

Minutes

Faculty Meeting



Tuesday, October 13, 2009
2:30 p.m., JSAC Ballroom

98 faculty members present; President Bloodworth called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Agenda Items

I. **Approval of the Minutes** from April 14, 2009, available at:

http://www.aug.edu/faculty_secretary/facmin_04_14_2009_draft.pdf

Vote – all ayes

II. **Report** of the President

Dr. Bloodworth, president, complimented our campus fundraisers this year, especially the leadership of the van Tuyls. Both the campus and community campaigns exceeded their goals, and the Alumni barbeque was a great success. ASU won a bronze award in the Chancellor's Customer Service Awards competition for the University System of Georgia, due to Mr. Walt Alexanderson, Director of Human Relations. His PowerPoint presentation on furloughs has been posted on the campus website. Physical Plant has been awarded \$689,500, a substantial increase over the usual funding, due to Assistant Vice President for Plant Operations Therese Rosier's work, including her program to save 5.84 kW of power through conservation. The BOR recommended \$1.8 million to be used to pay for design of a new classroom building on Wrightsboro Road; the BOR also is considering a new core curriculum, with the intent of giving institutions flexibility for innovation within the core.

Our enrollment is up 5.6 percent this year, so we will receive an increase in tuition funds, but we also lost 10 percent of appropriations last year. There has been some increase in formula funding but still have a net permanent decrease in funding. The result is that students are paying a larger percentage of the cost of their education than in previous years. The state is withholding about five percent of our budget in anticipation of more cuts, in part because sales tax revenue is down 22.4 percent.

Dr. Bloodworth complimented the service departments involved in registration, noting that this has been the most complaint-free fall of any term in his time here.

He then turned the meeting over to Vice President for Academic Affairs Samuel Sullivan, who thanked all the faculty members who expressed sympathy during the VPAA's convalescence.

Dr. Sullivan spoke to the faculty as an extension of his recent discussions with the Faculty Policies Committee. One of our strategic goals is to increase funding from external grants. He asked for suggestions and a discussion about bringing in external support, from which dollars will come to campus. Dr. Sullivan reminded faculty that the

campus administration is here to help everyone with locating and gaining external support, and that this goal will be with us through 2012. Kim Gray, Director of the Grants Office, can provide some research, but only collectively can we achieve this goal. He noted that one FPC member said the administration could better assist grants seekers, such as with finding matching funds. Dr. Sullivan said he welcomes this problem. His role is to serve as an advocate for faculty who seek grants. Communication is also a concern. Committees in the colleges of arts and sciences, education, and business are looking at how to move forward. There is a new \$30,000 line in the budget for consulting, and he seeks ideas for its use. Dr. Sullivan reminded faculty that in applying for grants it is necessary to build in the costs of administering the grant. He added that his office is working on additional areas to reflect the importance of grants, such as changes to the ASU web site, presentations, and a closing ceremony to recognize successful grants.

Dr. Robert Jarman, Associate Dean of the Pamplin College of Arts and Sciences, suggested that faculty would have had more suggestions prepared if the topic had appeared on the agenda. Dr. Sullivan responded that the agenda changed only hours prior to the start time of the Faculty Meeting.

Dr. Hubert van Tuyl, Chair of the Department of History, Anthropology, and Philosophy, favors finding more money for the school, but he felt the goal pushes us to become a research institution, for which we don't have the resources. Dr. Bloodworth replied that this goal is not a research goal; most grants gained at other schools are not for research but are for service and instruction.

Dr. Marc Miller, Dean of the Hull College of Business, noted that we need to change our culture to recognize grants as similar in tenure and promotion value to peer-review journals.

Mr. John O'Shea, Reese Library, said that as applicants continue to apply for grants, they develop a sense for what will work and what will not be funded. Experience helps.

Dr. Sullivan added that applicants are responsible for the content related to their area of expertise, and that his office and others on campus can ensure the information about the university supports the proposal.

III. Faculty Policies Committee – Dr. Walter Evans Committee Structure– **See Attachment A**

The proposal was held over for the next Faculty Meeting, as additional considerations had arisen, and further work was needed on structuring the committee list to put before the faculty.

IV. Announcements

Mr. Walt Alexanderson, Director of Human Resources, noted a Benefits Fair to be held Friday October 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the JSAC Ballroom. Open enrollment will run from Monday, October 26 through November 20.

Dr. Holly Carter, Assistant Vice President for International Affairs, reported on the fundraiser for the Study Abroad program. Eighty-six students brought in \$41,323 through the sale of Yankee candles. Some Study Abroad programs are sold out and have waiting lists. Dr. Carter expressed her appreciation to the faculty for their purchases.

