

Faculty Senate Minutes for December 3, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Boals Gilbert at 3:00 p.m.

Senators Bill Humphrey and Rich Grippo (M/S) the approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved with the one correction by Senator Warren Johnson that the Admission by Exception for Prospective Students with Exceptional Talent has not yet been approved by the shared governance process.

President Gilbert declared that the Resolution to Investigate Potential Violation of Faculty Primacy be voted on by printed ballot.

Senator Mike McDaniel raised a point of order in objection to voting by printed ballot.

Proxy John D. Hall and Senator Andy Mooneyhan (M/S) that the Resolution be voted on by printed ballot.

The motion passed with 19 in favor, seven opposed, and one abstention.

Senators Grippo and Roy Aldridge (M/S) the adoption of the Resolution to Investigate Potential Violation of Faculty Primacy.

Several senators and others mentioned that they wanted the resolution to go forward through the shared governance process. Other concerns were that faculty were being unjustly accused of a conflict of interest and that the issue was who really had control over the curriculum not just about distance education.

After general discussion a friendly amendment was made by Proxy Hall to change the wording of the second paragraph to read, "potentially in conflict with the spirit of shared governance and faculty primacy on curriculum development , instruction, instructional delivery and other matters."

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder.

Proxy Hall made another friendly amendment to add the following paragraph to the resolution.

"Therefore, be it further resolved to introduce this resolution into the shared governance process."

This amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder.

After further discussion, the question was called by Senator Aldridge to vote on the resolution as amended below:

Resolution to Investigate Potential Violation of Faculty Primacy

Whereas, Arkansas State University entered into a series of agreements with Higher Education Holdings LLC, also known as Academic Partnerships, a private for-profit provider of on-line degrees in 2009, a unique partnership that involves the privatization of ASU's educational offerings, degrees, instruction and other services, representing a fundamental shift in the nature of faculty roles and relationships, manner of instruction and the nature of the institution itself;

Whereas, HEH/AP is an on-line course-delivery program that was initially implemented with minimum faculty notification, involvement, input and oversight, potentially in conflict with the spirit of shared governance and faculty primacy on curriculum development, instruction, instructional delivery and other matters;

Whereas, ASU has many options for developing its own on-line and distance learning programs, developing partnerships with non-profit providers and other means of delivering on-line and distance learning programs;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of ASU calls for a moratorium on the development, delivery and approval of any new HEH/AP-related programs beyond ones already required by contractual agreement until after the Best Practices Distance Education committee and the Faculty Senate Quality Committee make their reports;

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Faculty Senate Quality Committee be charged with a review of current HEH/AP programs to ensure faculty primacy in the decision-making process and to ensure that no new partnerships be approved until after this committee makes its report; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the existing Distance Learning Committee established by Dr. Potts in the spring, 2010 for the purpose of addressing both academic issues and non-academic issues, be activated by the co-chairs named in the memo from Dr. Potts, with the task of investigating all aspects of HEH/AP in accordance with the original charge, with a report provided to the Senate.

Therefore, be it further resolved to introduce this resolution into the shared governance process.

While the balloting took place, President Gilbert proposed to change the agenda order to allow Associate Vice President for Information and Technology Services Mark Hoeting to give his report out of regular order.

Proxy Hall raised a point of order in objection to this.

Senators Humphrey and Pradeep Mishra (M/S) that the agenda be amended to allow Mark Hoeting to give his report out of the regular agenda order.

This motion passed with 13 votes in approval and nine opposed.

Mark Hoeting reported that the size of faculty mailboxes would be increased to one gigabyte each in groups of 90 over the period January through March. He recommended that local storage was better

than server storage for faculty email accounts for long-term storage. Staff mailbox sizes will not be increased.

President Gilbert then reported that the Resolution to Investigate Potential Violation of Faculty Primacy had passed by a margin of 19 yes, votes, ten no votes, and one abstention.

Vice President Jack Zibluk and Senator Grippo (M/S) to remove Faculty Senate Resolution B from the table and put it into consideration.

Concerns raised about Resolution B were that it was vague and accusatory, and that it was not necessary for two resolutions seeking the same end to move forward simultaneously.

Senator Sydorenko said that the most important part of the resolution was the last paragraph.

After general discussion, Vice President Zibluk called the question.

Proxy Hall and Senator Richard Burns (M/S) that the vote on Faculty Senate Resolution B be conducted by printed ballot.

The motion for using printed ballots passed.

The resolution was then defeated by 20 no votes, nine yes votes and one abstention.

Senators Patty Murphy and Humphrey (M/S) the Distance Education Resolution.

Concerns were raised that the resolution did not tell how to assess online courses, that it was telling faculty how to teach, and that it was another hoop for faculty to jump through.

After general discussion, Senator McDaniel called the question.

The motion was defeated without any yes votes and one abstention.

Professor Dan Marburger gave his statistical report on student athletes.



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Senators Mooneyhan and Grippo (M/S) the approval of the Admission by Exception for Prospective Students with Exceptional Talent proposal.

Concerns were raised that this proposal would be unfair to other students who had to meet the general admission criteria, that it was loosely defined, and that student athletes who underperform in high school tend to not graduate from Arkansas State University. Points made in favor of the proposal were that similar policies are in place at other universities and that some music students and others, and not just athletes would be affected.

After general discussion, the motion was defeated by a vote of nine in favor, 15 opposed, and three abstentions.

Senator Alex Sydorenko made the motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Attendees:

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Association officers:

Beverly Boals Gilbert

John B. Zibluk

Richard S. Grippo

Agriculture:

Bill Humphrey

Business:

Fay K. Cocchiara

Richard Segall

Jollean K. Sinclair

Communications:

Pradeep Mishra

Education:

Patty Murphy

Andy Mooneyhan

John D. Hall proxy for Amy Claxton

Jackie McBride

David Holman proxy for Amany Saleh

Fine Arts:

Bill Rowe

Marika Kyriakos

Claire D. Garrard

Humanities and Social Sciences:

Warren Johnson

Richard Burns

Larry Salinger

Alex Sydorenko

Richard Wang

Library:

Myron Flugstad

Military Science:

Jeffrey Helms

Nursing and Health Professions:

Bill Payne

Loretta Brewer

Roy Aldridge

Mike McDaniel

Stacy Troxel

Science and Mathematics:

Hung-chi Su

Jim Bednarz

University College:

Rhonda Curbo

Dean's Council Representative:

Andrew Novobilski

Visitors:

John Pratte

Anthony Childress

Lynita Cooksey

Tammy Fowler