

**ASU Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**3 p.m., February 28th, 2018, VISTA VERDE ROOM**

**Called to order 3:02**

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|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| Erin Ashworth-King, Pres.   | X | Matthew Gritter, VP          | X | Michael Burnett, Sec.               | X |
| Andrew Siefker, Parl.       | X | Nick Negovetich              | X | Jennifer Braziel                    | X |
| Jackie Brown                | X | David Carter                 |   | Jordan Daniel                       |   |
| David Dewar                 |   | David Faught                 |   | Kevin Garrison                      | X |
| Larry Hettick               | X | Randy Hicks                  | X | John Irish                          | X |
| Crystal Kreitler            | X | Kim Livengood                | X | Flor Madero                         |   |
| Vincent Mangano             | X | Kendra Nicks<br>- Lee Atkins | X | Lopa Roychoudhuri<br>- Rob LaGrande | X |
| Chase Runyan                |   | Marva Solomon                | X | Andy Wallace                        | X |
| Nelson de la Pena Atehortua |   | Anne Scaggs (Social Work)    | X |                                     |   |

**I. Approval of Current Agenda. - 1 change (correct date)**

**II. Invited Guests**

- A. Dr. Brian May, President
- B. Dr. Don Topliff, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs
- C. Dr. Javier Flores, VP for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
- D. Kent Corder, Staff Senate Chairperson
- E. Emily Hecox, Student Senate President

**III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

- Approved with 1 abstention

**IV. Standing Committee Reports**

- A. Academic Affairs (Dr. Andy Wallace)
  - 1. Reports below in OPs
- B. Bylaws and Standing Rules (Dr. Lopamudra Roychoudhuri)
  - 1. No report
- C. University Affairs (Dr. Crystal Kreitler)
  - 1. Reports below
- D. Student Affairs (Dr. David Faught)
  - 1. No report
- E. External Affairs (Dr. Jordan Daniel)
  - 1. No report
- F. Committee on Committees (Dr. Matt Gritter)
  - 1. Survey for committees being deployed tomorrow to faculty
  - 2. Due April 11

## V. Unfinished Business

- A. President's Awards Update
  - 1. 5 turned in so far, which is typical
  - 2. Reminder email going out soon
- B. Instructional Technology Committee
  - 1. A new committee being formed, widely supported by Deans, Provost, President, Fac Senate Exec Committee
  - 2. Who should be on it? 1 fac + 1 Inst. Design per college? 2 fac per college? 1 fac from undergrad, 1 from grad?
  - 3. Instructional Designers have a monthly meeting
  - 4. Feeling for more Faculty than Staff on this committee
  - 5. Certain at-large members (E-learning, IT, Library)?
  - 6. Can the number change as the need changes? YES
  - 7. Head of IT, E-learning, Library, 2 Instructional Designers, 10 Faculty (2 from each college)
  - 8. Move to table – approved with 2 abstentions
  - 9. Senators are encouraged to ask colleagues about thoughts on the committee
- C. OP 06.30: Senior Instructor, Clinical Professor Merit Raise
  - 1. OP proposed corrections sent with agenda
  - 2. Unanimous approval
- D. Operating Policies to Review / Revise
  - 06.19 Regulations for Performance Evaluation of Tenured Faculty  
<http://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14154-op-0619-regulations-for-performance-evaluation-of>
  - 1. OP proposed corrections sent with agenda
  - 2. Unanimous approval
- E. 06.25 Non-Tenure-Eligible Faculty Titles  
<http://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14150-op-0625-non-tenure-eligible-faculty-titles>
  - 1. OP proposed corrections sent with agenda
  - 2. Essentially same document minus references to promotion and tenure
  - 3. Moved and approved, 1 abstention
- F. Operating Policies to Review/Revise (discussion)
  - 1. 06.01 Academic Deans and Department Chairpersons
    - a) original handed out
    - b) Colleges need to be updated
    - c) Chair evaluation mechanism has not been used
    - d) IDEA Results need to be available in some form
    - e) Should the process be similar for the Deans?
    - f) Except that they are not on a 3 year term
    - g) Sent to Academic Affairs for revision
  - 2. 06.09 Faculty Departure Notification Procedure [original attached]
    - a) Date for notification

- b) Some faculty wait until after summer session to notify (due to having benefits, etc...)
  - c) Upper admin is fine with striking #6...but faculty would have to teach over summer to get benefits
  - d) Sent to Academic Affairs
- 3. 06.12 Faculty Leave of Absence [original attached]
  - a) Moved and approved unanimous
- 4. 06.24 Academic Administrator Returning to Full-Time Faculty [original attached]
  - a) Full time administrators, not department chairs
  - b) Chairs are on 9 month contracts with stipend for the summers
  - c) Moved and approved unanimous

## VI. New Business

NONE

## VII. Roundtable

- A. Parking in front of Rasmussen – concerns aired
- B. Curriculum Issues
  - a. Catalog will be updated to reflect current “Texas Core” and the numbers for the component areas
  - b. Moving GS out of core, talk of labs being out of the 090 option B
  - c. Could free up 5 more hours for majors (GS 1181, lab sciences)
  - d. Departments have been tasked to look at curriculum to make sure it is what they want
  - e. Specifically any possible impediments to graduation
- C. Required Minor
  - a. Possibility to remove the minor from the BA and BS degrees
  - b. ASU is one of 2 universities requiring minors in Texas
  - c. Not removing minors, but the requirement to have a minor
  - d. Look at department numbers (fac and students) on how minor is a plus or minus
  - e. Faculty will be provided a forum for feedback
  - f. Slated for fall 2019 at the earliest
  - g. 42 hour majors is a Coord. Board rule
  - h. 1 member and department are “dead-set” against this
  - i. From a concerned senator not in attendance – read into the record: “I, and my constituents, are dead set against eliminating minors. I can pull data, which we should evaluate as part of this process, but anecdotally I can say that minors are the lifeblood of our department. Upper-division classes, taught by tenure-track faculty, give faculty the opportunity to integrate their research into the classroom in ways that just aren’t possible with lower-level classes. Further, without minors, some of those upper-division classes won’t make. When the upper-division history classes don’t make, we descend into the perception of being a service department rather than the vibrant contributor to a humanities education that is at the heart of the university’s mission. I will always vote no on this issue.”

j. Is this the faculty giving up another piece of the curriculum?

**VIII. Adjournment**

**—Moved and approved at 4:37**