

FACULTY SENATE
Minutes
August 31, 2011

1. Call to Order- 2:04 pm

2. Roll Call

a. Members present:

Tammy Esteves	Tom Kolasa	Marty Olliff	Treyllis Riley
Steven Taylor	Brian Webb	Regina Gaillard	Jonathan Harrington
Govind Menon	Murray Widener	Lane Eckis	Johanna Alberich
John Irwin	Bob Kitahara	Richard Scott Nokes	Jim Davis
Ben Robertson	Kris Ross	Michael Burgan	Cheron Hunter
Dodie Meier	Tracey Hodges	Debra Lett	Richard Voss

b. Members absent:

Bill Heisler (with notice)

3. Approval of June Minutes-Motion by Dr. Kolasa. Seconded by Dr. Lett.

4. Dr. Earl Ingram, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, addressed the Faculty Senate and discussed his personal philosophy & objectives in regards to Troy University. Some priorities and current initiatives are:

a-General studies program-review of general studies curriculum, each college is reviewing degrees, majors, and minors

b-TROY 1101 – this orientation class is being revised by Dr. Fulmer to make it more relevant to students

c-Reading Initiative- QEP, college reading initiatives, faculty development related to helping faculty with QEP and making it more relevant to students

d-Honors Program-has grown, changes for fall 2012

e-Leadership Institute- leadership courses and the program has grown, is valuable to engage students and help move them further

f-Online accessibility degree programs-35 degrees will be available by the end of this academic year

g-Becoming Alabama's International University-constructive participation/engagement by faculty

Dr. Ingram addressed two points in a little bit more detail: internationalization and academic quality

1-Internationalization: includes international students and working across cultural lines, curriculum, supporting international students, study abroad

2-Academic quality: (1) affordability, (2) accessibility, (3) worth time and effort

5. President's Report

A. Appointments

Mr. Davis stated that he would send out information on Faculty Senate committees after the meeting. Every senator should serve on at least one committee.

- i. Faculty Senate Welfare Committee-no report
- ii. Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee-no report
- iii. Faculty Senate Elections Committee-no report
- iv. Faculty Senate Faculty Excellence Award Committee-no report

B. Elections-Senators are needed to serve on various committees. Mr. Davis will send out a notice soon after the meeting.

- i. University Review Committee (2 positions, 1 substitute)-to serve on this committee senators must be senior faculty and tenured
- ii. Personnel Advisory Committee (3 positions, 1 substitute)
- iii. Campus Climate Survey Committee (1 position, 1 substitute)

B. President's Correspondence

i. Outgoing Members Letters of Appreciation- Dr. Shelton sent letters of appreciation to outgoing members

ii. July Board of Trustees Meeting-Dr. Shelton attended this meeting.

State Senator Gerald Dial is now the President. Dr. Shelton expressed concerns about the decision making process regarding the tobacco policy. Faculty and staff were not notified about this issue but the SGA was. The other point that was briefly mentioned on at the Board of Trustees meeting was the possibility of post tenure review. An overall concern is that the Board of Trustees agenda are not posted and the minutes are 6-12 months behind. Mr. Davis states that Senator Dial invited him to attend the Board of Trustees meetings and to speak to the Board.

C. Other

i. College of Education Vacancy and Special Election

Dr. Mary Ann Hooten has resigned and will need a special election. There will be a call for candidates soon.

ii. Faculty Senate Foundation Fund-Mr. Davis reported that the foundation account is up and asked the senators to please consider donating to the account to support the Faculty Excellence Award.

6. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee: Jim Davis

They met last Wednesday and approved the agenda for today's meeting. Please let Mr. Davis know who is on any university standing committees.

B. Committee on Committees: Tom Kolasa

Send information on committees to Dr. Kolasa.

C. Elections Committee: Johanna Alberich

i. College of Education Special Election

This was already addressed.

D. Academic Affairs Committee: Marty Olliff

No report. Dr. Ingram's comments on quality may need more examination by this committee.

E. Faculty Welfare Committee: Steven Taylor

i. Lecturer Study

Dr. Taylor received info on the lecturer study but there has been no action on it.

F. Campus Reports

i. Dothan Campus: Marty Olliff

Dr. Oliff reported on facility shifting and improvement. Malone Hall's attic is being renovated to create space for classrooms and offices. The Archives on Wiregrass History and Culture has moved. They will be putting in a very nice reading room. The library will be shifting some of its collection into the space that the archive has vacated. They are in negotiations with a local concessionaire to resurrect the dining facility.

ii. Global Campus: Tammy Esteves

Dr. Esteves stated that over 100 faculty members gathered at Troy on August 10, 2011, and attended the convocation on the 12th. There are changes in global campus and new eTroy courses. There is an emphasis on role of faculty as recruiters.

iii. Montgomery Campus: Tom Kolasa

Dr. Kolasa had a meeting with Ray White, Vice Chancellor to discuss formation of a SGA. White announced that there is a 95% probability for new building. They have gained more parking and the Montgomery campus is changing. TU-Montgomery will be offering day classes starting in the spring from 8am-8pm. This is experimental and will be less experimental in the fall. Dr. Kolasa visited the Hyundai plant a second time. There were problems with ordering books but they seem to be resolved.

iv. Phenix City Campus: Trellys Riley

Last week Dr. Ingram hosted a campus town hall meeting and fielded questions. Fundraising for the river front building is ongoing. Dr. Cheron Hunter is faculty advisor of Elementary Education Honor Society that will host the first ever fall fling fair. They have been working with Dr. Garrett for upcoming visits and workshops for all students.

v. Troy Campus: Steven Taylor-No report.

vi. Library: Brian Webb-No report.

G. SGA Faculty Senate Liasons

Mr. Davis attends SGA meetings. He is looking for volunteers who live near the Troy campus that can attend these meetings Tuesdays at 6pm.

Dr. Oliff reported that the Dothan SGA have a pretty full agenda. He advises them on various issues. They meet on a less frequent basis.

7. Old Business-none

8. New Business

A. Faculty Senate Communications with Faculty: Jim Davis

Mr. Davis pointed out that the newsletters from campus representatives to faculty were well received. Campus representatives should report to their people. Mr. Davis asked campus representatives to send out a link to the minutes so that faculty can access them.

B. Letter of Appreciation to Chancellor and Mrs. Hawkins-Mr. Davis will send it.

C. Resolution clarifying CCFA/AS representation

Resolution 1-2011-2012 was passed at the June 29 meeting. After constitutional review we found that no changes were necessary but soon after the move of English to CCFA was announced. Two CCFA positions were elected as A & S and this resolution will revert these two back to A &S after 2011-2012. Dr. Oliff motioned and Kristin Voss seconded this motion. The resolution passed.

D. Other New Business

9. Adjournment-3:55 p.m. Motion by Dr. Taylor. Seconded by Dr. Kolasa.