Dr. Kim Davies, Chair of the Department of Sociology, Criminal Justice and Social Work, announced the appearance of Dr. Mark Bauerlein on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, in University Hall room 170, speaking on *The Dumbest Generation: how the digital age stupefies young Americans and jeopardizes our future, or don't trust anyone over 30*. The presentation is provided by the ASU chapter of the honor society Phi Kappa Phi and the ASU Academy of Learning, and it is supported by the Center for Teaching and Learning and the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Lee Ann Caldwell, Director of the Center for the Study of Georgia History, noted an Edward J. Cashin Memorial Symposium program, designed to honor Dr. Ed Cashin, former chair of history at ASU and founder of the Center for the Study of Georgia History. Dr. Betty Wood from Cambridge University, England, will provide a keynote address in University Hall room 170, Friday at 6 p.m., and the event will feature sessions in several venues in Augusta Friday and Saturday, sponsored by the Porter Fleming Foundation. The Saturday program will focus on Dr. Cashin's scholarship, including discussion of two works published posthumously.

Dr. Andy Hauger, Chair of the Department of Physics and Chemistry, announced that the Southern Atlantic Coast Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers will be on campus Friday, October 16, and Saturday, October 17. The keynote speaker will be Professor David J. Griffiths, Reed College.

Mrs. Mellie Kerins, Reese Library, said that Mr. Bill Baab will be the featured speaker about Augusta Glass Production as described in his book, *Augusta on Glass: Drops of History from Glass and Pottery Containers Used by Soda Water Manufacturers, Whiskey Distillers, Beer Brewers, Mineral Water Sellers and Patent Medicine Men in and around Augusta*, during the Georgia Archives Month celebration, Wednesday, October 21, 2:30 p.m., at the library second floor lobby.

Mr. Kelly Thomas, Maxwell Performing Arts Theatre, expressed his thanks to the Lyceum Committee for their work on the performance series – The Blind Boys of Alabama performance sold out. He encouraged attendance at the next performance, when The Core Ensemble in *Tres Vidas* will be at the Maxwell Theatre, Thursday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.

adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Attachments

Attachment A - from the Faculty Policies Committee

This item requires a vote.

For addition to the Faculty Manual and merge into the Committees web page.

Permanent Committees

Alcohol and Drug Abuse

To ensure the university is in compliance with alcohol, tobacco and drug policies. Our most important action is to evaluate the policies involving alcohol, tobacco, and drugs on our campus and to report our findings in the Biennial Review. It reports to the VPSS.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee

To foster an environment that is conducive to resolving conflict at the lowest level in the organization. The Committee enters into mediation between parties that request alternate dispute resolution. The Committee reports to the President.

Banner

The Banner Oversight Committee is charged with monitoring the performance of, enhancements to, upgrades to and issues with our student information system, Banner. It reports to the VPAA.

Fort Gordon Liaison

The purpose of the Fort Gordon Liaison Committee is to foster good relationships between ASU and the military community. The committee reports to the President.

Georgia Consortium

The Georgia Consortium for International Studies (GCIS) promotes intercultural understanding and fosters faculty international development by offering faculty development programs abroad, by sponsoring special programs in the area of international education, and by recognizing faculty and student achievement in international studies.

Graduate Council

The mission of the Graduate Council is to help maintain the high quality of graduate education at Augusta State University by reviewing and making recommendations to the faculty and the Vice President for Academic Affairs on matters related to all graduate programs of the University. It is chaired by the AVPAA.

Homecoming

The Homecoming Committee is charged with managing and implementing Homecoming. They report to the Director of Student Activities.

Honorary Designation Committee

The Honorary Designation Committee considers the naming of facilities and the granting of honorary degrees and makes recommendations to the President. The Committee reports to the President.

Honors

The Honors Program Committee advises the Honors director on policies and procedures for the Honors Program. They meet several times a year with the Honors director; they serve as members on students' thesis committees; a subgroup selects the outstanding thesis of the year; all members serve, at least occasionally, as teachers in Honors courses. The Committee reports to the VPAA.

Humanities

The Humanities Committee focuses on matters internal to the Humanities program. The committee works to help facilitate successful teaching, a reasonable consistency among sections, and interdisciplinary approaches to the subject matter. The committee will make recommendations dealing with matters such as course content, coordinating syllabi, labs, course evaluations, textbooks, and the academic minor in Humanities. The committee reports to the Dean of Arts & Sciences.

Institutional Fee Review

It is to review any request for increase in fees that are charged to students by various entities on campus like Athletic fee, IT fee, etc. It reports to the President.

Minority Advising Program

http://www.aug.edu/minority_advising.htm

<http://www.usg.edu/academics/comm/mapmro/>

The Minority Advising Program was established in 1983 to enhance the academic welfare of minority students in the University System of Georgia. Its goals include the promotion of academic success, development of human potential, and the creation of an environment that fosters the success and retention of minority students. The Committee reports to the VPAA.

Who's Who

The charge of the Who's Who Committee is to solicit, select, and recognize outstanding students at ASU who fit the criteria set out by Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities. The Committee reports to the VPSS.

Women's Studies

Overall, the role of the Women's Studies Program Committee is to aid in the administration of the Women's Studies program at ASU. Primarily, this consists of consulting with and advising the director of Women's Studies regarding curricular, personnel, and assessment issues. The Committee reports to the Dean of Arts and Sciences.