

## TROY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING

### MINUTES

November 27, 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	Govind Menon
Ruth Elder	James Cargal	Bill Heisler	Jonathan Harrington
Rick Turpin	Richard Scott Nokes	Johanna Alberich	Tammy Esteves
David Carlson	Ben Robertson	Dianne Eppler	Debra Lett
Deborah Rushing	Charlotte Minnick	Steven L. Taylor	

b. Members absent:

Cheron Hunter Davis -absent with notice	Murray Widener- absent with notice		
Alan Wright	Lane Boyte Eckis	Christi McGrath	Michael Burgan
Dodie Meier			

I. President's Report-Dr. Nokes introduced the new Dean of the College of Education, Kathy Hildebrand.

a. List of appointments-Dr. Nokes announced the appointed members of the Education Technology Committee and pointed out that he and Alan Wright will serve on the URC.

II. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee: Scott Nokes reported that the Executive Committee met the week before Thanksgiving. They discussed the Faculty Hand book and faculty concerns regarding tenure and promotion. They also discussed the Education Technology Committee.

b. Committee on Committees: Tom Kolasa reported on the Faculty Development Committee. He mentioned that they gave out thousands of dollars last years for presentations and research.

c. Elections Committee: Johanna Alberich-no report

d. Academic Affairs Committee: Jonathan Harrington-no report

e. Faculty Welfare Committee: Steven Taylor –no report

III. Campus Reports

a. Dothan Campus: Richard Voss- This past month, the Dothan Campus hosted a weekend-long retreat for the Dothan Behavioral Medicine Clinic, with Mr. Nathan Lumbatis; a two-day reading coach training seminar, with Erin Scott of the Alabama Reading Institute; the Wiregrass Math, Science, and Technology Leadership Academy, with Dr. Vijaya Gompa; a City of Dothan department head retreat, with City Manager Executive Assistant Lisa Matheny; and a summit on "Understanding Energy Efficiency and Green Jobs," with prominent local business leader Ruth Page-Nelson, President and CEO of Smart North America. Significant ongoing projects include the Entrepreneurship Group and Workforce Development Group of the Dothan Economic Summit on Jobs, which are

currently pursuing year-long projects on behalf of the City of Dothan through the collaboration of Dothan Campus faculty and local entrepreneurs.

- b. Global Campus: Tammy Esteves reported that many programs are currently being scheduled to help for faculty development. One webinar coming up will be about the Course Content Cleanup. There is a campus wide Faculty Development Committee that will be sending out a survey soon. The 2013 eColloquium will be April 15-17, 2013. She updated the Senate on an old issue, providing administrative support to certain Global Campus faculty. She said that no resolution has been made but it is still being discussed.
  - c. Montgomery Campus: Tom Kolasa reported that the STAR organization will be showing the holiday show, The Grinch. They went to Fort Toulouse. The organization will also be redoing their t-shirts due to the name change.
  - d. Phenix City Campus: Trellys Riley thanked Dr. Nokes for visiting the Phenix City Campus. Trellys Riley This week TEAM (Troy Educational Advisory Members) volunteered to assist with registration. The students provide instructions and directions to students, as well as share information concerning upcoming professional development opportunities. Dr. Paleologos' Reading Intervention students are collaborating with teachers at Ridgecrest Elementary School. The Troy students conduct literacy assessments which they then use to develop a remedial reading lesson designed for that individual student's needs. Dr. Russell's Rotary Reading Program has been nominated for the Heart of the Community Award by Dr. Seldon, principal of Westview Elementary School. ILA, aspiring leaders recently participated in the National Association of Secondary School Principals region meeting at Southern Union Community College. Trellys was given the opportunity to participate in a committee examining term conversion at her campus. She then deferred to Dr. Ingram. Dr. Ingram added that a committee developed an implementation plan to use Phenix City as a pilot campus for converting from a semester to terms. The majority of the students are taking 8 week courses or online. This will help with financial aid. Students in the 8 week courses (a session) do not get their grades until the end of the semester. The team developed an implementation plan that will allow 16 week courses into 9 week and they also developed an evaluation plan to evaluate this change.
  - e. Troy Campus: Steven Taylor-no report
  - f. Library: Ruth Elder-The library will be open until 1:00 am on December 2-6 and December 9-10.
- IV. SGA-Faculty Senate Liaisons:
- a. Dothan-Dr. Voss reported that the Dothan SGA held its special student forum (no professors allowed) at the end of October, to discuss student concerns and bring issues to the faculty confidentially for follow-up. The Dothan SGA has also been looking into ways to revive the deli, which was an important service for students but has suffered difficulties in finding suitable vendors. As an experiment in student-led management, the SGA will use the deli space to run a waffle service for students on December 5 and 6.

- b. Montgomery-Dr. Kolasa explained that the Montgomery SGA helped with Homecoming and completed their constitution. They have had 88% attendance for the last four meetings. Overall, the Montgomery SGA has had a successful first semester.
  - c. Troy-Dr. Minnick stated that the Troy SGA had a Toys for Tots drive and a children's book drive. They will be sponsoring a legislative panel soon.
- V. Old Business
  - a. None
- VI. New Business
  - a. Presentation by Judy Fulmer on research-Presented on sponsored programs. Judy Fulmer explained to the Faculty Senate the role of the Office of Sponsored Programs. They help find funding and assist in project management among many other things.
  - b. Presentation by John Hartwell, Director of Athletics—Mr. Hartwell introduced himself. He addressed the issue of student athlete class attendance. They will try to minimize all absences. Also, student athletes should have an excuse at least two days in advance to provide to their professors. He mentioned the direction of our athletics. First, we want to be the premiere school in the Sun Belt Conference. Second, we must continue to generate revenue. Mr. Hartwell has an open door policy and encourages faculty to contact him if there is a problem with a student athlete.
- VII. Adjourn-There was a motion to adjourn by Dr. Kolasa that was seconded by Dr. Minnick. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55.