

## TROY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING

### MINUTES

October 31, 2012

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

II. Roll Call

a. Members present:

Tom Kolasa	Richard Voss	Trellys Riley	Michael Burgan
Ruth Elder	James Cargal	Bill Heisler	Jonathan Harrington
Alan Wright	Rick Turpin	Richard Scott Nokes	Johanna Alberich
David Carlson	Ben Robertson	Christi McGrath	Govind Menon
Murray Widener	Deborah Rushing	Lane Boyte Eckis	Charlotte Minnick
Steven L. Taylor	Debra Lett	Dianne Eppler	

b. Members absent:

Tammy Esteves -absent with notice    Cheron Hunter Davis    Dodie Meier

III. President's Report-Dr. Nokes reported that he has been setting up meetings on various Troy campuses so that faculty may voice their concerns. He asked senators to encourage faculty to use Blackboard to raise discussions. Dr. Ingram asked for two members of the Faculty Senate to serve on workgroup to explore adjunct and full time faculty teaching load and overload. Bill Heisler and Christi McGrath will be working with that group. John Hartwell, the Director of Athletics, will be coming to next month's meeting. Dr. Nokes met with the Research Council. Judy Fulmer will be coming to the next meeting.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee: Scott Nokes-This committee met. They will be meeting again early next month (November 15) so if there are any issues, address them with Dr. Nokes soon. This committee also discussed the minutes. Dr. Alberich will now be taking over all aspects related to the minutes which include the distribution and voting on them.
- b. Committee on Committees: Tom Kolasa reported on the Marketing and Communication Committee: car tags are doing well, they need to update their website
- c. Elections Committee: Johanna Alberich-no report
- d. Academic Affairs Committee: Jonathan Harrington-no report
- e. Faculty Welfare Committee: Steven Taylor stated that he has some things in progress.

V. Campus Reports

- a. Dothan Campus: Richard Voss reported that this past month, the Dothan Campus hosted the Dothan City Manager and other city leaders for an all-day

retreat, and an all-day Alabama Law Update to serve the local legal profession. Dr. Marty Olliff began a monthly guest speaker series featuring historian, museum curator, and preservationist Dr. Ed Vaughn, who spoke on "The African American Connection to the World." The Dothan Campus Library hosted Holocaust survivor Ms. Ann Rosenheck, who addressed the Campus concerning her first-hand accounts of the Auschwitz and Dachau concentration camps. The Entrepreneurship Group of the Dothan Economic Summit on Jobs will hold a general meeting November 5, concerning ongoing plans for promoting economic development in Dothan.

- b. Global Campus: Tammy Esteves was not present.
- c. Montgomery Campus: Tom Kolasa reported that the History and Social Science Club (STAR) went to ZooBoo. They are planning on going to the Fort Toulouse, AL, days. They also participated in the House to House charity event. The Montgomery campus had a Town Hall meeting where various topics were discussed.
- d. Phenix City Campus: Trellys Riley reported that the Theta Sigma Phi Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota (National Honor Society in Counseling) presented a workshop this past Saturday on how to pass the comprehensive exams which covered all core counseling areas. On October 25, the PC Troy Faculty and Staff hosted a mixer with Chattahoochee Valley Community College – complete with barbeque. Sigma Alpha Sigma, the service organization for social work, provided games and candy for children at the Open Door Ministries last week. Our senate president, Scott Nokes, will be visiting the Phenix City campus next week on November 8. Dr. Riley has been appointed to represent the faculty senate on the committee for transitioning Phenix City campus from a semester calendar to a term calendar.
- e. Troy Campus: Steven Taylor gave no report.
- f. Library: Ruth Elder announced that there are now working bathrooms in the Troy campus library. There are some databases that are down due to the storm. There is a new library website [www.trojan.troy.edu/library](http://www.trojan.troy.edu/library).

