

## TROY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING

### MINUTES

January 30, 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	Ben Robertson
Ruth Elder	James Cargal	Bill Heisler	Dianne Eppler
Rick Turpin	Richard Scott Nokes	Johanna Alberich	Tammy Esteves
Deborah Rushing	Charlotte Minnick	Steven L. Taylor	Alan Wright
Murray Widener	Lane Boyte Eckis	Christi McGrath	Michael Burgan

b. Members absent:

Jonathan Harrington - absent with notice, Govind Menon - absent with notice, David Carlson - absent with notice, Debra Lett- absent with notice, Cheron Hunter Davis, Dodie Meier

I. President's Report-Scott Nokes reminded all senators to give to the Annual Fund and to consider making the money go specifically to the Faculty Senate.

II. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee: Scott Nokes stated that this committee met last week.
- b. Committee on Committees: Tom Kolasa reported that the Graduate Council met in October. They discussed publishing the thesis online but determined that it would be too costly. Three people asked for an 8 year waver and were denied. They announced a new Masters in History program.
- c. Elections Committee: Johanna Alberich noted that spring elections will begin soon and work has begun preparing for them.
- d. Academic Affairs Committee: Jonathan Harrington-no report
- e. Faculty Welfare Committee: Steven Taylor –no report

I. Campus Reports

- a. Dothan Campus: Richard Voss reported that the Sorrell College of Business has been working with Lemonade Day, a national nonprofit organization promoting entrepreneurship among young people. Dothan faculty members, the Dothan mayor, and business leaders met this morning at the Chamber of Commerce with Julie Eberly, President of the organization, to discuss bringing the program to the Dothan area. Dr. Skip Ames has also recently met with Mr. Ray Cheng and members of the Alabama-China Partnership in Montgomery, to discuss ways to tailor Dothan programs to Chinese business leaders' needs and to develop a China Business Research Center on the Dothan Campus. On February 7, the Dothan Campus will host "Hidden Histories: Artistic Expression and Cultural Resistance in the Shackelford Family Photographs," associated with the doctoral research of Andrew Nelson of the University of Maryland. Through mid-February, the Dothan Campus is currently hosting the traveling exhibit, "Both Sides of the Lens: Photographs from the Shackelford Family of Fayette County, Alabama, 1900-1935," an African-American photographic history. 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 reported that the Council of College and Military Educators will be meeting soon. The eColloquim will take place on April 16 and 17, 2013, where they will be giving away several Kindle Fires. You have to be present to win. Dave Barron is now serving as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Military Affairs. Tammy also encouraged faculty to contact Dr. Shader to get help with instructional design.
  - c. Montgomery Campus: Tom Kolasa noted that the Ambassador-at-Large Program currently had an ambassador touring Montgomery. A new English Club was launched. STAR will do the Southern Poverty Law Center tour.
  - d. Phenix City Campus: Trellys Riley reported that during their recent United Way Campaign, the Phenix City campus faculty and staff had the opportunity to tour some of the non-profit organizations in the community. They toured the Homeless Resource Network, Inc. and learned about the issues facing those who are homeless in the community. They learned that there is an ongoing need for used suitcases and backpacks. As a campus outreach project our campus is holding a backpack drive now through March 1. The ALSDE conducted ARI (Alabama Reading Initiative) Training for our students January 2 – 4 and will be back on campus tomorrow, January 31, training reading specialists from our neighboring school systems. Dr. Ingram and Dr. Rinehart, chair of the Term Conversion Committee visited the Phenix City Campus December 19 to meet with faculty regarding the conversion to terms beginning in fall 2013. Dr. Rinehart, will be back on campus in February to continue to work with the faculty on our campus.
  - e. Troy Campus: Steven Taylor reported that the ambassador will be speaking on the Troy campus tomorrow.
  - f. Library: Ruth Elder-no report
- III. SGA-Faculty Senate Liaisons:
- a. Dothan-SGA: According to Richard Voss, the Dothan SGA is currently planning the Spring picnic, for April 17. In an effort to reach back into the murky depths of history, the SGA has selected a 1980s theme for the picnic. SGA officers have also recently fielded a questionnaire, entitled “The Redevelopment of the SGA,” to draw ideas on how to enhance student recourse to the SGA to address identifiable issues in which the SGA may be able to mediate. Anticipated examples of highly useful SGA subcommittees may include Traffic Appeals Committee, Plagiarism Appeals Committee, and other roles of substantive, highly visible value to Dothan students.
  - b. Montgomery-According to Tom Kolasa, the Montgomery SGA has been busier than usual. They were accepting donations for a school for the disabled. There will be a retreat next month. They are planning for a first full election.
  - c. Troy-SGA: According to Charlotte Minnick, the Troy SGA has been working on the student discount card. They also did Toys for Tots at Christmas and had a huge

turnout. They are trying to encourage student participation in athletic events such as basketball, softball and track and field. They encourage everyone to take the survey from the Dining Hall. They are planning a walk around the campus night to look at where there may be lack of lighting.

IV. Old Business

- a. None

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- a. Policies regarding online classes and courseload-The policy regarding the final number of classes for overload is yet to be determined. There is a committee that will be meeting next week. They will discuss courseload and whether or not the online class will be load or overload. Dr. Ingram added that the committee will make a recommendation. Then, it will go to the Academic Steering Committee that will then act upon the recommendation. He is hoping that the first week of February will be when the policy on overload will be made. After this decision, each college will examine the policy and make decisions based on it. Charlotte Minnick asked for the names of the committee members. They are Christi McGrath, Damon Andrew, James Rinehart, Bill Heisley, Lee Vardaman, Larry Blocher, Hal Fulmer, and Jan Oliver.

VI. Adjourn-There was a motion to adjourn by Alan Wright that was seconded by Tom Kolasa. The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 pm.