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Armstrong Atlantic State University
Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes of September 8, 2008
University Hall rm. 156, 12:10 p.m.

I. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m. by Senate President Kevin Hampton. There were 38 of 40 senators in attendance. Please see Appendix A for a roster of present and absent senators.

II. Approval of Minutes The minutes of August 12 were approved with spelling and typographical corrections, as well as edits for clarity.

III. New Business

A. E-Face Evaluations - Jane Wong

Dr. Wong presented the findings of the study on electronic and print faculty evaluations. A motion was presented to remand the data to the Committee on Committees for dispersal to appropriate committee for further study to determine what evaluation method to use in the future. Approved.

IV. Comments – Patrick Thomas

Dr. Pat Thomas presented flowcharts created to delineate order of operations with regard to senate and committee operations.

V. New Business continued

B. Standing Committee Reports

1. University Curriculum – Rick McGrath

Dr. McGrath reported that he had been elected committee chair and Phyllis Panhorst secretary. Meetings are to be held the third Wednesday of every month. The Elections Committee is currently accepting nominees for a vacancy on the committee, from within the College of Liberal Arts.

2. Academic Appeals – Lee Williams

Dr. Williams reported that the committee has determined student participation is inappropriate with regard to issues of appeal, but warranted in matters of conduct. Committee bylaws are in revisions to reflect these decisions.

3. Educational Technology – Linda Wright

Dr. Wright reported she had been elected chair, and Nancy Luke secretary. The committee has further determined they are happy to accept students on the committee as ex-officio members. Dr. Wright additionally reported the committee was short three members at their first meeting.

4. Faculty Welfare – Hans-Georg Erney

Dr. Erney reported the committee has held two meetings, has elected him as chair and Rochelle Lee as secretary. Subcommittees are forming to address issues of evaluation and campus daycare.

5. Honors Advisory – David Lake

Dr. Lake reported that committee officers have been elected, he as chair and Kristin Stout as secretary. Bylaws review continues with clarification of student participation in mind. Committee work includes volunteer and service activities.

6. International Programs and Activities – Linda McCall

No report.

7. Interdisciplinary Studies – Teresa Winterhalter

Dr. Winterhalter reported the committee has met and is engaged in examining their bylaws.

8. Library – Joan Schwartz

Dr. Schwartz reported the committee had met, elected her as chair and Jennifer Zettler secretary, scheduled meetings, and begun to review bylaws. Additional activity includes the examination and consideration of possibly reapportioning funds from the Ben Lee Scholarship.

9. Planning, Budget, and Facilities – David Wheeler

Dr. Wheeler reported the committee had met, elected him as chair, reviewed bylaws, determined that the University Budget would be publicly available (when it becomes available), and determined to have one undergraduate and one graduate student member. The issue of who will appoint the graduate student member awaits resolution.

Dr. Wheeler additionally brought to senate attention Article X, section H of the Senate Bylaws which states “Where committee structure provides for student membership, student members shall be elected by the Student Government Association for one-year terms. They shall be voting members of the committees.”

10. Research and Scholarship – Brad Sturz

Dr. Sturz reported the committee had met, elected him as chair and Thomas Cooksey as secretary. Bylaws revisions continue, as does committee work with regard to the Research Symposium.

11. Writing – Judy Dubus

Professor Dubus reported the committee had met three times, elected her as chair and Carol Massey as secretary. Bylaws revision continues with attention to college representation among committee members, as well as student participation as a graduate student is already seated on the committee. The Writing Forum is slated for November.

12. Student Success – Becky daCruz

Professor daCruz reported the committee will meet once a month and continues working on bylaws revisions.

13. Graduate Affairs Council – Chris Hendricks

Dr. Hendricks reported the committee bylaws were complete.

14. Faculty Development – Gloria Strickland

Dr. Strickland reported the committee has met and completed bylaws revision. Further committee matters include soliciting faculty forum topics or suggestions, and Dr. Dick Nordquist's pending retirement will require that his duties on the committee be redistributed.

C. Cohort Assignments – Kevin Hampton

Dr. Hampton distributed a schedule for bylaws revisions.

D. Faculty Salary Study – Delana Nivens

Dr. Nivens brought a motion to request that the monitoring and implementation of the Faculty Salary Survey Study data be given to the Committee on Committees for appropriate committee distribution. Approved.

E. "Course Repeating" Policy – Vann Scott

Dr. Scott brought a motion to remand the study of the course repeating policy to the Committee on Committees for appropriate committee distribution. Approved.

VI. Announcements

Kathryn Craven queried the status of reciprocal representation on SGA committees, response indicated that will not be resolved until we have determined SGA representation on our committees.

VII. Adjourned 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jewell Anderson
Faculty Senate Secretary
September 12, 2008

Approved: October 20, 2008

Appendix A

Senators Present:

Anderson, Jewell – LIB
Andrews, Carol – LLP
Baker, Chris – LLP
Bennett, Kathy – CJSPS
Butina, Michelle – MTEC
Coulton, Kimberly – DHYG
Craven, Kathryn – BIOL
Crosby, Joey – HSCI
Eastman, Sean – MATH
Garrity, April – CSDS
Gilbert, Catherine – NURS
Goesser, Priya – ENGR
Hampton, Kevin – AMT
Hashemi, Ray – CSCI
Hizer, Todd – CHEM/PHYS
Horah, Richart – LIB
Hollinger, Karen – LLP
Jensen, John – AMT
Katz, Frank – ITEC
Knofcynski, Greg – MATH
Lander, Jennifer – PTH
Larson, Brett – BIOL
Logan, Brenda –MSGE
Loyd, Robert – SPED
Mahan, Pamela – NURS
McCall, LindaAnn – ECE
McGrath, Richard – ECON
Moore, Marsha – ECE
Nivens, Delana – CHEM/PHYS
Rieman, Bryan – HSCI
Scott, Vann – PSYC
Skidmore-Hess, Daniel – CJSPS
Strickland, Gloria – RADS
Thomas, Patrick – MSGE
Todesca, James – HIST
Tuck, Linda – NURS
Winterhalter, Teresa – LLP
White, Nancy – HIST

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Vice President Ellen Whitford
Associate V.P., Academic Affairs,
Dennis Murphy
Associate V.P., Enrollment Services,
Russell Watjen
V.P. External Affairs, Michael Donahue
Dean, College of Education,
Patricia Wachholz
Dean, College of Health Professionals,
Shelly Conroy
Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts,
Mark Findlay
Assistant Dean, College of Liberal Arts,
Beth Howells
Dean, College of Science and Technology,
George Sheilds

Ex-Officio Members not Present:

Assistant Dean, College of Science and
Technology, Steve Jodis

Senators Absent, Excused:

Howells, Beth – LLP
Simmons, Jack – LLP
Taggert, Helen – NURS
Bevis, Rhonda – RESP

Senators Absent, Unexcused

Wimer, Greg – HPED