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**Armstrong Atlantic State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes of August 16, 2010
University Hall, room 157, 3:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order 3:06 PM. Please see Appendix A for a roster of attendees.

II. Approval of the Minutes of Faculty Senate April 12, 2010, meeting—
Sen. Eastman moves to approve. Approved.

III. Old Business

A. AASU Mission Statement – Faculty Senate April 12, 2010 meeting, (App. Q.) Discussion of a proposed motion regarding changes to the AASU mission statement during the 2009/2010 academic year which was not addressed at April 12, 2010 faculty senate meeting. No senator wished to move the item to the floor.

IV. Special Announcements from invited guests

A. President Bleicken.

President Bleicken reports that the university has put forth plans for 4%, and potential 6% and 8% budget reductions for the current academic year. 4% reductions were passed at Board of Regents. She notes an increase in enrollment, primarily in Core areas. Dr. Bleicken also reports there is no intention to implement furloughs as she does not want to do furloughs on this campus and our chancellor does not want to do furloughs on any campus.

B. Dr. Will Lynch, Faculty Athletic Representative

Dr. Lynch reported on the success of student athletes on campus, stating his responsibilities lie in the areas of compliance with NCAA regulations, student athlete eligibility, and student athlete welfare. Specific items of discussion were academic success, athletic success, and compliance.

V. Approval of membership for Committees of the Senate and Standing Committees of the Senate—Senator Carpenter moves to approve. Carol Massey: Need to find a substitute for Peggy Mossholder. Approved. Current list of committee membership on faculty senate website.

VI. Motion to Adopt a New Understanding of Article II, Section I of the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate: “Report approved motions” as an attempt to expedite the timeline of Senate actions and delivery of said actions to the President. Suggestion is that once we have approved a motion, we can send it to the President immediately rather than waiting until the next meeting.

Discussion—

Sen. Mateer: Is this going to trickle down to committees?

Answer – This is only for senate action.

Sen. Hollinger: To approve minutes means to check what was said.

Sen. Price: Suggests treating resolutions and bills differently. A resolution-it would be appropriate; maybe for bills, we need to think on it for a while.

Sen. Hampton: What does Roberts rules say?

Sen. McGrath: This is a consultation discussion...they should be sent on.

Sen. Todesca- Do the minutes constitute a bill?

Parliamentarian: No. Minutes are a record not a motion.

Sen. Mincer: The time for due consideration is before we vote rather than after the vote.

Sen. Skidmore-Hess moves to approve: Approved. Appendix B.

VII. Chair-elect Motion from Sen. Mateer

Direct the Committee on Committees to investigate the establishment of a Chair-elect position for all standing committees as well as the committees of the senate, and to report to the senate in 30 days.

The Chair-elect would assume the role of chair during the next iteration of the committee.

In addition, the "chair-in-training" position would assume the responsibilities of the Chair when the Chair is unable to perform his or her duties.

Discussion: Senators Carpenter and Childress spoke in opposition to original.

Debate follows and amendments are made to original motion before this disposition. Approved. Appendix C.

VIII. Term of Office Motion from Sen. Mateer

Revision of ARTICLE VII of the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate:

Senators who are completing the last year of their terms(s) of service are ~~not~~ eligible for nomination **and service** to Senate office.

Debate: Senators Price, Reimann, Childress spoke in opposition to original form.

Amendments are made to original motion before this disposition. Refer to Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Approved. Appendix D.

IX. Bylaws Changes for Education Technology Committee: Motion from Sen. Wells. Referral to Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Approved. Appendix E.

X. Representing the Elections Committee, Vann Scott notes a new vacancy on Constitution and Bylaws Committee due to the resignation of Dr. Kalenda Eaton. Sen. Scott solicits nominations from the floor of the Senate for her replacement. Sen. Carpenter nominates Sen. Skidmore-Hess: Accepted. Approved.

XI. Sending for referral to: Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Action:

- Provide a detailed inventory of all Senate actions from 2008 to present, identifying them as Bills or Resolutions, and providing the present disposition of such action and any subsequent constitutional changes brought about by such action;
- Assess the present system of senate action responses and make recommendations for changes;

- Evaluate the need for an ongoing committee to regularly report to the Senate the disposition of senate action.

XII. Sending for referral to: Committee on Committees:

- Evaluate the relationship between the Graduate Affairs Committee and the Faculty Senate in terms of approved by-laws;
- After bench-marking other institutions, make recommendations ensuring consistency with SACS while preventing the development of two different autonomous faculty governing bodies on campus.

XIII. Sending for referral to: Faculty Welfare Committee:

- Assess the intent, wording and effectiveness of E-FACE evaluations;
- Make recommendations that would bring about a more efficacious E-FACE evaluation tool.

XIV. Sending for referral to: Faculty Welfare Committee:

- Survey the opinions of faculty regarding 1) the overall effectiveness of the summer schedule, 2010, and 2) the faculty compensation formula used during summer schedule, 2010.
- Make recommendations for senate action that would provide the president with information to enable the development of a 1) summer schedule and/or 2) a faculty compensation formula that is of greater acceptability to faculty.

XV. General Announcements

- A. Two C Policy for graduate students in effect.
- B. Other Announcements: Attendance verification continues through this Saturday, August 21. Drop/Add is over this Friday.
- C. Senate liaisons for Senate Committees should call the first meeting, be the convener. At this first meeting, a chair should be elected. On University Curriculum Committee only, Senator can be Chair.
- D. Sen. Wells for Doug Frasier: Library expansion project budget was not approved by the legislature; project is on hold. Legislature did appropriate \$5 million for construction, which will be used for moving CIS from the Memorial College Center Annex to a remodeled space in Armstrong Center and the library will occupy the space CIS vacates.

