

## TROY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING

### MINUTES

August 29, 2012

I. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm.

II. Roll Call

a. Members present:

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

b. Members absent:

Murray Widener-absent with notice    Dodie Meier-absent with notice    Michael Burgan

III. President's Report

- a. Welcome new Senators-Scott Nokes welcomed new senators and asked that they choose a FS committee to serve on. He also thanked Chancellor Hawkins and Mrs. Hawkins for hosting the Faculty Senate Luncheon. Dr. Nokes then mentioned some of his goals such as finding ways to use resources at our disposal and to create a global body.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee: Dr. Nokes stated that the Executive Committee met and developed the agenda.
- b. Committee on Committees: Tom Kolasa reported on the Student Services Committee but it was from 2007. Some items from that year included the opening of Barnes and Noble, the Sodexo contract, the issue of unattended minors, planning for the very first summer commencement.
- c. Elections Committee: Johanna Alberich reported that the special elections went well with Barbara Patterson's help. The newly elected senators are David Carlson and Christi McGrath from Arts and Sciences, Deborah Rushing from Health and Human Services, and Alan Wright and Rick Turpin from the College of Business.
- d. Academic Affairs Committee: Jonathan Harrington reported on the survey on video enhanced instructional technologies. Information on this survey will be released soon.
- e. Faculty Welfare Committee: Steven Taylor had no report from this committee. He asked senators to volunteer for a Faculty Senate committee.

V. Campus Reports

- a. Dothan Campus: Richard Voss reported on upcoming events at the Dothan campus. The Dothan Economic Summit on Jobs will take place on September 19 at the Civic Center. The Summit will feature Dothan Campus faculty as project group facilitators. The Economic Summit is an annual event, which results in the initiation of specific projects in seven areas of focus. These areas include Aviation, Business Incentives, Entrepreneurship, Infrastructure, Medical and Healthcare, Quality of Life, and Workforce Development. Recent events include the reorganization of the offices to consolidate functions. The most significant effect was to put financial aid together with other student business offices. The Library is building a new interface, similar to Google Books, to facilitate research. The College of Education held a customer service seminar. One ongoing project is the Sorrell College of Business working on introducing an entrepreneurship concentration to the management major, to replace the current small-business concentration. We have drafted master syllabi to support the academic program and are planning an entrepreneurship institute to promote entrepreneurial scholarship and interaction between students and community entrepreneurs. Dr. Skip Ames, Associate Dean of the Sorrell College of Business in Dothan, has been leading the project and identifying willing participants in the community.
- b. Global Campus: Tammy Esteves reported that there is a lot of transition going on and continued integration of Global Campus advising. Recruiters will be working....Instructional design team will be sending out a survey soon.
- c. Montgomery Campus: Tom Kolasa reported that there is a College of Arts and Science reorganization. They have a new assistant Dean, Dr. Allen. The Montgomery campus is now tobacco free and now has a Confucius Institute office on campus. They also now have more parking spaces.
- d. Phenix City Campus: Trellys Riley reported that on August 20 there was a back to school workshop for faculty and staff. They now have a brick campaign to so that alumni and friends can have an opportunity to have a personalized brick on campus.
- e. Troy Campus: Steven Taylor reported that the new semester started smoothly and that the Troy campus is undergoing more construction with a new Long Hall and a new residence hall.
- f. Library: Ruth Elder reported the new hours of the library. For the Fall Semester, Dothan and Montgomery libraries will be closed on Saturdays. Ms. Elder gave the Labor Day library hours. She wanted the faculty to be aware of a new search feature on the library website.

VI. SGA-Faculty Senate Liaisons:

- a. Montgomery-The Montgomery SGA had a significant meeting and where they discussed helping with Homecoming. Dean Smith, Dean Allen and Dr. Kolasa are advising the Montgomery SGA.

- b. Troy-The Troy SGA had their first meeting in August. They will be deciding on their event for the semester at the next meeting.
- c. Phenix City-This campus currently has no SGA
- d. Dothan-Richard Voss reported that the Dothan SGA had its executive officer meeting this past month. The Dean of Students has approved a student forum in the fall, featuring a panel of faculty members to answer student questions and concerns. The SGA is currently looking for faculty representatives from each college to serve on the panel.

