

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes

26 October, 2011

1. Call to Order-2:05 pm

2. Roll Call-Members present:

Tammy Esteves	Tom Kolasa	Marty Olliff	Treyllis Riley
Steven Taylor	Brian Webb	Jonathan Harrington	Govind Menon
Murray Widener	John Irwin	Richard Voss	Richard Scott Nokes
Johanna Alberich	Jim Davis	Ben Robertson	Cheron Hunter
Dodie Meier	Tracey Hodges	Lane Eckis	Kris Ross
Michael Burgan	Debra Lett	Regina Gaillard	Bill Heisler
Charlotte Minnick			

b. Members absent:

Bob Kitahara (with notice)

3. Approval of September Minutes-After a motion by Dr. Kolasa that was seconded by Mr. Webb, the minutes were approved.

4. Mr. Gordon Stone, the Executive Director of the Higher Education Partnership visited the Faculty Senate to discuss current circumstances facing us in Montgomery. We now have elected officials at the state House of Representatives and at the Senate that support higher education. In 2010, payroll deduction was no longer allowed in order to pay for membership of the Higher Education Partnership. To renew or become a member, go to their website at higheredpartners.org. It is only \$1 a month. Mr. Stone wishes to maintain and grow active membership. Loss of stimulus dollars has contributed to losing funding. The Higher Education Partnership asks for the return of the 1/3, 2/3 distribution of the dollars in the education trust fund. We are currently at 27% of the education trust fund. Alabama is 11th out of 16 Southeastern states in per capita income. He stated that we need to encourage more students to get higher education degrees so that the state per capita income may go up. He thanked Troy University for the support and reminded faculty that Higher Ed Day is March 1, 2012.

5. Fred Green, Troy University's Faculty Athletic Representative, came to talk to the senators. He noted that athletic schedules are approved but the student athlete is responsible for absences and excuses. The faculty athletic representatives to the SunBelt Conference have proposed several initiatives to make changes eliminate missed class time such as moving some of the women's basketball games. Another push is towards eliminating 10% of games.

If there is a problem with a student athlete, faculty can contact Mr. Matt Mayotte from Student Athlete Services or Dr. Green. There have been problems with students saying that they are student athletes. The students receive a letter in advance (most Tuesdays) and are responsible for giving them to their instructors. Feel free to email Dr. Green at fegreen@troy.edu.

Mr. Davis suggested that Faculty Senate members sending out emails to faculty add this to their info. He also suggested that faculty put this information on the syllabus.

6. President's Report

A. Elections-- College of Education Special Election-Dr. Charlotte Minnick won the election

7. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee: Mr. Davis reported that this committee met last week and approved this meeting's agenda

B. Committee on Committees: Tom Kolasa stated that some people have been emailing him but not too many. He's been scouring web sites and getting information and he'll have more to report next month.

C. Elections Committee: Johanna Alberich

i. College of Education Special Election-results already reported

D. Academic Affairs Committee: Marty Olliff-no report

E. Faculty Welfare Committee: Steven Taylor-nothing to report

F. Campus Reports

i. Dothan Campus: Marty Olliff wanted to thank Jimmy's catering and announce that Dr. Meine (the 2011 Malone award winner) will be leading in the platform party at the December commencement.

ii. Global Campus: Tammy Esteves reported that the Western Region has been centralized, the Atlantic Region should be done by mid November, and all areas by June 2012. The Confucius Institute remains active. They will be hosting the Confucius Institute Conference for the southern United States in Troy-Montgomery. Troy has 39 international Troy University students interning at Disney World in Orlando.

iii. Montgomery Campus: Tom Kolasa stated that the History and Social Science Association are planning various activities and planning for Black History Month.

