Appalachian State University
Faculty Senate Agenda
October 12, 2015

AGENDA SUMMARY:
(Full Agenda follows on next page)

(3:15 pm) I. Announcements INFORMATION

(3:20 pm) II. Approval of the Faculty Senate Minutes ACTION

(3:25 pm) III. Visitor’s Reports
A. Darrell Kruger and Randy Edwards INFORMATION
B. Joyce Ogburn INFORMATION
C. Elisabeth Cavallaro INFORMATION

(3:50 pm) IV. Provost’s Report INFORMATION

(4:05 pm) V. Chair’s Report INFORMATION

(4:20 pm) VI. Committee Reports
A. Academic Policies Committee INFORMATION
B. Agenda Committee INFORMATION
C. Budget Committee
   Report from Mark Strazicich INFORMATION
D. Campus Planning Committee INFORMATION
E. Campus Technology Committee
   Report from Jay Fenwick INFORMATION
F. Committee on Committees
   1. Nominations for Committee Vacancies ACTION
G. Faculty Governance Committee INFORMATION
H. Faculty Welfare and Morale Committee
   Report from Travis Erickson INFORMATION
I. Welfare of Students Committee INFORMATION

(4:35 pm) VII. Unfinished Business

(4:40 pm) VIII. New Business
A. Inadequacy of faculty office, lab and classroom space
B. Unique needs of international faculty

(5:00 pm) IX. Adjourn (time approximated)
(3:15 pm)  I.  Announcements

A.  Welcome and Introduction of Visitors.

(3:20 pm)  II.  Minutes

A.  Approval of September 14, 2015 Faculty Senate minutes.  Available online at:

http://facsen.appstate.edu/sites/facsen.appstate.edu/files/FacSenMinutesSeptember142015Final.pdf

(3:25 pm)  IV.  Visitors’ Reports

A.  Darrell Kruger and Randy Edwards – Strategic Plan Advisory Council

B.  Joyce Ogburn – Library discards

C.  Elisabeth Cavallaro – Suicide Prevention

(3:50 pm)  V.  Provost’s Report

(4:05 pm)  VI.  Chair’s Report

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

A.  Academic Policies (Behrent, Crepeau, Ortiz, Osinsky, Waldroup, Wheeler)

   No report.

B.  Agenda Committee (Aycock, Frye, Gates, Spaulding, Provost Kruger)

   No report.

C.  Budget Committee (Dunston, Madritch, Schug, Stallworth, Strazicich, Szeto)

   Report from Mark Strazicich (See Appendix B)
D. Campus Planning Committee (Doll, Hageman, Salinas, Stanovsky)
   No report.
E. Campus Technology Committee (Cook, Fenwick, Reed, Rice, Shulstad, Spaulding)
   Report from Jay Fenwick. (See Appendix A)
F. Committee on Committees (Frye, Morehouse, Villanova, Weddell)
   1. Nominations for Committee Vacancies
G. Faculty Governance Committee (Frye, Gates, Howard, Koch, Rardin)
   No report.
H. Faculty Welfare and Morale Committee (Albinson, Erickson, Hester, McGaha, Peterson-Sparks, Pitofsky, Phillips)
   Report from Travis Erickson
I. Welfare of Students Committee (Fiske, Gross, Hamilton, West, Westerman, Zrull)
   No report.

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(5:00 pm) X. Adjournment
Appendix A

Sept 22, 2015
Cathy Bates’ office
9:10-10:00
Attendance: Jay Fenwick, Cathy Bates
Minutes (9/22/15 10:15am)

Follow ups from 9/14/15 Faculty Senate CTC report presentation.

● Alumni email accounts
  ○ All emails in @email.appstate.edu domain required migration. This was an unanticipated development changing the scope of the project from about 5,000 accounts to 90,000.
  ○ Migration time window remained fixed, all transitions done over summer.
  ○ It was a cabinet level decision because of cost and impact on university community; thus, University Advancement (Alumni Affairs and Development) had a voice.
  ○ Alumni were contacted prior to migration and provided multiple pathways to establish alternate email accounts. In addition this contact provided a form allowing Advancement to capture and maintain alumni alternate email addresses.
  ○ Cost estimates for migrating all 90,000 accounts were in $300400K range.
  ○ Cost expense for migrating the 40,000 we did was about $125K.
  ○ Over half (> 26K out of 50K) of alumni accounts had not been active in over a year.
  ○ Of the 50K closed accounts, CIO heard from about 100 that had issues (some complaints, some requests for special handling).
  ○ There was never a policy articulating that alumni would keep email accounts indefinitely. They used to be removed, and this process was just not deployed for a period of time.

