

MINUTES
TROY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING
29 September 2009

1. Dr. Shelton called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.
 2. Mr. Jim Davis completed the roll call for the meeting. Attendance was as follows:
 - a. Members present:
 - Catherine Allard
 - Tammy Esteves
 - David Hollingsworth
 - Tom Kolasa
 - Brian Webb
 - Scout Blum
 - Jim Davis
 - Regina Gaillard
 - Allen Jones
 - Sam Shelton
 - Zhang Jun
 - James DeLoach
 - Larry Fogelberg
 - John Irwin
 - Robert Kitahara
 - Jim Ryan
 - John Jinright
 - Johanna Alberich
 - Eddie Clark
 - Frank Hammonds
 - Chan Roark
 - Mary Battaglia
 - b. Members absent:
 - Marty Oliff (with notice)
 - Tim Buckner (with notice)
 - Frank Browning (with notice)
 - Djuana Burns
 3. Minutes for the August 26 meeting were approved with one typographical correction.
 4. President's Report
 - A. Appointments:
 - i) Dr. Shelton reported that he had distributed by email the new membership list, updated to include the results of the September election on the Montgomery campus.
 - B. President's Correspondence
 - i) Dr. Shelton reported that he had sent a note of thanks on behalf to the Faculty Senate to Chancellor and Mrs. Hawkins for the reception on August 26.
 - ii) Dr. Shelton reported that he had sent a note of condolence on behalf of the Faculty Senate to Mrs. Candace Hines and her family on the passing of Dean Hines.
- A motion was made and approved to move New Business up in order on the agenda to accommodate the schedules of guests Dr. Federinko and Mr. Stone.
7. B. Dr. Allard expressed concerns about security in Smith Hall raised by the recent burglary of more than \$21,000 worth of music equipment. She expressed further safety concerns about the large and busy parking lot behind Long Hall and Smith Hall, which is poorly lighted, and

about safety on all campuses in general. Dr. Allard suggested that security equipment could be updated as buildings were built or renovated. Dr. Shelton added that he had discussed with Dr. Barron when GAB was new that it was impossible to lock the doors in that building from the inside, so that in case of an emergency it would be impossible to prevent unwanted entrance. He suggested some sort of “hot key” on the classroom computers could be implemented to notify campus security of an emergency.

Dr. Federinko responded that the administration keeps close track of security incidents on all campuses and locations. He stated that as the new fiscal budgets are presented, choices are made as to which areas are most in need of security upgrades. He said it is a process that will continue over several years. He suggested that each department could participate by purchasing more secure cabinets, etc. He assured the Senate that the administration is taking safety and security very seriously.

Dr. Shelton noted that Dean Reeves conducts a security tour for the Student Senate. He asked if it would be possible for the Faculty Senate to be included in similar events. Dr. Federinko said he would ask the Student Senate to include the Faculty Senate in the security walk.

A. Mr. Gordon Stone, Executive Director of the Higher Education Partnership, presented his annual report of the state of higher education in Alabama to the Faculty Senate. He stated that higher education continues to bear the brunt of state budget problems in Alabama. Higher education cannot be certain it will even receive the federal stimulus money because the state government is in charge of deciding how to distribute the stimulus money. Due to budget cuts and proration being piled on top of each other beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year, by the end of the 2010-2011 fiscal year, state funding for higher education will be down 40%. Mr. Stone thanked Troy University for its outstanding support of Higher Ed day each year. He urged all levels of Troy University personnel to continue to pressure state politicians. Mr. Stone urged everyone to join the Higher Ed Partnership; the minimum cost is \$1 per month, which can be paid by payroll deduction, and information on joining is available at higheredpartners.org. Mr. Stone left the Senate with a reminder that Higher Ed day is the first Thursday in March each year.

5. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee—Dr. Shelton reported that the Executive Committee met the previous Wednesday. The June minutes were approved and made available on the website. The committee also affirmed the Senate’s appreciation of the continued attendance of Dr. Roach and other members of the administration at the Faculty Senate meetings. A suggestion by Marty Oliff that campus reports be included on the agenda of each Senate meeting was discussed and adopted by the committee. Today’s agenda reflects that change. Today’s agenda was approved for distribution.

B. Committee on Committees—Dr. Allard reported on meetings by the Undergraduate Academic Council; the Graduate Academic Council, which heard a report from Dr. Barron on the SACS expectations that the University, as it becomes a doctorate-awarding institution, will elevate faculty research expectations and outcomes as appropriate to its mission; the IRB, which is concerned about the importance of communicating to all University personnel who conduct research using human subjects, that they must clear that through the IRB; the campus committee, which discussed requiring proctoring of exams for undergraduate course, but came to no conclusions as to how to implement that goal.

C. Elections Committee—Jim Davis reported that an election was held on the Montgomery campus to fill a vacant at-large seat. A runoff was required, and Tom Kolasa won the election.

D. Academic Affairs Committee—Dr. Hammonds had no report.

E. Faculty Welfare Committee—Dr. Roark reported that the Senate is inviting Mr. Agboatwala and a representative of All-Seasons Travel to address the Senate in October about the University's travel policy of requiring the use of AST. The FWC also recommended that the Senate send a letter to the administration proposing that the administration form a joint committee of faculty and administration to review salary matter, including disparities of salary within the University, the position of Troy in relation to other universities in the region, and possibly including faculty in forming the 2015 plan toward these concerns. Dr. Fogelberg and Dr. Blum volunteered to take part in such a committee if it came to exist. The proposal was made into a motion, which passed. The FWC also discussed the proposal to ask the Provost to be aware of Faculty concerns that Sodexo-Marriott be subjected to competitive bidding when their contract comes up for renewal. Dr. Shelton stated that this matter might best be brought up in his regular meetings with Dr. Roach. Dr. Vardaman suggested that Mr. Agboatwala might be asked to comment on this matter at the October meeting.

F. Campus Reports

i. Dothan Campus—no report.

ii. Global Campus—Dr. Esteves reported that enrollment is up, and that sites are being evaluated to see which teaching sites are to be converted to student service sites. Finally, ecampus is moving toward a goal of requiring all ecampus courses to require at least one proctored exam.

iii. Montgomery Campus—Dr. Kolasa reported that Montgomery Campus had a recent burglary, which resulted in Vice-Chancellor White moving quickly to install motion detectors and security cameras in all building, and a key-code entrance system throughout most of the campus.

iv. Phenix City Campus—Dr. Hollingsworth had no report.

v. Troy Campus—Dr. Allard reported that many faculty on the Troy Campus are responding negatively to the report that overload teaching will be eliminated, as many depend on overload teaching for extra income. Dr. Roach responded that the matter is a necessary response to SACS concerns, and that the Chancellor is aware of the impact the policy will have on faculty incomes. To that end the Chancellor has mandated a gradual phase-in of the policy, which has been explained in a campus-wide email.

vi. Library—Mr. Webb reported that some structural strengthening has occurred in the Troy Campus library. Also, for the new fiscal year several seldom-used databases have been dropped from the library's subscription list.

6. Old Business—There was no old business.

7. New Business—Items A and B of New Business having already been discussed, the meeting moved on to item C.

C. Other new business—Dr. Blum pointed out that the Vision 2010 plan is available for perusal on the Faculty Senate website.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm.