Senate.

F. Campus Reports

i. Dothan Campus—Dr. Olliff was absent, but reported the following via paper and ink, which was reported to the Senate by Dr. Shelton:

The Math Department hosted “TROY MathFest 2011” on 26 March. The guest speaker was University of Minnesota-Duluth professor Dr. Joseph Gallion, former president of the Mathematics Association of America.

In recognition of National Undergraduate Research Week on 11-15 April, the Dothan campus College of Arts and Sciences held an Undergraduate Research Forum on 10 April. Six presenters from three disciplines shared their research with the audience.

The Dothan campus celebrated Heritage Week, 18-22 April, with daily events culminating in Spring Honors Convocation. J

Skip Ames, Associate Dean of the SCoB at Dothan, has announced he will partner with the *Dothan Eagle* to write a column concerning business ethics, his area of expertise.

The English Department met with Dean Cochran to work out the administrative changes that will result from their being “catapulted” into the CCFA.

The Dothan campus A&S is still without an Associate Dean. Former Associate Dean Alan Belsches returned to the classroom effective July 31, 2010. Dothan A&S faculty continue to wonder who will lead them into the future.

ii. Global Campus—Dr. Esteves was absent and there was no report.

iii. Montgomery Campus—Dr. Kolasa reported there had been a project to help Habitat for Humanity, which worked so well they now plan to do it once per semester. There will be a student and staff tour of the Hyundai plant in May.

iv. Phenix City Campus—Dr. Riley had no report.

v. Troy Campus—Dr. Allard was not present.

vi. Library—Mr. Webb reported the Troy campus library's extended hours for final exams week.

G. SGA-Faculty Senate Liaisons: Mr. Davis reported that at the Troy campus SGA's end-of-year awards banquet, both outgoing President Filmore and incoming President Lasster praised the Faculty Senate Liaison program and suggested that the SGA and the Senate should find ways to work together even more closely in the future. Mr. Davis praised the SGA and its members as effective and forward-thinking.

H. Chronicle Survey Review Committee: Dr. Blum reported that the committee had gone over the report and made some recommendations. Dr. Dew is forwarding those recommendations to the Senior Vice-Chancellors, and the report, when completed, will be disseminated to the faculty in some form. There will probably be no further action until August.

I. Faculty Senate Excellence Award—Dr. Blum reported that the award this year went to Tracy Mendel of the Music department. She thanked the members of the committee for their work.

6. Old Business—there was no Old Business.

7. New Business—there was no New Business.

8. The meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm.