

Faculty Senate Minutes
Minutes of September 21, 2007

FACULTY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

PROXY

Louella Moore—Chair		P
Shivan Haran —Vice-Chair of the Senate		P
Bill Humphrey—Past President		P
Lillie Fears —Secretary Faculty Association		P
Judith Pfriemer—Secretary of the Senate		P

AGRICULTURE (1)

Bert Greenwalt	Spring 08	P
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BUSINESS (3)

Mark Foster	Spring 09	Proxy	Dan Marburger
Richard Segall	Spring 08	P	
Ahmad Syamil	Spring 08	P	

COMMUNICATIONS (2)

Pradeep Mishra	Spring 08	P	
Mary J. Pitts	Spring 09	Proxy	Mylea Hill

EDUCATION (5)

Andy Mooneyham	Spring 09	P
Daniel Cline	Spring 09	P
David Holman	Spring 08	A
Stephanie Davidson	Spring 09	A
Amy Claxton	Spring 09	P

ENGINEERING (1)

Shivan Haran	Spring 09	P
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FINE ARTS (3)

Stacy Alley	Spring 08	P
Ron Horton	Spring 09	P
Bill Rowe	Spring 09	P

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (6)

Robert Baum	Spring 08	P	
Win Bridges	Spring 08	A	
Richard Burns	Spring 09	P	
Peggy Robinson-Wright	Spring 09	P	
Alex Sydorenko	Spring 09	Proxy	William Maynard
Richard Wang	Spring 09	P	

LIBRARY (1)

Myron Flugstad	Spring 09	P
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MILITARY SCIENCE (1)

Jeffrey Helms	Spring 09	A
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NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS (4)

Donna Caldwell	Spring 09	P	
Richard Freer	Spring 08	Proxy	George Jacinto
Mike McDaniel	Spring 09	P	
Judith Pfriemer	Spring 08	P	

SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS (4)

Richard Grippo	Spring 09	Proxy	Bob Bennett
John Pratte	Spring 08	A	
Jeff Jenness	Spring 08	A	
Jie Miao	Spring 08	P	

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (1)

Gloria Bridges	Spring 08	P	
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Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

I. MINUTES:

Minutes from April 6, 2007 presented for approval. Approved
Minutes from April 13, 2007 presented for approval. Approved
Minutes from September 7, 2007 presented for approval. Approved

II. OLD Business

Reports from Shared Governance Proposal Task Forces:

1) No Gambling; Flugstad & taskforce members Foster, Mishra, Mooneyham

Myron Flugstad presented report of faculty comments and report is attached. Report was accepted. Dr. McDaniel moved that faculty senate support this proposal and forward the comments to the AGOC. Motion seconded by Dr. Wang. Motion failed. Discussion followed. Resolution: Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate approves in principle of the no gambling on campus policy as submitted to the Senate for review and comment, however, the Faculty Senate has serious concerns that mechanisms for addressing questions and or points raised, or provision/s for further discussion remains unclear and are forwarding our concerns to AGOC for response to question raised in the report. Vote for approval of resolution: 7 for 13 against 1 abstains

2) Conflict of Interest/Textbook Royalties; Humphrey & taskforce members Pratte, Pfriemer, Bridges

Dr. Humphrey reports verbally to Faculty Senate that few faculty comments were received. It appears that this policy on reality dispersion is in conflict with the faculty handbook and federal law. Policies from Ohio State and New Mexico State and U of A. were discussed. The question is how will the University determine what new copies are sold at ASU. Dr. McDaniel moved to approve the policy as proposed Bill Humphrey seconded. Discussion followed. Motion failed to pass. Discussion followed. Discussion centered on the decision as to which text and supplemental materials should rest with the faculty member and the department chair or faculty within the department. In the situation wherein the textbook to be used is written by the faculty member who will be using it and that same faculty member will receive royalties from the sale of the textbook, an obvious conflict of interest results. Since federal law states that the royalties from the sale of a book belong to the author and cannot be taken by the University, the faculty member does not have to pay any part of the royalties to the University. Rather than remove the textbook from consideration since it might deprive the students of the best textbook for the course, the conflict of interest will be removed by requiring that the decision to select the textbook must be approved by a majority of the faculty in that department. Lillie Fears moved "Department committees be establish to review conflict of interests on textbooks and that the decision to use a textbook be approved by a majority of the faculty in that department." Motion seconded by Shivan Haran. Resolution passed: 12 for 8 against 1 abstains

3) Extended Review D transfers; English from South Africa, Restart revision – Moore & task force members

Baum, Haran, Pfriemer. Louella Moore presented report of faculty comments and report is attached. Report was accepted. Dr. McDaniel moved that faculty senate support this proposal and forward the comments to the AGOC. Motion seconded by Ms. Pfriemer. Discussion followed. Senate vote counts on these three proposals: Policy of D transfer 6 for 11 against. Policy for English South Africa 18 for and 1 against. Policy for Restart 13 for and 3 against.

Judith Pfriemer reported on Fringe Benefits committee and the proposed increase in health insurance with request for faculty comments. Pfriemer accepted questions from the floor related to who's proposal the increase was. Explanation of the committee being an shared governance committee and that the committee would receive information from administration and experts from outside of the University and make recommendation that are brought to the constituents was made by Dan Cline. J. W. Mason and Jenus Burton were present at the meeting to offer background and further information on the health care cost proposal. Senators were encouraged to share the information with their faculty and to

send all comments to Pfriemer by noon on Wednesday as the Fringe Benefits Committee will be meeting on Wednesday at 1:30 on this proposal.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Notice of new shared governance proposals for consideration presented. D. Moore reported that no petitions had been submitted to her.

Admissions Criteria and Process – Tammy Fowler, Director of Admissions shared information on ASU admissions standards of 2.25 GPA or a 15 ACT composite. These standards will remain through 2008 and become 2.5 GPA or 17 on ACT Composite in fall 2009. All students who are not admitted to the University are advised of the appeal process through the Undergraduate Admission, Graduation, and Academic Credit Appeals Committee. If a student wants to appeal, they will notify the admissions office who then will prepare the necessary forms and inform the student of the meeting date and the need to present any supporting documentation they possess. For fall 2007 entering students, 73 students were denied, 34 appealed and 14 were admitted. No student had an ACT composite less than 13. Questions were then asked regarding the success of those that appeal. Judith Pfriemer who has chaired this committee in the past stated that the records that were kept show a high degree of success on GPA and graduation for those that actually complete the appeals process. They are often determined students. Ms. Fowler invited any one with concerns to address these to her.

Education Renewal Zones and efforts of ASUJ to improve educational outcomes in mathematics courses, i. e., College Algebra, Mike Hall. (DEFERRED)

Distinguishing/balancing institutional roles of Faculty Senate and AAUP. Moore with input of all Senate members. Brief mention of role of Senate in Association Bylaws. (REMAINDER DEFERRED)

Discussion of possible AAUP representation on Senate Handbook Committee. Bill Rowe. (DEFERRED)

Issues and Concerns from Floor.
None presented.

IV. Announcements/Other Business

Faculty workload policy of AAUP – Richard Burns.

Richard Burns distributed to the senators the AAUP Statement on Faculty Workload. He asked the senators to read the document paying particular attention to teaching load versus work load and the recommendations of a preferred teaching load of nine hours in undergraduate and six hours at the graduate level. There was some discussion from the floor on other formulas that could be utilized to determine faculty load such as contact hours or FTEs produced. Due to time constraints the discussion was tabled until the senators could review the material and Dr. Burns could make a more detailed presentation to the senators.

Local AAUP Report on ESA Process – Bill Rowe.

Bill Rowe informed the Senate that the officers of the AAUP have been very interested in the ESA and how it is administered in the different colleges at ASU. He introduced Dr. John Hall and Dr. Lynn Howerton who gave the senators a brief outline of a report that has been given to Dr. Potts. This report is on the history at ASU regarding budget and the openness of the documents to the public that occurred in 19987 as well as changes that occurred in 2004 due to senior administration changes in Academic Affairs. The change in 2004 was due to the belief by Academic Administration that the salary equity procedure was “too formulaic”. and a new salary adjustment called “Extraordinary Salary Adjustment or ESA” was to be run concurrently with the salary equity formula. The ASU handbook does not include ESA. Due to library closure the presentation was stopped.
Committee Reports

V. Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.