Appalachian State University  
Faculty Senate Agenda  
November 8, 2010, 3:15 pm  
William Strickland Conference Room - 224 I.G. Greer  
NOTE: All Faculty Senate meetings are recorded.

I. Announcements

A. Taking Photograph of 2010-2011 Faculty Senate. Senators, please arrive early (3:00 pm) if possible.

B. Welcome and Introduction of Visitors.

C. Update on Provost Search.

D. Administrative Review.

II. Minutes

A. Approval of October 11, 2010 Faculty Senate minutes. Available online at:  
http://www.facsen.appstate.edu/sites/default/files/FacultySenateMinutesOctober112010Unapproved_1.pdf

III. Visitors Reports

A. None

IV. Provost’s Report

V. Committee Reports (Committee Chair’s name is in bold print)

A. Academic Policies (Brown, Gonzales, McBride, Ramey, Smith, Winn)

1. Motion to clarify Non-Tenure Track (NTT) voting privileges in the Faculty Handbook, Chapter 1 Faculty Constitution, Article II (Meeting and Voting) Section 2 and Section 3:

   Whereas, Not all full time Non-Tenure Track faculty have been ensured full voting privileges due to current Faculty Handbook language, and

   Whereas, The prefix adjunct has been used incorrectly and unjustly to restrict the university voting privileges of NTT faculty when it really should only denote faculty who teach part-time, not ¾ or full time, and
Whereas, The Deans of the colleges are attempting to correct unfair practices by only using adjunct for part-time faculty, and

Whereas, Long-term NTT faculty in full time positions wish to be active in the life of the university and the department, and

Whereas, The AAUP and other national faculty advocacy organizations support the establishment of university policies that permit long-term NTT faculty to have adequate and appropriate input into their workplace conditions, and

Whereas, The function of a DPC is unique among all University and departmental committees, and

Whereas, The composition of a DPC should be consistent across all departments, and

Whereas, The DPC should reflect the importance of the tenure system in University governance, and

Whereas, NTT voting on DPCs makes Appalachian an anomaly among our peer institutions and UNC sister schools, and

Whereas, Unlinking NTT University voting privileges from NTT DPC voting privileges would ameliorate this problem, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Faculty Handbook, Chapter 1 Faculty Constitution, Article II (Meeting and Voting) Section 2, which currently reads:

“All members of the faculty, excluding emeriti faculty, adjunct faculty, and part-time faculty teaching less than six (6) hours per semester, have the right to hold faculty offices and to vote in faculty meetings and faculty elections and in departmental and college committees on which they serve except as noted in Article II, Section 3.”

and Article II Section 3, which currently reads:

“Those eligible to serve on and participate in election of members to departmental personnel committees are full
time faculty in the ranks of lecturer, instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and professor.”

Be modified to read:

“Section 2.

All members of the faculty, excluding part-time faculty teaching less than six (6) hours per semester, emeriti faculty, and adjunct faculty, and part-time faculty teaching less than six (6) hours per semester, have the right to hold faculty offices and to vote in faculty meetings and faculty elections and in departmental and college committees on which they serve except as noted in Article II, Section 3.

Section 3.
Those eligible to serve on and participate in election of members to departmental personnel committees are full time faculty in the ranks of lecturer, instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and professor.”

Be it Further Resolved, That these changes be voted upon at the January 2011 General Faculty Meeting, and

Be it Further Resolved, That if voted in the affirmative at that meeting, that the Faculty Constitution of Appalachian State University be amended accordingly.

B. Budget Committee (Susan Anderson, Botts, Frindethie, Geary, Newmark, Rice, Strazicich)
   1. Report on Tuition.

C. Campus Planning Committee (Aycock, Jackson, McCaughey, Salinas, Scharer)

D. Committee on Committees (Coffey, Rardin, Stephenson, Stoddard)
   No Report.
E. Faculty Handbook Committee (Stella Anderson, Ehnenn, Reesman, Lee, Baumhover)

No Report.

F. Faculty Welfare and Morale Committee (Atkins, Gagnon, Galvin, Koch, Mercer-Ballard, Miller, Wangler, Alexander-Eitzman)

No Report.

G. Welfare of Students Committee (Gross, Horst, Jennings, Napiorski, Pollard, Sanders)

No Report.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. General Education Reform

1. Update on Gen Ed Reform Taskforce.

2. Update on Senate blog on Gen Ed.

3. Senator Horst’s motion that Faculty Senate shall affirm the History Department’s Resolution on Assessment and General Education (October 20, 2010) which states:

“The ASU History Department,

Noting that one of the five recommendations pertaining to the university’s reaccreditation by SACS in 2002 was the stipulation that the university “provide better documentation of institutional effectiveness for academic programs”;

Expresses concern that the General Education Program is implementing assessment programs in a hurried and haphazard fashion that neither serves our students nor does justice to the efforts university faculty have made in the past two years to make this program functional;

Expresses concern that, as a result, the General Education Program is promoting an incoherent and unproductive approach to assessment, one designed to meet a deadline, rather than to address in a suitable manner the substantive issues that assessment raises;
Expresses concern that failure to achieve these goals will adversely affect our students, short-change North Carolina taxpayers, and contravene the university’s mission statement;

Expresses concern with the apparent lack of accountability in the university’s governance structures for the implementation of assessment goals;

Affirms its dissatisfaction with the implementation and governance of the General Education Program;

Calls on other academic departments to pass resolutions similar to this one on this urgent and important matter and to forward them to the Provost;

Calls on the university to create greater accountability for the assessment program so that assessment programs do not themselves remain un-assessed.”

VII. New Business

A. Faculty Senate position paper for Provost Search.

B. Motion from Senator Strazicich(ECO): “Beginning this academic year, and annually thereafter, the Senate shall survey the faculty regarding matters of morale.”

C. Composition of Gifts Acceptance Committee.

VIII. Adjournment