

**FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
Nov. 2, 2011
Classroom Building 118**

I. Call to Order: 3:01 p.m.

Attending:

Richard Braley	Martin Bressler	George Jacox
Halet Poovey	Steven Emge	William Fridley
Chris Moretti	Sheila Barnes	Brett Elliott
Susan Webb	Bruce Johnson	Deborah Combs
Michael Reed	Dennis Brewster	Dan Althoff
Jacob Wallace	Blythe Duell	Diane Dixon

Not Attending:

Aaron Adair	Lawrence Silver	Riley Coker
Gerrie Johnson	Kathleen Hardgrove	

II. Approval of October 26th Minutes

III. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee Report—Sen. Dixon/ Sen. Moretti

President Minks has suggested a few options for the Faculty Lounge including the Magnolia House. The drawbacks of this location are that it would be open for limited hours, and it would need to be locked up when not in use. Other options were briefly discussed including the Science Building, and the old Student Union.

B. Budget Committee – Sen. Combs

The Budget Committee presented a report that they have been working on that compares administration and staff salary increases with faculty salary increases since 1984-1985. The bottom line is that money going to administrative salaries has increased by 33%, while money going to faculty salaries in the same period of time has increased by 10% (and the vast majority of this increase comes from the endowed chair positions). A copy of this report will be discussed with the president at the next meeting between the Executive Committee and President Minks.

C. Committee on Committees – Sen. Barnes

The Committee on Committees recommended that Richard Braley and Rhonda Richards serve on the Employee Traffic Appeals Committee. Motion approved.

D. Personnel Policies Committee—Sen. Fridley

The Personnel Policies Committee had drafted a new statement on shared governance. This document will be discussed with the president at the next meeting between the Executive Committee and President Minks. Motion approved.

E. Planning Committee

No Report

F. University Affairs

No Report

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A task force has been established for post-tenure review. This task force consists of the deans, vice presidents, and personnel policies committee. The goal of the committee is to establish a just and fair system of review.

The Campus Sustainability Committee is meeting regularly. They are cooperating with the Choctaws to bring recycling to the SE campus. They have established a place to gather recyclable materials and have begun recycling paper in a few building across campus. There is also a move to methodically change bulbs across campus to energy-saving LED bulbs.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Blythe Duell