VI. SGA-Faculty Senate Liaisons:

- a. Dothan- The Dothan SGA held meetings October 2 and 17, presided by President Keah Chambers. Yesterday and today, the SGA has been holding its special student forum (no professors allowed) to raise various student issues, which the SGA leadership will then carry to a faculty panel to discuss solutions. The intent of the forum is to give students a greater sense of voice and improve the vertical lines of communication.
- b. Montgomery-They are helping with Homecoming and are completing the draft for the constitution that they will base on the Dothan one. They are hoping to do some more social events.
- c. Troy-The SGA has been working hard to register students to vote. They registered over 750 students. They are working on evaluating campus safety. They did a night walk. The findings were sent to Dr. Dew and Herb Reeves. They

are working on Homecoming. On January 17, the SGA will host a panel discussion on the upcoming legislative session to talk about issues facing higher education. They are also working on student discount cards.

d. Phenix City has no SGA.

VII. Old Business

a. None

VIII. New Business

- a. Chancellor's International Initiative and other travel changes-With a new AOP, now the CII will be given out by committee. The Faculty Senate President will be serving on that as well as 2 faculty members. Dr. Fulmer mentioned that if applying for the CII, there will be a few more approval lines by members of the committee added to the approval form. He will be sending out an email with some suggested dates. There is a hierarchy that focuses on study abroad. There will be a first review date probably at the beginning of spring semester. Dr. Ingram added that we are trying to watch spending now rather than later. Dr. Kolasa mentioned that some faculty members on his campus had some concerns regarding the priority and expressed some concerns on whether or not approved funding will be taken away. Dr. Ingram responded that there should be a priority placed on spending related to travel for those early in the tenure process. The issue on previously approved funding was taken on a case by case basis and nobody who had paid registration or bought a plane ticket was denied funding. Dr. Taylor asked how to allocate travel funds for the faculty when they are not at the same campus as the chair. Dr. Ingram said that the answer was not clear cut. There are some funds allocated for this. A representative from the College of Business noted that location doesn't matter but it is authorized by function. Dr. Nokes said that it is safe to say that when in doubt, talk to the dean.
- b. Presentation by Greg Price, Chief Technology Officer-Greg Price noted that this year had the most attendance at the IT Summit. Mr. Price clarified that the survey regarding the interactive technologies in the classroom was not under his department. He mentioned a few projects. One is in relation to course capture or lecture capture called VBrick. If anyone is interested in using it let him know. Another item he discussed was bandwidth. They have requested funding for additional bandwidth to remedy some issues. This will be reviewed in the spring if attendance is up. We use the state of Alabama's network and therefore we have to comply with them. One requested item is DropBox. He proposes creating a hybrid network. A question was asked regarding lecture capture. Mr. Price responded the VBrick would allow faculty to address this need. He would like to form a group that works with faculty so that there can be a frequent

dialog on educational technologies. He asked that there be one faculty member from each college. Dr. Nokes requested the faculty members from each college find a person to serve on this committee. Greg Price stated that \$80,000 is needed to meet current buffering needs. Dr. Nokes asked how we can request changes on our main website. Price explained the process.

- c. Closing of certain programs at Montgomery campus-Dr. Ingram reported that there is apprehension and confusion about the direction of where the Montgomery campus is going. There are structural issues on the Montgomery campus. He and the deans have been going to that campus. Regarding the programs going away, this question is being addressed. There are viability and financial issues that need to be addressed. Viability relates to number enrolled and number graduating. Another issue is financial. We have to prove that we have 50% coverage by full time faculty at each location. There was a meeting discussing which programs should be at which location. There were suggestions to remove some programs but to add some others. He wished to address the fact that computer science was being removed from the Montgomery campus. He noted that there are two different programs (computer science and applied computer science) and that there will be changes.  
Dr. Kolasa asked if there was a specific time when the decisions will be made and the changes will be implemented. Dr. Ingram said that by the first of 2013 we will know pretty well what will be removed from a location. He stated that there will not be removal of faculty. James Cargal clarified the difference between the computer sciences. Dr. Ingram wanted to point out that although the Montgomery campus is changing, it is not dying. Dr. Kolasa added that Montgomery is changing and has had meetings regarding marketing and other issues.  
d. Dr. Nokes asked about east coast sites that may have been hit by Hurricane Sandy. He was assured that we have no sites affected by the storm.
- IX. Adjourn-There was a motion to adjourn by Dr. Kolasa. It was seconded by Alan Wright. The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 pm.