XVI. Adjournment 5:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Sears

16 August 2010: Appendix A

Senators Present

College of Education

Linda Ann McCall
Jackie Kim
Greg Wimer
Beth Childress

College of Health Professions

Robert LeFavi
Bryan Riemann
Laurie Bryant
Charlotte Bates
Kathy Morris
Tonya Tyson
Carole Massey
Andi Beth Mincer
Laurie Adams
Rhonda Bevis

College of Liberal Arts

Pamela Sears
Kevin Hampton
Stephen Primatic
Dennis Murphy
Jose da Cruz
Jason Beck
Mike Price
James Todesca
Karen Hollinger
Hans-Georg Erney
Teresa Winterhalter

Lane Library

Kate Wells

College of Science and Technology

Austin Francis
Alex Collier
Scott Mateer
Catherine McGowan
Suzanne Carpenter
Frank Katz
Priya Goeser
Sean Eastman
Lorrie Hoffman

Senators Absent

Sungkun Chang
Vann Scott

College of Education

Michael Mahan

College of Health Professions

Helen Taggart

College of Liberal Arts

Ana Torres

Guests

Linda Bleicken, President AASU
Will Lynch, Faculty Athletic Rep.

Ex-Officio Present

Anne Thompson, VPAA
David Carson, VP Business & Finance
Amy Heaston, President's Office
John Kraft, Academic Affairs
Shelley Conroy, Dean, COHP
Stephen Jodis, Dean, COST
Patricia Wachholz, Dean, COE
Delana Nivens, COST

16 August 2010-APPENDIX B

FSB 34.10/11

Approved August 16, 2010

The Faculty Senate of Armstrong Atlantic State University understands its Bylaws to not require the ratification of minutes containing approved motions prior to sending said motions to the President of the University.

16 August 2010--APPENDIX C

Amendments to Original Chair-Elect Motion:

Direct the Committee on Committees ~~to establish~~ **to investigate the establishment of** a Chair-elect position for all standing committees as well as the committees of the senate, and to ~~present the changes to the bylaws~~ **report** to the senate in ~~90~~ **30** days.

The Chair-elect would assume the role of chair during the next iteration of the committee.

In addition, the “chair-in-training” position would assume the responsibilities of the Chair when the Chair is unable to perform his/~~or~~ her duties.

16 August 2010—APPENDIX D

Original Term-limits motion

SECTION A. Senators shall hold office according to the following terms:

1. Senators shall be elected for a three-year term. Each department shall elect an alternate for each Senator with each alternate elected for a three-year term.
2. During the first three years of the Faculty Senate, staggered elections will be held so that one-third of the Senators will be newly elected each year.
3. **A Senator can be re-elected to serve two consecutive three-year terms.**
4. Following a ~~three~~ **one**-year wait period, Senators may be re-elected for **service to the Senate**~~another three-year term~~.
5. If a Senator is transferred from one academic department to another or is reassigned to an administrative position during his or her term of office, that Senator's term shall end as of the date of the transfer.

ARTICLE VII. Election of Officers

The Elections Committee will develop a slate of officers by April 1 of each year. Senators may make nominations to the Elections Committee. Senators-elect are eligible for nomination.

Senators who are completing the last year of their terms**(s) of service** are ~~not~~ eligible for nomination **and service** to Senate office.

Approved Motion Forwarded to Constitution and Bylaws committee:

Revision of ARTICLE VII of the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate:

Senators who are completing the last year of their terms**(s) of service** are ~~not~~ eligible for nomination **and service** to Senate office.

16 August 2010—APPENDIX E

Proposed changes to the Educational Technology Committee Bylaws

Mission

The Education Technology Committee will review policies and practices in technological infrastructure, and University policies governing the use of technology in collaboration with other University and senate committees to insure an optimal environment for the educational use of technology, to promote the use of technology in education, and to assist faculty in using technology for teaching, service, and scholarship.

Duties

The committee will provide coordination and communication among the various University committees and other committees of the Senate that are involved with technology use at AASU for the purpose of ensuring faculty awareness of technology applications related to teaching, learning, and professional development, as well as providing a faculty voice in the evolving policies related to such use.

Specifically, this committee will **make recommendations regarding:**

- * ~~Monitor~~ campus access to educational technology for students and faculty;
- * ~~monitor~~ university policies governing the use of technology and technology infrastructure of the University, in collaboration with the Committee on Information Technology;
- * ~~monitor ongoing student and faculty development in~~ the use of technological tools in teaching and learning in collaboration with other appropriate committees.
- * ~~Communicate with the University Advisory Committee for Distance and Online Learning (ACDOL) regarding activities and policies related to distance learning.~~

The committee will also communicate with the University Advisory Committee for Distance and Online Learning (ACDOL) and the Committee on Information Technology regarding activities and policies.

Student issues will be addressed by the Student Voice Subcommittee. This subcommittee will consist of the chair of the ETC, at least two other ETC committee members, and one graduate and one undergraduate student representative nominated by the SGA and the Graduate Student Council.

Membership

The committee shall be composed of ten members, including seven faculty members with at least one member from each of the Colleges, and a representative from Computer and Information Services who shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member. One undergraduate and one graduate student, nominated by the Student Government Association and Graduate Student Council respectively, will serve as voting members of the Student Voice subcommittee.

Meetings

The Committee will meet at least twice each academic semester. The committee will determine meeting dates and time to be posted on the Senate Web site.

Reports

The committee will, upon approval, provide minutes of each of its meetings to the Secretary of the Senate for posting. At the end of each semester, the chair of the committee will submit to the Senate a summary report of committee activities.