

Faculty Senate Minutes
Wednesday, March 22, 2017
3:00 PM: General Classroom Building 118
Hyperlinks to supporting documents are included
**As approved by the Faculty Senate on April 5, 2017*

I. Call to Order and Welcome – Faculty Senate Chair Steven Emge called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

a. Attending:

Stan Alluisi	Kay Daigle	Brad Ludrick
Gleny Beach	Diane Dixon	Charles Matthews
Jeremy Blackwood	Steven Emge	Stewart Mayers
Brandon Burnette	William Fridley	Crystal Moore
Han-Sheng Chen	Karl Frinkle	Chris Moretti

b. Not Attending

Daniel Althoff	Mo Chehbouni
Martin Bressler	Randy Clark

c. Attending – Guests

II. Approval of the [minutes from March 8, 2017](#)

Sen. Alluisi moved to accept the revised minutes, Sen. Ludrick seconded. Correction made in Personnel Policies report: The statement “Sen. Moretti asked for the necessity as to why the Faculty Senate should be listed in the function statement” now reads “Sen. Moretti asked for clarification and examples of which items from the Distance Education Council would be sent to the Faculty Senate and which items would be sent to the Academic Council.” Additionally, “With the miscommunication at hand, Sen. Fridley amended the motion asking to postpone the changes to the function statement which will be sent to Sen. Dixon” has been corrected to read “With the miscommunication at hand, Sen. Fridley amended the motion asking to postpone the changes to the function statement until Committee on Committees has had a chance to review the material.” The motion to accept the minutes with corrections passed 15 in favor - 0 opposed - 1 abstentions.

III. Committee Reports

A. Planning Committee –

i. Sen. Ludrick provided the Senate with an update in regards to the Faculty Senate Awards following the faculty-at-large vote. The Adjunct of the Year, Librarian of the Year, and the Lifetime Achievement awards have been decided based upon the first round of voting. Sen. Ludrick asked the Senators to encourage the faculty in their respective areas to participate in the second faculty-at-large vote that will narrow the number candidates before a vote in the Faculty Senate. It was determined after discussion that the Planning Committee will need to send the Arts & Sciences an updated ballot for re-vote due to the combined names of faculty in the Arts & Sciences. The listing has traditionally been divided based upon school divisions of Arts & Letters and Sciences. Sen. Ludrick asked the Senators to be

thinking about the process for future voting for the Faculty Awards. Chair Emge stated that the process will be a charge for the Planning Committee next year.

B. Committee on Committees –

i. The committee has not met. Sen. Dixon will be sending out an email to the faculty seeking those who are interested in serving on the ad hoc Learning Technologies Council.

C. Executive Committee –

i. The committee has not met. Chair Emge will be setting up a meeting with President Burrage. Chair Emge asked the Senators to inform him of topics that they may wish for the Executive Committee to discuss with President Burrage.

D. Personnel Policies –

i. The committee will be meeting on March 31 at 1:00 PM.

E. Budget Committee –

i. The Budget Committee has not met.

F. University Affairs –

i. The University Affairs committee has not met

IV. Old Business –

A. Shared Governance Forum #2

i. The next Shared Governance Forum will be held on April 11. Chair Emge suggested that the next forum center on the university Budget Process Revision. Sen. Moore asked that we consider looking at Legislative Advocacy issues and where the university stands on the topics at hand. It was noted that perhaps the AAUP would be a great source of information in regards to the current legislative issues. Sen. Fridley asked that the Senate consider information in regards to the new faculty hires and the prioritization as to how the hires have been selected. Chair Emge asked the Senators to forward him any suggestions that they wish for him to consider for the forum.

B. Chair-Elect Elections Announcement

i. Sen. Brad Ludrick has graciously agreed to serve as Chair-Elect for 2017-2019. He will assume the responsibilities of Chair of the Faculty Senate in Fall 2019.

C. HLC 2018 Assurance Report

i. Chair Emge sent the Faculty Senators six questions to consider regarding the Mission Statement of the university. The HLC Assurance Report Committee is soliciting answers from the Faculty Senate, the Graduate Council, the General Education Council, the Student Government Association, and the Southeastern Staff Association. The committee is requesting information in a broad scope at this time. Individual responses will be solicited at a later date.

The six questions are as follows:

1. Were you ever involved in the creation process of the current Mission Statement?
2. If yes, in what capacity and what were your responsibilities?
3. Based on the criteria listed below, do you feel that the current mission statement & scope and function statement still fulfill the criteria?
4. If not, which components of the mission statement & scope and function statement do not fulfill the criterion?
5. What components of the mission statement & scope and function statement should be revised or modified?
6. If it is determined that a revised/updated mission statement should be created, would you be willing to serve on that task force?

Chair Emge asked for Senators to inform him of their suggestions. Discussion on questions 5 and 6 ensued in the validity of the extra-curricular statement in the current mission statement. Several Senators stated that it seemed as though the current push is for online expansion and not a focus on extra-curricular. With the online focus, it was mentioned that perhaps the mission statement should not be written with the "regional" idea in mind. Sen. Dixon mentioned that the current mission statement reflects a focus toward undergraduate study and asked input on the push for more graduate programs.

V. New Business - None

VI. Adjournment.

Sen. Blackwood made a motion to adjourn. Sen. Mayers seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jeremy Blackwood, Faculty Senate Recorder