

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**February 25, 2014**

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

Tammy Esteves	Tom Kolasa	Deborah Rushing	Trellys Riley
Steven Taylor	Ruth Elder	Jonathan Harrington	John Boncek
Mark Van Hooser	Lane Eckis	Ronald Shehane	Dianne Eppler
Maureen Casile	Richard Scott Nokes	Johanna Alberich	John Jinright
David Carlson	Christi Magrath	Cheron Hunter Davis	Keri Outlaw
Dionne Rosser-Mims			
  - b. Members absent:

Richard Voss-absent with notice
- III. President's Report-Scott Nokes announced the resignation of Alan Wright from the Senate.
- IV. Committee Reports
  - a. Executive Committee: Scott Nokes reported that this committee met last week. They discussed the emails and information from individual committees.
  - b. Committee on Committees: Tom Kolasa updated the Senate on the Athletic Advisory Committee from last December. One of their primary jobs is to look at the schedule for athletics and making sure students aren't missing too many contact hours.
  - c. Elections Committee: Johanna Alberich reported that special elections for the College of Education were recently held to fill four positions on the Faculty Senate and other committees. For the two Faculty Senate positions, there was a three way tie. The elections Committee decided that we would draw cards to break the tie at the meeting. After drawing cards, Gina Mariano won the Faculty Senate term ending 2016 and Jonathan Taylor won the term ending July 31, 2014.
  - d. Academic Affairs Committee: Jonathan Harrington reported on the Office of Sponsored Programs. He reminded senators about various workshops they offer and for more information to go to their website. He noted that grants have been awarded and received. Jonathan also thanked Judy Fulmer and suggested faculty go there if help is needed. He stated that he is gathering information on new academic programs and will post information in the Senate Blackboard shell. The Graduate Academic Council has put up some information. The Academic Affairs Committee are still working on the intellectual property issue and hope to have more to report at the next meeting.
  - e. Faculty Welfare Committee: Steven Taylor was going to work on a morale survey but with the resignation of Alan Wright, he is unsure what will happen with that. He mentioned the emails sent to the Faculty Senate members in the previous weeks and asks those with welfare issues to contact him.

- f. Education Technology: Mark VanHooser reported that they met and came up with some resolutions that that will be mentioned later.

#### V. Campus Reports

- a. Dothan Campus: Richard Voss reported that the Wiregrass Archives at the Dothan Campus hosted a workshop this past month on using local church records for historical or genealogical research. Entitled "Finding Grandpa in the Pew: Using Church Records in Genealogical and Historical Research," the workshop showed how to locate, identify, and best utilize church records when researching the history of families, churches, and communities. The workshop was presented by Samford University Special Collections Librarian and Archivist Elizabeth Wells, who is also President of the Association of Librarians and Archivists at Baptist Institutions. Richard Voss brought up concerns regarding the new TROY web portal and the entry point of the troy.edu website. In upcoming events, he told the Senate that this Thursday, February 27, is the first monthly seminar of the new Dothan-Houston County Economic Council, an entrepreneurship group created with the participation of TROY's Dothan Campus. Entitled "Brainstorming for Success," this first seminar will be hosted by Dr. Steve Turkoski of the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, to be held at the Mixson Center in Dothan. The first weekly seminar of this year's NxLevel for Business Startups Planning Series also begins February 27, at the Dothan Campus. This is a weekly small-business event coordinated by Judy Callin of the TROY Small Business Development Center.
- b. Global Campus: Tammy Esteves reported the annual Troy eColloquium will be held April 1-3 online. Ask Tom Kolasa if there are any questions.
- c. Montgomery Campus: Tom Kolasa reported that enrollment is low and morale is low. They have also lost faculty. The STAR Club went to the Southern poverty Law Center and hosted other family events. They are also working with the SGA.
- d. Phenix City Campus: Trellys Riley reported that registration for Term 4 classes in Phenix City opened yesterday, February 24, 2014. On January 24, 2014 the Phenix City Campus held the summer and Fall 2013 Commencement Exercise at the Columbus Civic Center. On January 27, Dr. Ingram held a faculty meeting with an open forum focused on recent college reorganizations, centralized scheduling, increasing retention, and term conversion. Faculty expressed concerns with centralized scheduling; however, the faculty did not express concerns regarding the switch to terms which is similar due to the schedule Phenix City was already using. The campus hosted a Lunch and Learn on February 11 featuring Dr. Cooper a local chiropractor. The campus hosted a Global Open House on February 20 at the Marriot in downtown Columbus. Participates were given an overview of the hospitality, sport and tourism management program by Dr. Dixon, new business programs by Dr. Fretwell & Dr. Lewis, Teacher Leader Program by Dr. Riley and the Master of Social Work by Dr. Wickersham. On March 21 the campus is hosting the National Association of Social Workers first combined meeting of Georgia and Alabama.
- e. Troy Campus: Steven Taylor-no report

- f. Library: Ruth Elder told the faculty about an Orchard ID Number which is an ID number will track input on faculty research. They are looking at more products that will track this. The library is looking for input on this from the faculty. Contact Dr. Stewart if you have any.

