

## Faculty Senate Attendance & Minutes for February 20, 2009

<b>FACULTY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS</b>		<b>PROXY</b>
Louella Moore—Chair	P	
Shivan Haran—Vice-Chair of the Senate	P	
Beverly Boals Gilbert —President Elect	P	
Lillie Fears —Secretary Faculty Association	P	
Amy Claxton—Secretary of the Senate	P	
<b>AGRICULTURE (1)</b>		
Bill Humphrey            Spring 10	P	
<b>BUSINESS (3)</b>		
Johnny Van Horn        Spring 10	A	
Richard Segall         Spring 10	P	
Ahmad Syamil           Spring 10	P	
<b>COMMUNICATIONS (2)</b>		
Pradeep Mishra         Spring 10	P	
Jack Zibluk             Spring 10	P	
<b>EDUCATION (5)</b>		
Andy Mooneyham       Spring 09	P	
Daniel Cline            Spring 09	A	
Tom Fiala                Spring 09	P	
Mark McJunkin         Spring 10		Deborah Owens
Amy Claxton            Spring 09	P	
<b>ENGINEERING (1)</b>		
Shivan Haran            Spring 09	P	
<b>FINE ARTS (3)</b>		
Brent Foland            Spring 10	P	
Ron Horton             Spring 09	A	
Bill Rowe                Spring 09	P	
<b>HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (6)</b>		
Robert Baum            Spring 10	P	
Win Bridges             Spring 10	P	
Richard Burns         Spring 09	P	
Peggy Robinson-Wright Spring 09	A	
Alex Sydorenko        Spring 09	P	
Richard Wang           Spring 09	P	
<b>LIBRARY (1)</b>		
Myron Flugstad         Spring 09	P	
<b>MILITARY SCIENCE (1)</b>		
Jeffrey Helms           Spring 09	A	
<b>NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS (4)</b>		
Donna Caldwell         Spring 10	P	
Richard Freer           Spring 10	A	
Mike McDaniel         Spring 09	P	
Judith Pfriemer        Spring 09	P	
<b>SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS (4)</b>		
Richard Grippo         Spring 09	P	
<b>OPEN/NONE ELECTED</b>		
Hung-Chi Su            Spring 10	P	
J. Mike Hall             Spring 10	P	
<b>UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (1)</b>		
Vicki Stripling         Spring 10	A	

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### Invited Presentations:

#### 1) Technology Fee Appropriations Committee

Mark Hoeting made a presentation regarding what how to utilize the money from technology fees. Some considerations are upgrading one-third of the faculty computers, upgrading 1/3 of the computers in the open access computer labs on campus, and purchasing increased storage ability. IT is required by law to store certain types of email and data for five years. He also reported that Blackboard 9 will be available soon. He reported that it will have an assessment component, as well as blogs and social networking as a part of the program.

#### 2) Commencement Committee

Gil Fowler made a presentation on behalf of the Commencement Committee. The committee is recommending that faculty no longer march in for the entry procession but assemble at a designated seating area on the convocation center floor in front of the students. Faculty will sit on the same side of the convocation center as the students in their department are seated. This will reduce the length of the ceremony. It will also allow the families to sit closer to the floor and see their students better. Speaker time limits, with the exception of the invited speaker, will be reduced to 3 to 4 minutes. At the close of commencement the plan is for the faculty march up to the reception area and the students will march out to get their diplomas before coming to reception.

### Old Business:

1) Burns moved to accept the minutes with no corrections. The motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### New Business or Discussion Items:

#### 1) SHARED GOVERNANCE ISSUE:

Senator Burns made a motion, seconded by Rowe, that we acknowledge the shared governance proposal on a 5 minute "halo period" for student class attendance. The proposal was drafted by the SGA and entered into the Shared Governance process by University Enrollment and Academic Policies Committee. Comments made centered around the reduction of class content time. If you took away 5 minutes from every class period the curriculum would be reduced from the current 14 weeks to 12 ½ weeks. Some noted this is a curriculum issue, not an individual rights issue. Faculty Senate voted to unanimously oppose the proposal.

#### 2) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) Presentation of report prepared by Faculty Senate Finance Committee by Louella Moore.

A copy of the complete finance report is available at the following link:

<http://faculty.astate.edu/documents.html>

The Finance Committee Recommendations found in the report were discussed. In addition to concerns about low salaries, unfunded equity adjustments, and low % of the budget allocated to instructional costs, it was noted that the level of auxiliary transfers for athletic purposes seems unsustainable.

Concerns were also raised about the excessive cost of small orders with Sodexo. This is a waste of money of state dollars. A recommendation was to modify the contract with Sodexo and similar sole source contractors to provide the ability to go to other vendors when the internal cost is unreasonable; also there should be a mechanism for review by a party other than the vendor. Zibluk made a motion to accept the finance Report which was seconded by Pfreimer. The report was accepted unanimously.

## **2) Parking Committee report by Donna Caldwell:**

The Delta Center will be finished in Fall of 2009. South of Delta center will be a dedicated parking lot for the Delta Center. University Loop West between HPESS and the library will be closed Summer of 2009. University Loop West will be redirected around HPESS to Aggie. Caraway will end at Wendy's and go around over train track and HPESS. The campus entrance off Stadium will remain the same. Parking will have a short fall of 108 spaces. Senator Pfreimer expressed concerns about problems in the event of a campus evacuation for emergency purposes. *(There was some discussion in the meeting that the current road might not close until after an alternate road was in place, but an email after the meeting confirmed that the closing would indeed occur in Summer 2009 before the new road is available due to a combination of cost and safety issues.)*

## **OTHER ISSUES:**

Senator Zibluk commented on the smoking ban proposal and its status in the Shared governance system. While the KAIT report seemed to leave the impression that the smoking ban had been passed, it has only been passed by one group on campus and has not yet been started through the formal shared governance process for comments by other groups.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30pm.