

Approved Minutes for the Faculty Senate Meeting

June 21, 2017

- I. Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by President Margaret Gnoinska via Web Ex.
- II. **Members present:** Jennings Byrd, Brittany Armstrong, Tonya Conner, George Crowley, Trey Fitch, Margaret Gnoinska, William Heisler, Jeffrey Ickes, John Jinright, Kelly Johnson, Paige Paquette, Jeff Simpson, Michael Slobodchikoff, and Zhiyong Wang. (New Senators Patrick Faircloth and Carolyn Russell)

Members absent: Catherine Allard (no notice), Joel Campbell (excused), Sherrionda Crawford (no notice), Dianne Eppler (excused), Jacqueline Jones (excused), Robert Kruckeberg (excused), Gary Manfready (excused), Gina Mariano (excused), Dabney McKenzie (excused), Michael Stewart (excused-retired), Jonathan Taylor (no notice), and Joe Teng (no notice).
- III. Dr. Gnoinska made note that the minutes from the April meeting have been approved and will be available on the Faculty Senate website.
- IV. **Executive Committee-** Dr. Gnoinska
 - Dr. Gnoinska thanked all of the senators for their hard work and time over the year. She discussed the success of the faculty survey. Dr. Gnoinska thanked Dr. Jinright for his preparation and presentation of the survey results. She feels that positive results have already come from the survey results.
 - Dr. Gnoinska stated it was a busy year with the OER initiative. She thanked everyone for the hard work, input, and contributions to the conversation about OER.
 - Dr. Gnoinska recognized the senators who have completed their service: Dr. Allard, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Jones, Dr. Wang, Dr. Conner, Dr. Ickes, and Dr. Campbell.
 - Dr. Gnoinska welcomed the new senators who will be joining for the 2017-2018 academic year: Dr. Arteta, Dr. Davis, Dr. Faircloth, Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Roufagalas, Dr. Russell, and Dr. Wijekularathna. She noted there is still an empty faculty senate position for the College of Communication and Fine Arts which needs to be filled.
 - Dr. Gnoinska was pleased with the progress the senate made this year, but there is still work to do such as issues with communication, challenges in research funding, increasing endowment, and OER. We must assure we find cost-effective resources that are strong academic quality. We also need to determine ways to increase faculty morale.
- V. **Committee on Committees-** Dr. Slobodchikoff
 - Dr. Slobodchikoff shared that most committees have not met because of the summer.
 - The Graduate Academic Council is the only committee that has recently met.
- VI. **Elections Committee-** Dr. Paquette
 - Dr. Paquette stated there will have to be in-house elections in the College of Communications and Fine Arts for the position that were not filled in the recent elections. These elections should take place at the beginning of the fall semester.

- VII. **Academic Affairs Committee-** Dr. Heisler
- Dr. Heisler related remarks from Dr. Cavin's email to him regarding the OER article published previously in *Trojan Cafe*. Dr. Cavin was replying to Dr. Heisler's email on behalf of the Faculty Senate inquiring about various aspects of the article.
- VIII. **Faculty Welfare Committee-** Dr. Jinright- No Report
- IX. **Educational Technology Committee-** Dr. Wang
- Dr. Wang thanked the senate for the opportunities he has had over the last few years. He wished everyone good luck and offered to collaborate with new committee members .
 - Dr. Gnoinska asked Dr. Wang if there had been any further discussion about the 2 Troy websites. He said many have mentioned it is a problem, but no solutions have been offered. Dr. Wang also wanted to say thank you to Dr. Greg Price for all of his support of the committee.
 - Dr. Gnoinska suggested the senate might want to invite Dr. Price or Donna Clark Schubert to a meeting next year. She thanked Dr. Wang for his service to the senate.
- X. **Appreciation Day Committee-** Dr. Conner
- Dr. Conner thanked the senate for the opportunity to serve, and she thanked everyone who helped with Student Appreciate Day this year. She offered to help the senator who takes over the responsibility for next year.
- XI. **College and Campus Committee Reports**
- XII. **Dothan-** Dr. Conner-
- The Summer Spectacular hosted by the College of Education was a huge success.
- XIII. **Global Campus-** Dr. Fitch-
- Dr. Fitch mentioned concern with some accreditation issues. Dr. Gnoinska asked if there are any updates on the use of the name Global Campus. Dr. Fitch said the sites operating outside of the state of Alabama are now called support sites, but they are still informally called Global Campus.
- XIV. **Montgomery-** Dr. Taylor
- Dr. Gnoinska mentioned the Confucius Institute has been active on the campus. Jeff Simpson mentioned that library patronage is down. Since the history and English programs were lost as majors, 600 books were moved from Montgomery to Troy.
- XV. **Phenix City-** (Dr. Paquette)
- Along with many other activities on the Phenix City Campuses, the College of Education is excited to offer their Summer Spectacular at the 431 Campus.
- XVI. **Troy-** Dr Johnson
- Dr. Johnson reminded the senate that Impact sessions are under way, and the construction on the stadium is still going strong. Dr. Gnoinska asked if any of the senators have been involved in Impact sessions. Dr. Slobodchikoff said he had met with impact students, and the interactions had been fun.
 - Dr. Gnoinska asked if anyone knew what enrollment was expected to be for this academic year, but no one provided any information.
- XVII. **Old Business-** None

