

Minutes of
THE FACULTY SENATE
OF
ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY-OZARK CAMPUS

- ATTENDANCE The Faculty Senate met Monday, February 05, at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Health Science & Wellness (HSW) building. The following members were present:
- Chris Rambo
Adele Berry
Cory Kendall
Jessica Pipkins
Clinton Hall
Gwen Faulkenberry
Dr. Mike Murders
- CALL TO ORDER Mr. Rambo called the meeting to order.
- APPROVAL OF
MINUTES Mrs. Pipkins made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Berry. Minutes were approved. A mention was made to amend the minutes from the January meeting due to the date change of the February meeting.
- NEW BUSINESS:
PRESIDENTS
COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE Mr. Rambo indicated he was unable to attend the President Communication Committee Meeting.
- TUITION
COMMITTEE
REPORT Mr. Rambo stated that the Tuition Committee had a final draft proposal ready to be sent to the Board of Trustees. He had a copy of the draft and anyone who wished to view the document was welcome to do so. Mrs. Faulkenberry asked if there had been any discussion concerning the doctorate level tuition changes. Mr. Rambo said he was unaware of any and would ask the Tuition Committee.
- PORTFOLIO
DEVELOPMENT Dr. Murders indicated he had reviewed the portfolio development revision proposal with only minor wording revisions. Dr. Murders provided the senate with copies of the updated proposal for review. He indicated there may be some issues later that would prompt faculty to consider continuing portfolio development even in years that is was not required due to the possibility of merit pay in the future. Mr. Hall indicated there was a statement in the proposal that should include the word “merit” at the end of the proposal to accommodate the issue as well as others that had already been considered.
- Mr. Rambo asked if the committee felt the revision was ready to be presented to Chancellor Sikes for review. A motion was made by Mrs. Berry and seconded by Mrs. Faulkenberry. The motion passed to ask Dr. Murders to present the proposal to Chancellor Sikes.
- ACADEMIC
AFFAIRS Dr. Murders directed the senate to review a document he had prepared concerning the structure of the senate committee as well as others on campus. He indicated our campus had grown and programs had increased thus providing an opportunity to adjust the number of representatives from each area for standing committees. There was no discussion on the matter and the subject was tabled.

Dr. Murders also presented the committee with documents he said were intended to spark discussion concerning faculty hours/workload. Dr. Murders' concern was that the Faculty Handbook was vague as to office hours. Mr. Hall indicated the reason the wording was vague was to accommodate all aspects of each program instructor due to the extreme diversity of each program, pointing out that some programs were very strongly lab oriented were others were more lecture oriented. Each program requires different levels of student engagement. Dr. Murders asked for the matter to be tabled until the committee had reviewed the document further. A motion was made by Mrs. Berry and seconded by Mr. Kendall. The matter was so tabled.

FACULTY
EXCELLENCE
AWARDS

Mrs. Pipkins indicated the committee was behind on getting the information out concerning the Faculty Excellence Awards. Mr. Rambo said he would get with Mrs. Pipkins to locate the information and send it to Mrs. Kathy Bartlett, assistant to Dr. Murders, for her to send immediately to the faculty.

CALENDAR

Mr. Rambo indicated Mrs. Fiorello, Chief Financial Officer, requested to be on the agenda of the next meeting if we could meet at an earlier date. She requested we meet on March 5th instead of March 12. She wanted to meet with the committee before addressing the faculty on March 6th. The next meeting will be Monday, March 5, at 3:00 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

No items discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

As there being no other business, a motion was made by Mrs. Berry and seconded by Mrs. Faulkenberry, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Clinton Hall