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ASU FACULTY SENATE  
MINUTES  
February 16, 2001

FACULTY ASSOCIATION  
Jeff Bailey, President (Library)  
Mary Jean Rutherford, Past President (NHP)  
Nonie Wiggins, Secretary/Treasurer (NHP)

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
Paul Armah

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
Roger Abernathy  
Bob Bennett  
Dick Freer  
David Jimerson  
Ernesto Lombeida     absent  
Bill Maynard  
Joe Sartorelli     Proxy(Win Bridges)  
Victoria Spaniol     Proxy(Michael P. Spikes)  
Richard Wang

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS  
Chris Brown  
Dan Marburger  
Clint Relyea  
Jim Washam     Absent

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS  
Jack Zibluk

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
Cindy Albright  
Steve Haggbloom  
Joe Justen  
Veda McClain  
Carl Vaupel     absent

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING  
Charles Coleman

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Bill Rowe  
Molly Simpson absent  
Theron Waddle absent

#### COLLEGE OF NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Terry Baggs Proxy(Debbie Clymer)  
Steve Guffey Proxy(Troy Thomas)  
Laura Owens

#### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Dee Layton

#### LIBRARY

Myron Flugstad

#### MILITARY SCIENCE

Daniel Tiscareno absent

#### COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC DEANS

Jan Duggar absent

#### PARLIAMENTARIAN

Michael Morrell

#### VISITORS

Carol Barnhill, Doug Mathis, J. W.ason, Tammy Fowler, Starr Fenner, Greg Chance (KASU), Alicia Smith (Harald), Heather McCutcheon (News Reporting), Lindsey Brown(News Reporting), Marlin Shipman (Journalism and Printing) Wendy Crist (Library), Joanna Grymes (Education) Lynn Howerton (Psy. & Counseling), John D. Hall (Psy. & Counseling), Jerry Linnstaedter (Academic Affairs)

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:03 by Chair Bailey.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Bailey called for corrections or additions to the February 2, 2001 minutes. The minutes stand as distributed.

#### REMARKS AND DISCUSSION

Carol Barnhill, Staff Senate President, reported on the Staff Senate Drug Committee and the Drug Free Workplace Program. A working document was distributed and discussed at great length. Faculty expressed great concern regarding the pre-employment drug testing policy, the accompanying reasonable suspicion recording form and the consequences of

having any type of drug testing policy.

#### REPORTS

Chair Bailey reported on the status of the online course fee. A meeting took place on Feb. 5 to discuss the online course fee. There was discussion at this meeting that the online course fee would eventually become part of a student technology fee. The money collected this semester from the online fee has been placed into an academic affairs account specifically set aside for these funds. A decision has not been made as to how these funds will be spent or by whom.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

Senator Freer moved that the senate approve the following resolution:

Whereas

The ASU Faculty Senate has established the University Teaching and Learning Center at Arkansas State University; and

Whereas

The UTLC now has a Director and has acquired resources and a budget for purchase of equipment and supplies to establish the Center; and

Whereas

The Faculty Senate recognizes the importance of providing space for the Center that is permanent, adequate to serve the goals of the Center (including housing the Director, support staff, students, resources and for other purposes) and space of which the faculty can be proud; and

Whereas

Room 302 in the library has been designated for faculty use;

Therefore Be It Resolved That

The Arkansas State University Faculty Senate recommends housing the UTLC in Room #02 of the library, and endorses the UTLC Board plan to renovate the space.

Senator Justin seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Senator Maynard called the question. The motion carried.

Senator Zublik moved that the senate approve the following resolution:

Whereas

Budget resources spent on instruction are declining steadily as a percentage of total university expenditures over the last five years from 34.4 percent of the budget to 29.74 percent, according to a Faculty Senate Finance Committee Report;

Whereas

The athletic budget and salaries have steadily increased over the same period;

Whereas

Increased health-care costs have resulted in significant staff and faculty salary decreases, often wiping out last year's 3 percent pay raises and causing a net year-to-year pay cut;

Whereas ASU administrators have made no effort to try to offset that pay cut;

Whereas

The changing budget priorities have eroded faculty morale and support for the ASU administration and for the institution overall;

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate recommends the administration re-examine its budget priorities with the goal of restoring academic expenditures to approximately 35 percent of total expenditures;

Therefore be it further resolved that the Faculty Senate recommends the administration re-examine the health-care package with the goal of minimizing faculty and staff salary pay cuts.

The motion was made to accept the resolution. Concern was expressed about the percentages quoted. Suggestions were made to change the wording. Senator Freer made the motion to postpone acceptance of the resolution in order to make the suggested wording changes. Second Senator Maynard.

Senator Maynard informed the senate about Senate Bill 448, the collective bargaining bill, before the state Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor. It has been suggested that faculty be removed from this bill. The AAUP alerted faculty about this issue.

Senator Maynard the motion that we accept the following resolution:

The members of the History Department request that the Faculty Senate, in the name of the faculty of Arkansas State University, contact the following state senators as members of the Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee by letter to urge them to support Senate Bill 448 (Public Sector Collective Bargaining Bill) as it is currently written and without amendments that may remove university faculty from its provisions. The History Department urges the Senate Executive to emphasize in its memorial to the legislators that it represents a faculty of over 300 individuals.

Senator Wang seconded the motion. Senator Rutherford called the question. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Bennett asked faculty to put together an ad hoc committee to address the Drug Policy Recommendations. Senator Maynard made the motion that the ad hoc committee be created to address the faculty position on creating a drug policy. Second Freer. Motion passed unanimously. The senators were charged with assessing their constituents and bringing feedback to the senate. The volunteers for the committee and chair are; Senator Bennett will chair, members are R.Wang, S. Haggbloom, C. Brown, B. Maynard, D. Jimerson. Senator Freer made the motion to accept members of the adhoc committee. Rutherford Second. The motion Passed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Bailey announced that the Nominating Committee which will identify candidates for Faculty Association President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer has been formed. The chair will be Mary Jean Rutherford (as Past President), other members are Dan Marburger, Dick Freer and Bill Rowe.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:55.