

**Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
June 24, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 2:02PM by President Rosser-Mims.

Members Present: Tammy Esteves, Jonathan Taylor, Trellys Riley, Richard Voss, Ruth Elder, Margaret Gnionska, Vijaya Gomba, Zhiyong Wang, Lane Eckis, Amanda Paul, , Johanna Alberich, Christi Magrath, Dionne Rosser-Mims, Jeffrey Ickes, Joel Campbell, Dianne Eppler, Ron Shehane, John Jinright, , Tonya Conner, Catherine Allard.

Members Absent: David Carlson, Jason Orrock, Keri Outlaw (Notice), Maureen Casile, Gina Mariano (Notice),

Others present: Richard Nokes, Lee Vardaman, Hal Fulmer, Karen Shader, Sohail Agboatwalla, Michael Stewart (senator-elect), Michael Slobodchikoff (senator-elect).

I. President's report-

- A. This is first senate meeting conducted entirely via WebEx. Please be patient.
- B. Welcome to new senators and congratulations to senators re-elected to faculty senate.
- C. Next year's senate will continue resolution work to address issues raised in faculty survey.

II. Committee on Committees –No report.

III. Elections Committee –No report.

IV. Faculty Welfare Committee. – submitted by Vijaya Gomba

Faculty Welfare Committee addresses any concerns raised by faculty. The committee worked with other committees and senate to present resolutions. Resolution 3 regarding the development of evaluation process for department chairs, division directors and academic deans was approved by full senate. Resolution 4 regarding the curricular changes was discussed and tabled for further analysis. I have requested all committee members who worked on the resolution past year, and now I am appealing to all senators to find out whether there is any process for approving curricular changes prior to academic councils in your department and college. In addition, please let us know if such process exists how well it is being followed. -

V. Other Reports: -

Dothan Campus: (Submitted by Richard Voss)

Students from the College of Education at the Dothan Campus are currently holding this year's Summer Spectacular educational camp for children, at Kelly Springs Elementary School, near the campus. Organized by Dr. Cynthia Hicks, the theme this year is "Cross-Cultural Explorations." Children from the Dothan area have been exploring the cultures of Egypt, Germany, Japan, and Mexico.

For over the past month, the Troy University Library at the Dothan Campus has been hosting the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibit, called "The Way We Worked," which features images and narratives of American work life over the course of our history. Organized by Dr. Marty Olliff, the exhibit has included a series of special events and contests. It ends tomorrow.

The Dothan Campus will once again be hosting the NxLevel series for starting new businesses, beginning July 16. Organized by Judy Callen, Director of Troy University's Small Business Development Center, the 10-week course focuses on business plan development for new startups. This is the second iteration of the series this calendar year.

a. Sorrell College of Business – Submitted by Richard Voss

This past May 26, the Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Innovation at the Dothan Campus, in collaboration with the Entrepreneurship Council, held its first entrepreneurial networking event of this calendar year. For July 9, the Center has organized a seminar at the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce on "Financing Your Business," featuring representatives from the Small Business Administration and local banks.

- b. **Global Campus** – no report
Montgomery Campus – no report
- c. **Phenix City Campus** Submitted by Trellys A. Riley
Riverfront Campus is a reality. Building dedication is July 9th at 3 PM. Everyone is invited.
- d. **Troy Campus** – No report

VI. SGA Reports

- a. **Dothan** Submitted by Richard Voss
The Dothan Campus SGA held its induction ceremony for new officers this past May 15, in the Sony Theater. This year's officers include President Alexis Vincent, Vice President Maulik Chaudhari, Secretary Lisa Jo Williams, and Clerk Kaitlin Reese, along with Senators representing their respective schools. Two of this coming year's officers were Senators this past year.
- b. **Montgomery** – No report
- c. **Troy**- No Report

VII. Old Business –

VIII. New Business

- A. Dr. Karen Shader will address faculty concerns over the new required eTroy Online Course Template.

Dr. Shader: Executive decision was made to adopt a common template.

1. A similar template has been adopted by most General Studies classes, Nursing DNP , Nursing RN to BSN. The template is student-centric and based on best practice including quality matters. We had good feedback from 1145 students in 244 courses. And positive feedback from faculty.
2. Conversion initiative will last one year. eTROY Instructional Design will help faculty convert courses to the new template.
3. Content – activities - assessments are still faculty-driven. The template helps students identify course expectations and the resources.

