

MINUTES
TROY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING
22 Feb 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:

Catherine Allard
Tammy Esteves
Brian Webb
Marty Olliff
Jim Davis
Regina Gaillard
Govind Menon
Ben Robertson
Sam Shelton
Lane Eckis
Bill Heisler
John Irwin
Bob Kitahara
Richard Voss
John Jinright
Johanna Alberich
Frank Browning
Michael Burgan
Eddie Clark
Kris Ross
Mary Battaglia
Debra Lett

b. Members absent:

Tom Kolasa (with notice)
Scout Blum (with notice)
Mary Ann Hooten (with notice)

3. Dr. Allard pointed out typographical and grammar errors in paragraph 5A of the January minutes. As per a note from Dr. Kolasa, a sentence including Dr. Kolasa's comments on the Digital Measures discussion was added to paragraph 7A. The minutes were approved as amended.

4. Campus Safety: Dean Reeves gave an update on security issues on all campuses which have occurred since the last Senate meeting. The Troy campus SGA completed its security night walk, in conjunction with the campus police, the physical plant, and Dean Reeves's office. The SGA completed a townhall meeting with Dean Reeves, campus police, and Troy city police. He reported that the suspect in the recent attack on a student is still at large, pending the return of evidence from the state forensics lab; he advised everyone to continue to be vigilant and keep safety uppermost in their minds. The physical plant is in the process of replacing failed light bulbs, and new locations for lights are being considered, all as a result of the night walk. Meetings are planned with the mayor of Troy and city police to discuss security arrangements on the perimeter of campus. As funds become available, CCTV monitors and access control are being installed on buildings on campus that are most in need.

Dr. Menon asked if the security problems were more campus security or city-wide security. Dr. Reeves said that it is both. In Troy and Montgomery, the Troy University campuses are located in high-crime areas, with the majority of the crimes being property crimes. The University is working closely with the city of Troy. Dr. Shelton asked where individual concerns about safety should be sent. Dean Reeves said that he should be copied on an email sent directly to the individual campus Vice-Chancellor.

5. President's Report

A. President's Correspondence

- i. Dr. Shelton stated that he had sent SVC Ingram a copy of the Senate report from the January meeting on discrepancies in grade appeal policies between the Faculty Handbook and the Epolicy Manual. Dr. Vardaman confirmed that he had been asked by Dr. Ingram to examine both documents to confirm whether these were the only discrepancies. Dr. Ingram directed that if there is a variance in language, the Faculty Handbook is the predominant document.
- ii. Dr. Shelton reported that the Troy campus SGA had completed their study of WiFi connectivity on the Troy campus, and had approved their resolution asking Dean Reeves to study the situation and make possible improvements. Dr. Shelton had thereafter sent the Faculty Senate letter in support of the SGA's efforts to Dean Reeves. The Senate letter emphasized the importance of the service in the academic buildings.
- iii. Senior Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Search Committee—Dr. Shelton urged the Senators to attend in person or watch on streamed video the public presentations by Dr. Ingram on Tuesday 1 March from 3:00-4:00 pm in the Trojan Center Theatre, and by Dr. Hudson on Wednesday 2 March. There will be presentations lasting 15-20 minutes and the rest of the time will be available for questions from both the live and online audiences. Dr. Shelton will moderate. The candidates will each visit two of the other three other Alabama campuses, Dr. Ingram the Dothan and Phenix City campuses, and Dr. Hudson the Dothan and Montgomery campuses. The third candidate, Dr. King, is not yet scheduled.

Dr. Shelton thanked Dr. Doug Patterson, the chair of the search committee, for being very receptive to suggestions for faculty input into the process.

- iv. Dr. Shelton announced the resignation, effective immediately, of Dr. David Hollingsworth from the Faculty Senate for reasons of health. Dr. Shelton said that because the Spring elections are so close, he did not anticipate holding a special election to fill the position. Dr. Shelton asked the Senate's support for sending a letter of appreciation to Dr. Hollingsworth for his 3+ years of service on the Senate.

6. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee—Dr. Shelton reported that Vice-President Allard conducted the meeting in Dr. Shelton's absence. Dr. Allard reported that the Lecturer study had been tabled for another month for further study. The Constitution Review committee has concluded that there is no need for revision to the constitution.

B. Committee on Committees—Dr. Allard reported that the UGAC had met on 17 Feb. and examined some changes in the foreign language degrees. From the GAC, Ecampus has closed some physical help locations and gone to online help. The School of Nursing has changed its entry requirements to the DNP program. The Graduate School has added a limit of three to the number of times that a person may apply to re-enter the graduate school. Dr. Fulmer added that the Faculty Development Committee had dispersed what was left of the Spring budget for faculty development grants and letters had gone out. He reported that there has been a huge increase in applications this year. The cap for summer research grants has been lowered to \$4000 from \$4500 in order to include more people in the program.

C. Elections Committee—Mr. Davis reported that the consolidated elections are on. Elections will be held for the Senate as well as all University standing committees from 8:00 am Wednesday 20 April to 8:00 am Friday 22 April. Call for candidates will be sent out by Dr. Shelton to all Troy University faculty approximately mid-March.

D. Academic Affairs Committee—Dr. Olliff moved that the report submitted by the AAC in January on Fulfilling the Promise of the 2010-2015 Plan be approved at this time and sent to Dr. Dew and Dr. Ingram. The motion was approved. Dr. Olliff thanked the members of his committee for their help.

E. Faculty Welfare Committee—In Dr. Kolasa’s absence, Dr. Shelton reported that the Lecturer Study has been delayed for another month for the collection of more data.

F. Campus Reports

i. Dothan Campus—Dr. Olliff reported that Dothan has a new Associate Dean for the College of Business, Dr. Skip Ames. Dr. Ames was present at the Troy location. Dr. Olliff thanked Dr. Bilbeisi for his interim service in the position. Dr. Olliff also reported that Dothan still has no Associate Dean for Arts and Sciences. The current Vice-Chancellor is now serving as A&S Vice-Chancellor. Dr. Olliff thanked Dr. Fulmer for his interim service in that position.

For Black History Month, the Dothan campus hosted programs of “Cowboy” Mike Searles and Tonya Baxter. Searles also spoke in Troy and Montgomery, and the coverage of the event was picked up by the AP wire service. There will be a meeting concerning the use of Digital Measures the next day, 23 Feb. Dr. Olliff asked Dr. Voss to introduce Dr. Ames, who clarified that he has spent the past 31 years as a defense lawyer. Dr. Voss announced that on Thursday 23 Feb. at 5:30 pm in Sony Hall, Dr. Harold B. Jones, Jr., author of *Personal Character and National Destiny*, will discuss his book and sign copies.

ii. Global Campus—Dr. Esteves reported that Global Campus held a Faculty Development conference on WIMBA that included about 25 global campus faculty from many different areas. On 14 Feb. Troy University held its first commencement at Saigon Technology University, Viet Nam’s only private university that has received government approval to participate in Troy’s program. Dr. Ingram delivered the commencement address. STU is Troy’s largest international partner with 600 students participating. Judy Strickland was named to head the office of support for international partner universities. International programs has completed its move to the new offices at University Park. The Council of College and Military Educators meeting in Tampa, Troy was designated a Military Advanced Education Military Friendly College or University for the current school year.

iii. Montgomery Campus—Dr. Kolasa was absent, and there was no report.

iv. Phenix City Campus—There was no report from Phenix City.

