

FACULTY SENATE
Minutes
28 March 2012

1. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

a. Members present:

Tom Kolasa	Marty Olliff	Treylis Riley	Cheron Hunter
Brian Webb	Jim Davis	Govind Menon	Murray Widener
John Irwin	Debra Lett	Johanna Alberich	Richard Voss
Ben Robertson	Dodie Meier	Lane Eckis	Richard Scott Nokes
Regina Gaillard	Bill Heisler	Bob Kitahara	Charlotte Minnick
Tracey Hodges			

b. Members absent:

Kris Ross (absent with notice)	Jonathan Harrington (absent with notice)
Steven Taylor (absent with notice)	Tammy Esteves (absent with notice)
Michael Burgan	

3. President's Report

A. Faculty Senate and Standing Committee elections-This issue was addressed under the Elections Committee.

4. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee: Jim Davis reported that this committee did not formally meet this month.

B. Committee on Committees: Tom Kolasa reported on the Institutional Effectiveness Committee. They are looking at a few different packages of software. They are reviewing and coming out with a new handbook.

C. Elections Committee: Johanna Alberich announced that there was a Call for Candidates for the 2012-2013 Faculty Senate and Standing Committees. All information from candidates is due to Jim Davis on Monday, April 2 by 5 p.m. central time. Elections will be April 25 to April 27. Jim Davis added that he will be sending a follow up email.

D. Academic Affairs Committee: Marty Olliff stated that he has been communicating with Jonathan Harrington. 1500 individual invitations to participate in a faculty survey on the use of technology in the classroom will be sent from Harrington's email account in waves over a couple of weeks.

E. Faculty Welfare Committee: Steven Taylor-No report

F. Campus Reports

i. Dothan Campus: Marty Olliff-Phi Alpha Theta had a meeting on the Dothan Campus March 3rd. On Sunday, April 15, they will have a student research forum. Dothan Campus Heritage Week will be April 16-20 ending with the Honors Convocation on April 20. George Wallace Jr. will be on campus on April 19.

ii. Global Campus: Tammy Esteves-No report.

iii. Montgomery Campus: Tom Kolasa reported that Black History month was a success. The History and Social Science Club went to the Enlisted Air Force Museum on Gunter. They will be going to Atlanta to the CNN building and to go to the Aquarium. The Montgomery campus is also interested in starting a yearbook.

iv. Phenix City Campus: Trellys Riley-Groundbreaking ceremony on April 7 at 4pm. Later that day the Troy football team will be there for a scrimmage. There will also be a mixer with CVCC to spread information about their programs.

v. Troy Campus: Steven Taylor-No report. Jim Davis reminded us that Saturday, March 31 will be Spring Preview Day.

vi. Library: Brian Webb noted that there will be a Mark Twain 100 Years Later program coming up in April. A character actor will be performing in Montgomery April 9 and in Troy and Dothan Tuesday, April 10. A grant is providing funding for the performance.

G. SGA-Faculty Senate Liaisons-Marty Olliff reported that the Dothan SGA have and will be conducting student forums where students meet and express their concerns. He mentioned that Jim Smith in Montgomery had contacted the Dothan SGA. Tom Kolasa added that there were some similar forums on his campus. He confirmed that the Montgomery campus has indeed contacted the Dothan campus SGA and will attempt to visit them in the near future.

Jim Davis reminded the Senate that they are still looking for Troy campus SGA. Charlotte Minnick volunteered to be the SGA Troy campus representative.

5. Old Business

A. Survey of Faculty tele-teaching practices-Jonathan Harrington/Marty Olliff- This topic was presented under the Academic Affairs Committee.

6. New Business

A. University Firearm policy- A student approached a faculty member regarding the current firearm policy. Dean Reeves sent Jim Davis pages 42-43 of the Oracle (Item #11). The Oracle states that only “duly sworn law enforcement officers can possess a weapon on campus”. Off duty officers must display a badge. No weapons of any sort are allowed on campus.

Dr. Kolasa did some research on this topic and stated that the Oracle is in agreement with Alabama state law. He recommended putting up signs. Hal Fulmer recommended that this issue be discussed with Herb Reeves.

B. Other new business-There was no new business.

7. Adjournment-Tom Kolasa motioned for adjournment. Brian Webb seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:27.