Q- Standardization generally leads to mind-numbing content. Example = COE syllabi with 20+ pages that no one reads.

A – Template contains core “buttons” with some core information. Online students will find that their courses are consistently organized. Adult learners need structure and to know that the faculty member is there ready to teach. Faculty can still vary content and retain course flexibility. Adult learners need expectations clearly stated. The template lets you keep creativity and flexibility in online teaching and learning.

Q- Is there freedom to add tabs to left side?

A- Talk with your designer.

A few faculty commented that the standard template will appear to students like “canned” courses. They asked for communication to go out to students about this initiative (its purpose, what the courses will look like over time, why courses will look alike , how will they be different, etc.). Dr. Shader will bring the request forward.

Q/Comment- RE: Communication = vital

Q- Why are syllabi due 2 weeks prior to term start?

A- Dr. Fortune will provide additional info about this. Ask her.

Q- I used new template; the l.h. side is stifling and now it's harder to upload assignments.

A – You can't change button names, but how you set up assignments can vary. IF there's a different button you need, your designer can help.

Q- A lot of folks were blindsided by the changes. Can we communicate better in future?

A- Decision was made early this month. Designers worked with new faculty; we knew some faculty didn't have time to convert for Term I.

Faculty who have additional questions are urged to contact Dr. Shader at kshader@troy.edu.

B. Executive Committee/Officer Elections.

Nominations =

President – Dionne Rosser-Mims

Vice President – Lane Eckis

Secretary – Margaret Gnionska

Motions to elect – Passed.

“Looking forward to a new year.”

C. Resolution 5-2014-2015 Meeting Times

2015-2016 Faculty Senate Meeting Schedule

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate Constitution requires that the Senate approve a schedule for meetings at the last scheduled meeting of the year for the upcoming academic year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following is the schedule for the Faculty Senate for the 2015-2016 academic year. All regular meetings of the Faculty Senate will begin at 2:00 PM CT.

FACULTY SENATE SCHEDULE

2015-2016

August 26, 2015 – Wednesday

September 29, 2015 – Tuesday

October 28, 2015 – Wednesday

November 17, 2015 – Tuesday

December – No meeting

January 27, 2016 – Wednesday

February 23, 2016 – Tuesday

March 30, 2016 – Wednesday

April 26, 2016 – Tuesday

May – No meeting

June 22, 2016 – Wednesday

Motion – Allard, 2nd. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned @ 2:50PM

Addendum I - OSP News= OSP News

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Recent/Upcoming Events:

June 6, 2015 – July 18, 2015

Leon Levy Ashkelon Expedition

Chosen Scholars

Ashkelon, Israel

June - July 2015

Alabama Humanities Foundation

Literature and the Veteran Experience

Book Discussion Group
Troy University - Phenix City Campus

June 29, 2015 – July 12, 2015
Startalk Camp
Troy University – Troy Campus

For more information on these events, call the Office of Sponsored Programs 3102.

Recent Grant Award Highlights:

Arts and Sciences:

Troy University has six student scholars participating in the Harvard Semitic Museum and Leon Levy Expedition to Ashkelon, Israel this summer. The students participate in the archaeological field work taking place at Ashkelon, Israel.

The International Center on Nonviolent Conflict Curriculum Fellowships awarded Dr. Jenny Brooks the Curriculum Fellowship on Civil Resistance.

Education:

The American Psychiatric Foundation funded the Typical or Troubled School Mental Health Education Program with Dr. Jason Orrock.

Center for Student Success:

Thanks to a grant from South Arts, Troy University will take place in the Southern Circuit Film Tour. Films will be shown throughout the 2015/2016 school year, and include presentations by the film makers.

Library:

The Dothan campus library is hosting the Museum on Main Street traveling exhibit "The Way We Worked". This exhibit is funded by The Alabama Humanities Foundation along with the Smithsonian Institute. The exhibit closes Friday, June 26th. For more information please visit <http://spectrum.troy.edu/TWWW/>.

Webinars: Look for emails on upcoming available webinars.

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