VI. SGA-Faculty Senate Liaisons:

- a. Dothan-Richard Voss announced that the Dothan Campus SGA would like to remind everyone of Education Day, February 27. The SGA will be providing a van to take people up to Montgomery Friday morning to show support for the University. In other news, the Dothan Campus SGA has adopted a theme for the Spring Picnic, "Go Green." With ambiguity in mind, the idea is to exploit the color green in the visual layout while promoting a philosophy of environmental sustainability. It was noted that this theme coincides with the fact that sustainability is a new feature among educational goals in the Sorrell College of Business, as well as an important underpinning of our developing relations with Chinese businesses through the Alabama-China Partnership.
- b. Montgomery-Tom Kolasa reported that elections are coming up soon. Some of the different clubs will try to do group projects together.
- c. Troy-no report

VII. Old Business

- a. Faculty Excellence Award-The Senate will be asking for nominations next week for the month of March. Scott Nokes asked for two volunteers to help go through the nominations. Lane Eckis and Christi Magrath served on this committee last year and they were asked to serve again.

VIII. New Business

- a. Foundation giving and changing designation-If faculty would like to change designation, they are to write "changing the designation" on their form.
- b. Resolutions from Education Technology-Mark VanHooser presented the resolutions.
  - b.i. Resolution 1-2013-2014-This resolution stated that all faculty be required to go through Blackboard training. There was discussion regarding the number of faculty using Blackboard, the uses and benefits of Blackboard. John Boncek asked to amend the resolution and delete "mission of a". Earl Ingram discussed the idea of a requirement (who will enforce it and what will happen if not done). Tom Kolasa recommended changing "required" to "should". Then John Boncek recommended to change "supports" to "recommends". The resolution was amended to say: "WHEREAS, the Troy University faculty supports the commitment to the use of technology THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the senate recommends that every faculty member be required to go through Blackboard training". Tom Kolasa motioned to vote on the amended resolution, Dionne Rosser-Mims seconded the motion. This resolution was passed.
  - b.ii. Resolution 2-2013-2014-Mark VanHooser presented this resolution regarding a technology liaison. It recommends that each department send a person for technology training. John Boncek asked for clarification. There was more discussion on sites, the amount of training, concerns, etc. David Carlson recommended an amendment to the

resolution. There was more concerns. Earl Ingram added his thoughts about this issue. Steven Taylor made a motion to table the resolution. This was seconded by Tom Kolasa. The Senate voted to table the resolution.

- b.iii. Resolution 3-2013-2014-Mark VanHooser presented this resolution regarding the Faculty One Stop page and Portal. This resolution is intended to give some weight behind the establishment for the Faculty One Stop page and for the portal. Lee Vardaman and Sohail Agboatwala added to the discussion. Earl Ingram added that the One Stop page is currently on his desk. Richard Voss' concerns were brought up regarding the new TROY web portal. Earl Ingram responded that the portal was designed with the university's policy on the role of campuses. There was discussion regarding the language of the amendment. It was changed by Scott Nokes. Taylor motioned to pass the amended resolution. It was seconded by Tom Kolasa. The resolution was passed.

c. Resolution from Elections

- c.i. Resolution 4-2013-2014

John Jinright moved to vote on the resolution without the words "or standing committee". There was no second. Mark VanHooser moved that we table the resolution. It was seconded by Tom Kolasa.

Next, there was a motion to table d.ii. by John Boncek. It was seconded by Steven Taylor and then tabled.

d. Issues Arising from January Email Meeting

- d.i. Rumors of non-tenured tenure-track faculty losing positions-John Boncek had mentioned these rumors in the Senate's previous email exchange. Scott Nokes did some research and noted that there is no evidence to support this.

- d.ii. Issues regarding term conversion-This was tabled.

- d.ii.1. Office hours

- d.ii.2. Instructional design

- d.ii.3. Memos requesting specific course exceptions

- d.iii. Issues facing distal and partially-distal faculty-Scott Nokes reported that some issues were raised during the Senate's email exchange. He recommended that the first two issues (office hours and physical space) be sent to committee. A decision will be made later as to which committee.

- d.iii.1. Office hours

- d.iii.2. Physical space

- d.iii.3. Office Supplies & other physical support-Scott Nokes asked Tammy Esteves to chair an ad hoc committee to come up with some suggestions regarding this issue.

- IX. Adjourn-Steven Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark Van Hooser seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm.