

TROY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING

MINUTES

February 26, 2013

I. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm.

II. Roll Call

a. Members present:

Tom Kolasa	Richard Voss	Trellys Riley	Cheron Hunter Davis
Ruth Elder	James Cargal	Bill Heisler	Dianne Eppler
Rick Turpin	Richard Scott Nokes	Johanna Alberich	Lane Boyte Eckis
Alan Wright	Christi Magrath	Jonathan Harrington	David Carlson
Debra Lett			

b. Members absent:

Deborah Rushing - absent with notice, Govind Menon - absent with notice, Charlotte Minnick - absent with notice, Michael Burgan- absent with notice, Ben Robertson- absent with notice, Steven L. Taylor - absent with notice, Tammy Esteves-absent with notice, Dodie Meier, Murray Widener

III. President's Report-Scott Nokes noted that due to the work of the ad hoc Committee of International Travel Funding, changes have been made for the better. With the new AOP, Chancellor's Initiative monies are now being reviewed by faculty and they are making sure that the proposals get reviewed relatively quickly.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee: Scott Nokes met with this committee last week and discussed the agenda for today's meeting.
- b. Committee on Committees: Tom Kolasa reported on the Institutional Effectiveness Committee's meeting from May 2012. New SOLs (Student Outcome Learning) were looked at. The Economics Bachelor of Arts was shelved indefinitely. They also had to submit some issues to accreditation committees. They looked at Homer compilation and started a new initiative on student support services. (Note: The BS in Economics has since been approved and it set to begin effective Fall 2013)
- c. Elections Committee: Johanna Alberich announced that this year's elections will be held on April 24-April 26, 2013. A call for candidates will be sent out in a few weeks.
- d. Academic Affairs Committee: Jonathan Harrington-No report
- e. Faculty Welfare Committee: Steven Taylor-No report

II. Campus Reports

- a. Dothan Campus: Richard Voss reported that the Dothan Campus faculty has joined local business leaders to serve as judges in a new annual event, the Youth Career Expo and Competition, at four area middle and magnet schools. The Dothan Campus held a career fair on Valentine's Day, featuring several area employers, including the Army Aviation Federal Credit Union, Alabama Department of Corrections, Becker Professional Education, Southeast Alabama Medical Center, and others. The Dothan Campus also held a special program for

Black History Month, led by Dr. Debora Pettway, and a Jewish Film Festival series, led by Christopher Shaffer, both in Sony Hall. The Dothan Campus will hold a Student Research Forum on April 14, organized by Dr. Marty Olliff, featuring paper presentations and a poster session. The Entrepreneurship Group and Workforce Development Group of the Dothan Economic Summit on Jobs, headed by Dothan faculty, continue their year-long projects to help bring business to the Dothan area.

- b. Global Campus: Tammy Esteves-no report
 - c. Montgomery Campus: Tom Kolasa reported that the STAR club showed the movie Brave. The club will be going to the Space Center in Huntsville, AL. They will be starting up another drive for disabled children.
 - d. Phenix City Campus: Trellys Riley reported that the students, faculty and staff across the Phenix City campus continue their suitcase and backpack drive for the Homeless Resource Network. There has been great participation; however, the organization expressed an ongoing need for homeless to put their belongings in and carry. The drive will end March 30. The Instructional Leadership students conducted a workshop for aspiring teachers to gain professional development training last week. The Education Department hosted a SMART Board workshop on February 25 for local Russell County teachers. The Phenix City Sorrell College of Business is joining efforts to provide students the opportunity to gain international experience with a blend of academic, corporate and cultural experiences. This international experience will concentrate on the rich Costa Rican culture and its economy which is focused on sustainability and green businesses. The study abroad is set for May.
 - e. Troy Campus: Steven Taylor-No report
 - f. Library: Ruth Elder announced that the Montgomery library is now going to be open on Saturdays.
- III. SGA-Faculty Senate Liaisons:
- a. Dothan- The Dothan SGA is busy publicizing Higher Education Day (Thursday, Feb. 28). SGA officers will be taking a busload of students from Dothan to Montgomery to participate in the event. The Dothan SGA held a bake sale for Valentine's Day. The Dothan SGA will hold its Spring Picnic April 17, with a theme from the 1980s.
 - b. Montgomery-The Montgomery SGA is prepping for Higher Ed day and SGA elections. A retreat is being planned for next month for the officers. They also noted lower enrollments in Montgomery.
 - c. Troy-The SGA elections have finished. Cody Farrill is the new SGA President and will take office in April.
- IV. Old Business
- a. None
- V. New Business
- a. Policies regarding non-subscription e-mails- Scott Nokes explained that these emails are sent to all users and the users are not subscribed to them. Some

people were getting their emails rejected. Emails need to be reviewed and there seems to be a lack of clarity. Scott Nokes will be meeting with IT tomorrow to discuss this. The Senate will continue to post Faculty Senate business on the Blackboard page. Tom Kolasa noted that in Montgomery it is unclear as to what is happening. He brought up some possible recommendations. Nokes recommended that faculty be patient, send things out early, and try not to send things to all users.

- b. Overload policy- Lee Vardaman updated the Senate on the subcommittee's recommendation of the new overload policy to the Academic Steering Committee. Hopefully they will approve it soon. They recommended that ranked faculty can teach up to an additional 12 semester hours per academic year with a max 6 overload hours per semester. No change was recommended for other faculty. He reminded the faculty that overloads are not a right or guarantee. This is the maximum amount that can be allowed. The deans must approve all overloads. Jonathan Harrington asked Lee Vardaman to clarify how he knows that research output has increased. Vardaman responded that Digital Measures helped show there was indeed an increase in scholarly activity.
- VI. Adjourn-There was a motion for adjournment by Tom Kolasa that was seconded by Jonathan Harrington. The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 pm.