v. Troy Campus—Dr. Allard reported that there have been two Chinese New Year celebrations on campus, on 1 and 11 Feb. For Black History Month, in addition to Cowboy Mike Searles, historian Danielle McGuire discussed her book *At the Dark End of the Street: Black Women, Rape, and Resistance* at the Rosa Parks Museum in Montgomery. The middle-school model United Nations will meet on the Troy campus. About 200 middle-school students from the area will take part in a mock crisis situation. Troy University Public Radio is streaming radio broadcasts now. On the website click on information, then Public Radio. Multiple channels are available: HDChannel One is world music, classical music, jazz, roots music, and talk shows; HD Channel Two is mostly classical music; and HD Channel Three is BBC radio. On Ch. 1 at noon on Sundays, Dr. Allard’s radio program, “Opus Three,” which is her personal guided tour through classical music. She finished by congratulating Dr. Damon Andrew, Dean of HHS, on the publication of his text, *Research Methods and Design in Sports Management*.

vi. Library—Mr. Webb reported that through the end of the month, SpringerLink ebooks are available on a trial basis at the library online databases. The big difference with this ebook service is that the customer can permanently download a copy of the book. This service is not available now because the library has not purchased the service. The books must be searched through the service’s site, not the library’s Webcat database. Dean Stewart added that the library is trying many ebook services on a trial basis and asking for feedback so that the library can decide which ebook service to subscribe to. The final choice will probably be a science-based service. Dr. Shelton thanked Dean Stewart for the continued efforts to upgrade our library.

G. Constitution Review—Dr. Allard had no report.

H. SGA-Faculty Senate liaisons: Mr. Davis reported that the Troy campus SGA held its annual campus safety walk-through, as Dean Reeves had reported earlier. The SGA has a meeting scheduled with Dean Reeves to discuss Wi-Fi availability on campus. The SGA is also concentrating its request on classroom buildings only. The International Student Forum requested the help of the full SGA in requesting that the University make Skype available on campus, as Skype is the major form of communication that most international students have with home, and because often universities worldwide set up conferences with Troy University International Affairs official via Skype. The SGA was informed this week that Skype is now available campus-wide. Dr. Bookout confirmed this information.

Dr. Olliff had no report, as the Dothan campus SGA had not met since the last Senate meeting.

I. Chronicle Survey Review Committee: Dr. Blum being absent, Dr. Shelton urged all faculty to respond to the survey that had been distributed by Dr. Dew. Questions should be referred to Dr. Blum, who is a member of that committee.

J. Faculty Senate Excellence Award: Dr. Shelton thanked the people who had dedicated donations to the Foundation to the Faculty Senate so that we can actually pay the winner of the award what we promise we will pay. The request for nominations for the award will be distributed soon.

7. Old Business

A. Dean Reeves reported that the campus-to-campus shuttle is not economically feasible. Even with full buses, it would cost \$25-30 per person per day. Dr. Shelton thanked Dean Reeves for undertaking the study.

8. New Business

A. Dr. Robertson expressed concerns about what appeared to be changing guidelines about the way in which conference expenses are compensated. He was worried that faculty are not fully educated as to exactly what the reimbursement procedures are, and what documentation is needed, and when. Dr. Shelton said that Dr. Bookout was present, and specific instances should be addressed to him. Dr. Bookout said that there had been no changes in documentation requirements at his office. Dr. Robertson stated that his hotel expenses had not been reimbursed in one instance because he had not booked the hotel through AST. Dr. Bookout said he would look into it. Dr. Robertson said that he was told that food expenses would not be reimbursed except for restaurant receipts, not food purchased at other locations. Dr. Alberich relayed problems she had had with knowing when the account number is or is not required. Dr. Gaillard suggested that AST be made responsible for regularly updating the faculty on rules changes. Dr. Shelton and Mr. Agboatwala expressed concerns about having AST educate University personnel about rules that are not made or enforced by AST. Dr. Bookout asked that any problems be addressed to him.

B. Dr. Shelton announced that there will be training sessions concerning Digital Measures on the Troy Campus the next day at 3:45. Dr. Vardaman said that only the most recent five years of information is required.

C. Dr. Shelton reminded the Senate that Chancellor Hawkins will address the Senate at the 30 March meeting, and urged the Senators to attend.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.