VII. Old Business

- a. None

VIII. New Business

- a. Annual Address by the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs-  
Dr. Ingram gave a brief introduction. He wanted to share his philosophy and his priorities with the Faculty Senate. His institutional role is to serve as an advocate and to support the academic programs and intellectual life. He is provided with advice and recommendations by many different groups and councils. Dr. Ingram reported on how things are going at our university. We currently have 22,000 students which is down about 10,000 students since 2009. Faced with declining enrollment, we have cut our budget by \$10 million. There will be more belt-tightening. On our Alabama campuses, we have over 900 international students. On the Troy campus at least 12% of the students are enrolled on an online course. Over 30% of our students are associated with the military and most are taking courses online. Efforts are underway or are planned to start for improving both the fiscal stability of the university and the quality of its academic programs. He gave 5 examples that he is attending to. He hopes to achieve the reality of being Alabama's international university. He hopes to provide the best mix of academic programs for each campus and the most appropriate methods to delivery them. He hopes to continue to review and revise majors and minors and course designs and the general studies courses. He would like to continue to review and revise the Honors Program and the Leadership Studies Program. He also wishes to establish the beginning of a systematic Faculty Development Program. Dr. Ingram stated that the faculty of the university will help guide the direction that these initiatives take.

Dr. Ingram also discussed three main points. One is becoming Alabama's international university. We need to work on the quality and the relevancy of our degrees, give students a high quality global, international degree and get them working across cultures. The curriculum needs to be renovated to serve the student of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Service and support needs to be provided to

international students and cross cultural awareness and communication needs to be developed. Study abroad should be broadened and more variety. We would like students to become global scholars or scholars with a global perspective. Dr. Ingram then discussed the issue of funding of international travel for faculty. He stated that there are three sources of funding: the departmental budget, the Faculty Development Committee, and the Chancellor's Internationalization Initiative Fund. The Chancellor's Internationalization Initiative Fund was established to support the development of study abroad programs, then to support faculty members engaged in research where the foreign institution is also providing support. He pointed out that the Academic Operating Procedures can be found online. The Academic Steering Committee will be meeting soon to review this AOP. Dr. Ingram stated that matching curriculum and delivery methods to campuses and students is important. The number of adult learners has declined. Cost, affordability, and accessibility take a back seat to the adult learner's perception of relevancy of the courses that they are going to take. He asked that we do a better job in outlining the relevancy of our programs. Academic quality is also very important. When Dr. Ingram was done addressing the senate, he answered questions from the faculty. Dr. Taylor asked a question regarding international travel funding specifically for faculty attempting to do research abroad. Dr. Ingram responded that funding could be provided by the faculty member using a Faculty Development Grant and departmental funds. Dr. Kolasa asked whether any full time faculty positions at Global Campus locations are at risk. Dr. Ingram responded that he was not aware of any. Dr. Voss asked whether or not we can use the Confucius Institute to aid in our international initiatives. Dr. Ingram responded that there are some programs in place with the Confucius Institute. Dr. Ingram ended by thanking the senators for their service.

- b. Faculty Senate Blackboard Site-The Executive Committee discussed ways to connect faculty members. They would like to create a Blackboard Site for all faculty members so that minutes can be posted and other information and so that some faculty may have a connection with others. Hopefully this will be up before the next meeting. The suggested administrators of this site would be the Faculty Senate president, vice-president, and secretary.
- c. Ad Hoc Committee on International Travel-The Executive Committee decided that we were going to independently look into the policy regarding funding for international travel. Dr. Alberich will be chair of this committee. Dr. Ingram asked that the committee provide a report to Dr. Fulmer with ideas and concerns by September 11.

- d. Reminder of Faculty Senate schedule for 2012-2013-Dr. Nokes has sent out a schedule of the meetings and wanted to remind the Faculty Senate of the dates of future meetings.
- IX. Adjournment- Dr. Taylor motioned to adjourn and it was seconded by Dr. Kolasa. The meeting was adjourned at 3:44pm.