● Alumni email going forward
  ○ Based on conversations with alumni and SGA organizations, email accounts of graduates will remain for 1 year after graduation. This allows them time to become settled and migrate data. Contact will be attempted prior to account removal.
  ○ Graduates are directed to the Alumni Affairs “Gold Book” system to set up an email forwarding address @alumni.appstate.edu. Note that email forwarding is not the same thing as a full email account.
  ○ “Past students” do not graduate but may no longer be active. CIO staff have worked very closely with Registrar to define an email account process that closely matches the Registrar’s process for past students.

● System integration (e.g, Banner talking with AdmissionPros)
  ○ Integration is a primary charge of the various technology portfolio committees. (Banner and AdmissionPros are tools in the Administrative Services portfolio.)
  ○ Suggestions for improved integration between services are welcome. Each technology portfolio committee has a website and contact page. You can also talk with a Faculty Senate technology committee member.

● Alternate LMS products
  ○ Staff do keep up with other LMS products; for example, Blackboard, Canvas.
  ○ At current time, staff feels investment in Moodle product is still highly leveraged.
Subject: Budget Committee Meeting with Greg Lovins, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs

Date of Meeting: September 21, 2015

Present: Michael Madritch, Gwen Schug, Lynn Stallworth, Mark Strazicich (Chair), Kin-Yan Szeto

Absent: Leigh Dunston

The meeting began at 3:30 pm.

Greg Lovins summarized the current budget at ASU and took questions from the committee. The current budget outlook for 2015-16 is better than had been expected with about $4.5 million more than last year. This amount includes funds from enrollment growth. The total operating budget from State Appropriations and Tuition Revenues that is used for direct classroom expenses, academic support, library and other institutional support expenses is expected to be about $220 million. The total budget of everything is expected to be about $370 million (including the bookstore, housing, food services, student fee accounts, etc.). Funds from enrollment growth will go mostly toward classroom support and travel for faculty. These funds will also hopefully allow the hiring of about fourteen new faculty next year with allocation determined by the existing metric. Campus based tuition money is expected to generate about $4.2 million this year with about one-half going towards faculty salary increases. Salary increases will be allocated to the colleges and departments sometime next week at the earliest and we will most likely see this in our paychecks in December. The timing still depends on finalizing of the state budget. Greg noted that our highest state funding appropriation was in 2008 and we are not back to this level. We are still about $16 million short of the amount provided in 2008. The share of funding from the state has been declining since 2008. In 2008 we received about 42% of our funds from state appropriations and 22% from tuition. We now receive about 34% of funding from state appropriations and 29% from tuition. Other funding comes from various fees, New River Power and Light, the federal government, donations, etc. ASU currently employs about 2,500 permanent employees, with about 1,600 of these staff.

In terms of our capital budget, a new College of Health Sciences building is the top priority of the state. However, the outcome of funding depends on passing a state-wide bond referendum to be held in March 2016. Renovations to Anne Belk Hall are now complete; the departments of Anthropology and Computer Science have moved into the renovated areas. A tear-down of the Broyhill center was recently approved by the Board of Governors. A new “innovation center” could be built on this site if sufficient donations can be found. The university would also like to build some housing units near the Broyhill site to provide lower cost housing for new faculty and staff, which could help with recruitment. In comparison to earlier years, our last good year for repair and renovation funds was 2007. We currently need funding for numerous repairs and renovations across campus. The current state budget will provide about $1.3 million to ASU for repairs and renovations. Greg noted that a comprehensive renovation of Sanford Hall, for example, would cost about $20 million. An updated master plan for campus repairs and renovations is forthcoming. Greg informed us that the Chancellor will be hosting a budget hearing in the spring and the campus community will be invited. We suggested that perhaps a second such meeting could be arranged for the Budget Committee or perhaps for the Senate at large and Greg said that he would discuss this with the Chancellor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully yours,

Mark Strazicich, Chair, Budget Committee, Faculty Senate, October 2, 2015