XVIII. **New Business**

- Dr. Conner expressed concern about confusion about hybrid courses and blended programs with ten month contract pay. However, she would hope the situation would continue to be investigated to assure that all aspects were correctly understood.
- Dr. Gnoinska introduced the new resolution for the 2017-2018 Faculty Senate meeting schedule. The days alternate each month between Tuesdays and Wednesdays to minimize attendance conflicts. The June meeting will remain a Web Ex meeting. Dr. Gnoinska asked if Web Ex was an acceptable format for everyone. The resolution is included in the minutes and as an individual document.

RESOLUTION 3-2016-2017

2017-2018 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 2017-2018 academic year. **All regular meetings of the Faculty Senate will begin at 2:00 PM CT.**

FACULTY SENATE SCHEDULE 2017-2018

August 30, 2017 – Wednesday

September 26, 2017 – Tuesday

October 25, 2017 – Wednesday

November 14, 2017 – Tuesday

December – No meeting

January 31, 2018 – Wednesday

February 27, 2018 – Tuesday

March 28, 2018 – Wednesday

April 24, 2018 – Tuesday

May – No meeting

June 20, 2018 – Wednesday – **via WebEX**

- Dr. Gnoinska asked for a motion to pass this resolution. Dr. Heisler made the motion, and Dr. Jennings seconded the motion. The resolution passed with a unanimous vote.
 - Dr. Gnoinska reminded senators that they could Web Ex if they could not attend in person. The policy is two unexcused absences.
- Dr. Gnoinska asked Dr. Paquette about the voting for 2017-2018 Faculty Senate Officers. Dr. Paquette reported the elections were uncontested. Dr. Gnoinska will

remain Faculty Senate President. Dr. Paquette will serve as Vice President, and Dr. Kruckeberg will serve as Secretary.

- Dr. Gnoinska thanked the senate for the vote of confidence, and assured that she, as well as the other officers, would strive to improve on the areas mentioned earlier in the meeting.
- Dr. Gnoinska informed the senate that the new Dean of International Programs is Ms. Maria Frigge. Ms. Frigge is very willing to work with the senate. She also wanted to assure the senate knew there are new opportunities in South Korea in Business, Sports Management, Nursing, and History.
- Dr. Gnoinska also assured the senate was aware that Ms. Becky Watson has been named the new Associate Vice Chancellor of Economic Development, and Ms. Watson is also very willing to work with the Senate.
- Dr. Gnoinska expressed her sincere thanks to Dr. Slobodchikoff for serving as Vice President. While he will be remaining on the senate, he is to be congratulated for his new position as Chair of the Political Science Department.
- The senate briefly discussed the switch from Blackboard to Canvas. While the training seems time consuming to many instructors, several of the senators have heard students say it is more user friendly, and they prefer it.

No other topics were introduced during the meeting. The meeting was adjourned. Everyone was wished a great summer, and the next meeting will be on August 30, 2017.