Appalachian State University  
Faculty Senate Agenda  
October 10, 2011  

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Appalachian State University
Faculty Senate Agenda
October 10, 2011, 3:15 pm
William Strickland Conference Room - 224 I.G. Greer
NOTE: All Faculty Senate meetings are recorded.

(3:15 pm) I. Welcome and Announcements

(3:20 pm) II. Minutes

A. Approval of September 19, 2011 Faculty Senate minutes. Available online:
   http://facsen.appstate.edu/sites/default/files/Faculty%20Senate%20Minutes%20September%2019%202011%20Unapproved.pdf

(3:25 pm) III. Visitors’ Reports

(3:25 pm) A. Chancellor Kenneth Peacock

(3:50 pm) B. Ms. Susan Pettyjohn, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement
   Topic: Appalachian’s Capital Campaign

(4:05 pm) IV. Provost’s Report

(4:20 pm) V. Committee Reports (Committee Chair’s name is in bold print)

A. Academic Policies (Alexander-Eitzman, A. Jackson, Martin, Mercer-Ballard, Ramey, Rice, Strazicich)

   Six motions in response to the GERTF Report
   (See Appendix A for General Education Review Taskforce Report
   and Response from Office of General Education to GERTF Report)

   1. A motion to support the General Education Review Task Force Report statement that student flexibility is an area of concern with the General Education Curriculum.

   2. A motion to support the General Education Review Task Force Report statement that advising complexity is an area of concern with the General Education Curriculum.

   3. A motion to support the General Education Review Task Force Report statement that transfer credit is an area of concern with the General Education Curriculum.
4. A motion to support the General Education Review Task Force Report statement that First Year Seminar is an area of concern with the General Education Curriculum.

5. A motion to support the General Education Review Task Force Report statement that the course approval process is an area of concern with the General Education Curriculum.

6. Motion to support the General Education Review Task Force Report statement that the administrative structure is an area of concern with the General Education Curriculum.

B. Agenda Committee (Aycock, Botts, Ehnenn, Ramey, Reesman, Provost Gonzalez)

No report.

C. Budget Committee (Campbell, Geary, Hageman, McBride, Smith)

No report.

D. Campus Planning Committee (Gonzales, C. Jackson, Lillian, Koch, Nash, Osmond)

No Report.

E. Committee on Committees (Botts, Coffey, Cook, Fisher, Stephenson)

No Report.

F. Faculty Handbook Committee (Stella Anderson, Aycock, Ehnenn, Rardin, Vannoy, Provost Gonzalez)

1. Update on Faculty Handbook overhaul plan.

2. A motion to revise the Faculty Handbook, Section 3.4.2.7 Professor. (See Appendix B for current Assistant and Associate Professor language.)

   **Proposed:** (new language is in red font and italicized)

3.4.2.7.2 Minimal criteria for consideration of appointment/promotion to the rank of professor are:

   (a) The appropriate earned terminal degree from an accredited institution, unless there are exceptional
circumstances, and at least ten years of appropriate experience;

(b) Recognized skill in teaching;

(c) Evidence of at least one of the following:

(i) Outstanding accomplishment in research or other germane creative activity with ongoing, recognized accomplishment in professional service to the University and/or to the public;

(ii) Outstanding accomplishment in professional service to the University and/or to the public with ongoing, recognized accomplishment in research or other germane creative activity; and

(d) Demonstrated ability and participation in institutional affairs.

G. Faculty Welfare and Morale Committee (Galloway, Gross, Holcomb, Miller, Reesman, Stoddard, Wangler)

No Report.

H. Welfare of Students Committee (Brown, Crawford, Gosky, Hoffman, Jennings)

No Report.

VI. Unfinished Business

None.

(5:10 pm) VII. New Business

1. A resolution from Senator Rardin (P&R) regarding the GERTF Report.

Whereas, The General Education Review Task Force was well formed by the Interim Provost with input from the Faculty Senate Chair, and

Whereas, The General Education Review Task Force executed its charge with due diligence, and
Whereas, Approximately 35% of the faculty eligible to vote in university elections have provided input to the General Education Review Task Force, and

Whereas, The General Education Task Force met with the key constituencies involved in the implementation of the General Education Program, and

Whereas, Six areas of concern regarding the implementation of the General Education Program have been identified, and

Whereas, The General Education Review Task Force has recommended five reforms to address these concerns; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate ask the Provost (and those she charges to assist her) to now move forward, using the General Education Review Task Force as a starting point to frame, address, and solve the identified concerns regarding the current implementation of the General Education Program; therefore, be it

Further Resolved, That the Faculty Senate ask the Provost (and those she charges to assist her) to also be open to variations on the recommended reforms if such variations are deemed more effective to address the identified concerns regarding the current implementation of the General Education Review Task Force; therefore, be it

Further Resolved, That the final recommendations regarding revisions to the General Education Program be voted on by the Faculty Senate prior to implementation.

(5:30 pm) VIII. Adjournment (time approximated)
Appendix A:

General Education Review Taskforce Report:

Response from Office of General Education to GERTF:
Appendix B:

Current Faculty Handbook Section 3.4.2.5.2 Assistant Professor and Section 3.4.2.6.2 Associate Professor and Proposed Section 3.4.2.7.2 Professor

Current - Assistant Professor (for comparison; just updated last year)
3.4.2.5.2 Minimal criteria for consideration of appointment/promotion to the rank of assistant professor are:
   (a) The appropriate earned terminal degree from an accredited institution, unless there are exceptional circumstances;
   (b) Demonstrated ability in teaching;
   (c) Evidence of ability for research or other germane creative activity;
   (d) Willingness to participate in institutional affairs and professional service to the University and/or to the public.

Current – Associate Professor (for comparison; just updated last year)
3.4.2.6.2 Minimal criteria for consideration of appointment/promotion to the rank of associate professor are:
   (a) The appropriate earned terminal degree from an accredited institution, unless there are exceptional circumstances, and at least five years of appropriate experience;
   (b) Recognized skill in teaching;
   (c) Recognized accomplishment in research or other germane creative activity;
   (d) Recognized accomplishment in professional service to the University and/or to the public; and
   (e) Demonstrated willingness to participate in institutional affairs.

Proposed – Professor (proposed language in red and italics)
3.4.2.7.2 Minimal criteria for consideration of appointment/promotion to the rank of professor are:
   (a) The appropriate earned terminal degree from an accredited institution, unless there are exceptional circumstances, and at least ten years of appropriate experience;
   (b) Recognized skill in teaching;
   (c) Evidence of at least one of the following:
      (i) Outstanding accomplishment in research or other germane creative activity
      with ongoing, recognized accomplishment in professional service to the University and/or to the public;
      (ii) Outstanding accomplishment in professional service to the University and/or to the public
      with ongoing, recognized accomplishment in research or other germane creative activity; and
   (d) Demonstrated ability and participation in institutional affairs.