

Faculty Senate Minutes
June 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	Richard Voss	Trellys Riley
Steven Taylor	Ruth Elder	Ronald Shehane	John Boncek
Maureen Casile	Richard Scott Nokes	Johanna Alberich	John Jinright
Christi Magrath	Gina Mariano	Dionne Rosser-Mims	

- b. Members absent:

Mark Van Hooser	Dianne Eppler	David Carlson
Jonathan Harrington-absent with notice	Lane Eckis-absent with notice	
Jonathan Taylor- absent with notice	Deborah Rushing- absent with notice	
Keri Outlaw- absent with notice		

III. President's Report-Scott Nokes welcomed the new senators-elect. He then thanked the Senate for the opportunity to serve as president over the last two years. He discussed the successes the Senate has had the past couple of years. He says that we have transformed our relationship with IT. There have been improvements with the reorganization of the Chancellor's International Initiative. Today, requests for international travel are peer reviewed by a committee of faculty, including the President of the Senate. He thanked the officers that served with him that will also be stepping down or leaving the Senate. Over the last couple of years, we have enjoyed unprecedented support by senior administration. Today, our administration generally treats the Senate as a resource, not an annoyance. When new committees are formed, administrators now seek representation from the Senate to ensure that they don't miss the faculty perspective. He encouraged the new Senate leaders to use this cooperative atmosphere and to cultivate relationships with staff and administrators. Scott Nokes believes that the most important objective we can work toward is some sort of voice on the Board of Trustees. He also encouraged us all to work toward faculty inclusion.

- III. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee: Scott Nokes reported that this committee met by email and set the agenda.
 - b. Committee on Committees: Tom Kolasa reported on the Marketing Committee that had a retreat, discussed advertising and branding, talked about stressing the most popular programs and discussed enrollments and social media.
 - c. Elections Committee: Johanna Alberich announced that there is a need for special elections at the very beginning of the fall semester. She will help the new secretary with these elections.
 - d. Academic Affairs Committee: Jonathan Harrington-no report
 - e. Faculty Welfare Committee: Steven Taylor reported that the only thing left for this committee to do is the faculty morale survey.
 - f. Education Technology: Mark VanHooser-no report

- IV. Campus Reports

- a. Dothan Campus: Richard Voss reported that this month was their annual math camp, organized by Dr. Vijaya Gompa to give girls in grades 7-10 a chance to meet accomplished women in scientific, technological, and math-related fields. Summer Spectacular is currently under way at Kelly Springs Elementary School, run by Dothan Campus education students, for children 12 and under, with a cross-cultural theme this year. In collaboration with the Dothan-Houston County Entrepreneurship Council, the Sorrell College of Business in Dothan helped host another monthly small-business seminar this past month, to walk aspiring entrepreneurs through the steps to starting a business. The new Master of Social Work is ready to launch at the Dothan Campus this fall. Dr. Denise Green, department chair, spearheaded the program's adoption in Dothan. Tomorrow evening is yet another small-business collaboration between the Entrepreneurship Council and Sorrell College of Business in Dothan, a seminar on how to fund a new business venture, featuring Brent McMahan of the Small Business Administration and Bo Megginson of the Gulf Coast Angel Network. It will take place at the Mixson Center in downtown Dothan.
- b. Global Campus: Tammy Esteves explained that there have been several graduation ceremonies. She mentioned the 2014 Trojan Tour and a Wednesday lunch and learn or something similar occurring at various campuses. Some sites have been doing creative projects such as a golf tournament, service projects, etc.
- c. Montgomery Campus: Tom Kolasa reported that Vice Chancellor Ray White sent out a memo to everyone on that campus. There are some changes occurring such as shifting advisement for freshmen.
- d. Phenix City Campus: Trellys Riley reported that this campus collected 200 books for the Book Drive to benefit children in the Phenix City Housing Authority Afterschool Program. The Book Club for at-risk girls is going well. This campus hosted "Administrators on the River" Day at the Phenix City Amphitheater. The objective is to get educators in the community excited about integrating the River into the school curriculum. School leaders from Muscogee County, Georgia; Russell County and Phenix City Schools rated the Chattahoochee River.
- e. Troy Campus: Steven Taylor-no report
- f. Library: Ruth Elder reported on the Dean search. Dr. Stewart will retire at the end of this month.

V. SGA-Faculty Senate Liaisons:

- a. Dothan- The Dothan Campus SGA held a swearing-in ceremony this month, attended by President Sarah Gwarek, Secretary Brittani Williams, Treasurer Rebecca English, and Senators Amelia Holland and Alexis Vincent. President Gwarek was previously SGA Treasurer at Northern Virginia, where the SGA had an annual budget of \$100,000. The Vice President position is still vacant. The Dothan Campus SGA will soon be holding an open forum for new students, with a goal of encouraging broad participation in SGA events throughout the year.
- b. Montgomery-The SGA is off for the summer. The elections worked out really well. The new president is enthusiastic and wants to explore different national

organizations. She wants to meet with the Vice Chancellor Ray White at least twice a semester.

- c. Troy-no report for the summer

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

- a. Ad Hoc Committee on Distal and Partially-Distal Faculty Support
 - a.i. Committee Report – Tammy Esteves worked with Dionne Rosser-Mims to do a study regarding a survey on distal faculty.
 - a.ii. eTroy structural changes – Glynn Cavin, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Distance Learning, discussed the Troy University eTROY restructure. He stressed that they are here to support the faculty and students. He discussed the eTROY infrastructure, eTROY Educational Technology, eTROY instructional design. Educational Technology and Instructional Design will work together for joint research and evaluation. Quality Assurance will create a center for eTeaching for webinars, guest speakers, etc. to get faculty exchanging ideas. Academic Support will consolidate all of the testing functions. He explained the Trojan Café. The Trojan Café is for students to look for assistance, help with professional development, form clubs, online Writing Center, disability services, etc. Student Services, eTROY Call Center. Scott Nokes asked a couple of questions. One was whether or not the Blackboard store will be launched by T1. He asked if there was anything faculty would need to do. He also asked about the Trojan Café. He asked if there was anything we can do in the Trojan Café to help students on other campuses. Gavin responded that it will be open to all students with Blackboard access.
- b. Resolutions on 2014-2015 Senate schedule-There was some discussion regarding the two options. Resolution 6 passed.
- c. Officer Elections-The Senate elected Dionne Rosser-Mims for President, Lane Eckis for Vice President and John Jinright as their Secretary for the 2014-2015 school year.
- d. Richard Voss brought up the following concerns: Troy University promotional policies have effectively depicted Troy University as being coequal with the Troy Campus of Troy University. He mentioned a positive note being that a TROY radio ad has recently mentioned the Dothan Campus by name. This is a good development. Moving forward, we would like to see more inclusion like this in promotion. Scott Nokes suggested that we discuss this issue with Donna Schubert. Dr. Barron mentioned that there are assessments to the ads and she referred him to Donna Shubert to address and report on the issue. Steven Taylor recommended that the Senate invite Donna Schubert to a Faculty Senate meeting in the fall. Tammy Esteves mentioned that there is very specific marketing in Global Campus. She volunteered to discuss this with Donna Schubert. Scott Nokes appointed Richard Voss as our liaison to talk with Donna Schubert and advised him that he could put together a team to work on it.

VIII. Adjourn-The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 pm.