

## TROY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING

### MINUTES\*

November 19, 2013

- I. Call to Order-The meeting was called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Members present:

Tom Kolasa	David Carlson	John Jinright	Cheron Hunter Davis
Ruth Elder	Richard Voss	Dianne Eppler	Dionne Rosser-Mims
Tammy Esteves	Richard Scott Nokes	Dodie Meier	Trellys Riley
Steven L. Taylor	Alan Wright	Jonathan Harrington	Ronald Shehane

Mary Anne Templeton
  - b. Members absent:

Johanna Alberich-absent with notice	Jon Boncek-absent with notice		
Lane Boyte Eckis –absent with notice	Keri Outlaw-absent with notice		
Maureen Casile	James Cargal	Christi McGrath	Deborah Rushing
- III. President's Report: President Nokes notified us that Senator Templeton has taken an administrative position and will vacate her seat. This leaves an immediate opening on the Athletic Affairs committee. Interested senators should jump at the chance to volunteer for this valuable opportunity. President Nokes also mentioned that the senate subcommittees are dealing with lots of issues and commended them for the good work forthcoming.
- IV. Committee Reports
  - a. Executive Committee: Scott Nokes
  - b. Committee on Committees: Tom Kolasa reported that we are reminded that lots of grants for research and instructional improvement are available.
  - c. Elections Committee: Johanna Alberich-No report
  - d. Academic Affairs Committee: Jonathan Harrington reported that the committee's prime opus, "A Clearinghouse for Program Approval" is in the final "collection" stage and will go on Blackboard soon. The Office of Sponsored Programs had some nice grants from SBA and the Governor's Faith-based Initiatives/ Volunteerism Committee. Dr. Steve Landers is on a Research Cruise from Nov 11-25.
  - e. Faculty Welfare Committee: Steven Taylor-No report yet
  - f. Education Technology: Mark VanHooser noted that 1 out of 4 TROY faculty members are not Blackboard Certified. The Ed Tech Committee will be surveying to determine how many of the folks that are certified actually use it. There is a possible resolution forthcoming from this committee that says new faculty will be required to certify Blackboard. They are also exploring establishing departmental liaisons to facilitate training with the Information Technology folks.
- V. Campus Reports
  - a. Dothan Campus: Richard Voss reported that the new Miss Troy University is Brandi White and is from Dothan. Dothan Campus faculty would like an update on the issue of standardizing the rules for teaching-related travel. On November 22, the Dothan Campus will host a formal ceremony to rename the Library/Tech Building

after former Congressman R. Terry Everett, who is from Dothan and represented Alabama's 2nd congressional district from 1993, until his retirement in 2009. This event also marks the founding of the Everett Congressional Library, as a part of the Wiregrass Archives, in the same building. General Michael Hayden, former CIA director, NSA director, and National Intelligence Deputy Director, will be the keynote speaker.

- b. Global Campus: Tammy Esteves reported on key issues from town hall and how to be involved in strategic planning. She also mentioned privacy concerns, paying for supplies, feelings of disconnect from departments, declining enrollments, and the need for more communication. She stated that the town hall meeting was helpful.
- c. Montgomery Campus: Tom Kolasa told the Senate that the strategic plan was now a 4 page document. Montgomery will vacate Bell Building to save money. The new things mentioned in the new Montgomery strategic plan were:
  - Move the Manley Johnson Center for Public Policy to Montgomery. The goal is to make new Montgomery campus ties to state capitol.
  - Expansion of Confucius Institute.
  - All semesters are changing to Terms in 2014 and some faculty members are very concerned about this transition.
- d. Phenix City Campus: Trellys Riley-No report
- e. Troy Campus: Steven Taylor-No report
- f. Library: Ruth Elder asked the senators to see the library website for extended hours for the end of semester.

VI. SGA-Faculty Senate Liaisons:

- a. Dothan- Richard Voss reported that the Dothan Campus SGA held its monthly Trivia Night on November 12 in the Deli. The SGA is also working on reinstating the Institute of Management Accountants on the Dothan Campus. The Institute offers free CPA testing for members, in addition to providing scholarships and serving an important networking function.
- b. Montgomery- Tom Kolasa stated that the Montgomery Campus SGA wants to send a representative to TROY campus meetings to get more involved.
- c. Troy- No report

VII. Old Business-None

VIII. New Business

a. Greg Price and Chris Waid on new portal:

Our intranet is the "Trojan Hub" and will remain apart from the "external" site. External website becomes a marketing tool. January 2014 is the date of implementation of Portal Project. This is a unique internal project that replaces everything you currently see on the intranet. Your daily login makes your screen unique and logs you into your blackboard, email, newsfeeds. It will also show you benchmarking/reports necessary for your job. Portal will be customizable. For students, the portal lets them add/drop classes, see announcements, pay bills, log into classes on Blackboard.

There are “gaps” in moving to the new system, but users will see that our site is now:

1. ADA compliant
2. Mobile compliant
3. Blackboard grades now sync with Datatel
4. Trojan Web Express will be blended into portal by Fall 2014.

Greg Price and Chris Waid entertained questions. Somebody asked about the “Recruiter Project”? Recruiter gives us a single work environment to track leads/prospects/applicants. It replaces 5 single software packages we now use that don’t really interface. Another question was how does it work? An example was Amazon.com. It tracks all activity associated with your visit. Recruiter can communicate to prospects via phone/Facebook/email. It enables geographic marketing and makes it easy. Feb 17<sup>th</sup> is the demo. Feb 19<sup>th</sup> is the date the system goes live. January is training for recruiter users.

We purchased a student planning module for portal – this give students a graphic model of the path to degree completion once they choose a major. The software suggests classes and tells them when they choose classes they don’t need.

We purchased the Retention Alert module; this is an analytic and predictive tool that looks for signs of academic distress (at-risk student) and tracks all intervention attempts. It will show us where we fail and help us do a better job of serving our at-risk students.

- b. Other New Business – The rules for teaching related travel were brought up. To what extent must faculty travel to complete their teaching load if they were hired prior to “one Great University”? In certain schools, we are compensated for travel differently. In global campus, policy seems fine, but folks in Dothan now having to travel to TROY to make their teaching assignments. They expected some travel to Ft. Rucker, but not constant commuting to Troy. Colleges are scheduling folks to teach in various locations due to demand. Travel out of town should be reimbursed equitably.

Dr. Ingram responded that just because professors choose to live outside of Troy doesn’t mean they should get reimbursed. State vehicle availability clouds this issue. “I have requested of all deans to submit their practices for travel reimbursement to my office for review”. Out of state travel is a different issue. If there are Global Campus faculty members who have lost their teaching site, deans are asked to supply all info regarding their support of these faculty. Dr. Ingram expects to have this data compiled by January.

## IX. Adjourn

\*The minutes were compiled by John Jinright.