A faculty member also inquired about insurance coverage on car rentals. Sohail Agboatwala responded that the Finance and Business Affair website states that Loss Damage Waiver is provided by Troy University and that Human Resources must be contacted and you must be an approved Troy University driver. This is only available when traveling on official, approved University business, as indicated in the FAQ section. For further information, please visit the Travel Center at: <http://intranet.troy.edu/finance/travel/index.html>. This website discusses what insurance coverage Troy offers for rental cars. Troy provides comprehensive and collision rental car coverage for business use only. **HUMAN RESOURCES MUST BE CONTACTED BEFORE RENTING A CAR TO VERIFY THAT YOU ARE CLEARED AS INSURABLE.** They do not cover university spouses that are not also employees. This also does not include students, but would include students who are also employees and on business travel. If you take advantage of the rates for personal use, please be advised that you are responsible for insurance coverage. The contact person at Human Resources is Abi Welch and her email is ahwelch@troy.edu.

iv. Phenix City Campus: Trellys Riley-Tomorrow Dr. Minnick will be bringing a visitor to their campus. They are involved in preparing Halloween bags.

v. Troy Campus: Steven Taylor-no report

vi. Library: Brian Webb-no report

G. SGA-Faculty Senate Liaisons

The Faculty Senate is still looking for a volunteer to be a liaison to the SGA on the Troy campus. The Dothan liaison, Marty Olliff, had nothing to report. The Montgomery liaison, Tom Kolasa, stated that there has been progress on the formation on a Montgomery SGA and would like to talk to Dothan's SGA and liaison.

8. Old Business

A. Email approval of minutes: Jim Davis- Resolution 2-2011-2012, allowing for the approval of the minutes via email was presented in an effort to help expedite putting them on the website. There was a motion for approval by Dr. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Kolasa. Then there was an open discussion. Dr. Olliff expressed his concerns and asked about putting up a draft of the minutes on the website. There was more discussion regarding the repercussions of posting a draft on the website. Dr. Taylor made a motion to amend the resolution to say "allow" instead of "provide". Dr. Kolasa seconded the motion. Motion passed. The amended resolution was then voted upon and passed.

B. Faculty Senate Communications with Faculty: Jim Davis noted that there has been a lot of discussion on this issue. Mr. Davis suggested that we leave communication with faculty open so that they anyone who wishes to email their constituents may do so.

C. International Faculty/Staff problems with HR: Dr. Allard visited the Senate to voice concerns regarding problems with international faculty and staff having visas and other documents reviewed and renewed in a timely fashion. Communications with Human Resources has been a problem. According to Dr. Allard, the person mostly responsible has left Troy University. This issue has been assigned to the Faculty Welfare Committee to look into. Dr. Taylor was told by Dr. Ingram that after compiling the information it should be sent to the Senior Director of Human Resources, Dr. Toni Taylor.

D. Other: none

9. New Business

Dodie Meier stated that the Southeast Region Counseling and Psychology faculty met last week. They asked about the progress of the Global Campus Chancellor position. Dr. Ingram stated that the search committee has reviewed the applicants and concluded that they will be continuing that search. She asked about a possible lecturer position on the Faculty Senate. Some lecturers want representation due to the increased number of lecturers. Dr. Taylor asked that she provide him more information to include with the Lecturer study.

Dr. Olliff inquired about the College of Arts & Sciences Dean search. Dr. Ingram responded that there has been some motion. Dr. Tatum thought that their recommendations would come forward by the end of October.

Murray Widener discussed communication between the Senate and the faculty. He wishes to develop a proposal to present to the Senate to improve communication. Mr. Davis asked that he discuss this with Dr. Taylor since he is on the Faculty Welfare Committee.

Tracey Hodges requested newsletters from Troy and Montgomery. Dr. Kolasa noted that she is not his constituent. There was discussion on this issue. Dr. Kolasa then did agree to forward his newsletter.

Tammy Esteves was having problems keeping up with faculty email addresses in Global Campus.

10. Adjournment-Dr. Marty Olliff moved to adjourn. This was seconded by Dr. Taylor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 pm.