The faculty senate meeting was called to order by Chair Moore at 3:20 p.m. in the I.G. Greer Conference Room 224 on Monday, October 17, 2005. Senator Mamlin and Senator Pier were not in attendance.

I. Announcements

Chair Moore welcomed senators and visitors to the meeting. Visitors were Dr. Wilber Ward, Dr. Peter Petschauer, Mr. Len Johnson, Dr. Harry Williams, Dr. Tim Burwell, Dr. Alan Hauser, Mr. Jay Sutton, Mr. Charlie Cobb, Dr. Jammie Price, Mr. Aaron Bachenheimer (CSIL), Ms. Alyson Moore (HRS), Mr. Forrest Gilliam (SGA), and Mr. Jud Watkins (SGA).

Chair Moore asked for senator volunteers to attend Chancellor’s Advisory Committee meetings on Monday, October 31, 2005 and December 5, 2005. Senators Arnold, Malloy, and Marking volunteered to attend on October 31 and Senator McCaughey volunteered for December 5.

Senator McCaughey announced that on October 21, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union there will be a statewide meeting of the North Carolina Chapter of AAUP. The meeting theme is “The Academic Bill of Rights”.

II. Visitors’ Presentations

Mr. Aaron Bachenheimer (Center for Student Involvement and Leadership) gave a power point presentation about Greek Life at ASU. (Hard copy of handout is available in the Faculty Senate Office.)

Dr. Hauser, Mr. Sutton, and Mr. Cobb gave an informal presentation on graduation rates of all ASU students in comparison to student-athletes receiving financial aid. (Hard copy of handout is available in the Faculty Senate Office.)

III. Minutes

The minutes from the September 12, 2005 faculty senate meeting were approved with one abstention. Senator Marland moved and Senator Kaenzig seconded. Motion passed. (See Vote #1.)

IV. Nominations

Committee on Committees presented the following motion of faculty nominees for university committee service:

Academic Integrity Board
Proposed
Scott E. Wilks (A&S) term ending in 2008
Ann-Marie Clark (RCoE) for term ending in 2008
James Ivory (ENG) term ending in 2008
Steve Smith (CMU) term ending in 2006
Heather Waldroup (ART) term ending in 2006

Admissions Committee
Proposed
Barbara Bonham (RCOE) term ending in 2008
Margot Olson (FAA) term ending in 2008

Awards Committee
Proposed
Jose Sanqui (A&S) term ending in 2008
Timothy Dolan (FAA) term ending in 2008
Pam Mitchem (LIB) term ending in 2008

Core Curriculum Committee
Proposed
Heather Clark (RCOE) for term ending in 2008
Lynne Getz (A&S) for term ending in 2008
Jeff Tiller (FAA) for term ending in 2006 (replacing Gayle Weitz)
Sandra Oldendorf (RCOE) for fall 2005 only (replacing Joan Woodworth)
Victor Mansure (MUS) term ending in 2008

Cultural Affairs Advisory Committee
Proposed
Katie Mawhinney (A&S) term ending in 2008
Suzanne Wise (LIB) term ending in 2008

Faculty/Staff Benefits Committee
Proposed
Victoria Massy for term ending in 2008

Library Services Committee
Proposed
Gabriel Fankhauser (MUS) term ending in 2008
Heather Waldroup (Art) term ending in 2008

Non-tenure Track Faculty Committee
Proposed
Jennifer Van Gilder (RCOE) term ending in 2008
Shea Tuberty (A&S) term ending in 2008
Holly Martin (A&S) term ending in 2008

Registration and Calendar Committee
Proposed
Barbara Bonham (RCoE) term ending in 2008
Pam Kidder-Ashley (A&S) term ending in 2008

Nominations were approved. (See Vote #2).

Chair Moore requested that the Committee on Committees find a replacement from the College of Arts and Sciences for Senator Rick McGarry.

V. Provost’s Report

Provost Aeschleman gave an extensive report on the Delaware Study and its application to Appalachian State University. The provost responded to all questions posed by the senators.

VI. Committee Reports

Academic Policies Committee (HUELSMAN, Butts, Ehnenn, Mamlin) had no report.
Agenda Committee (MOORE, Marking, Harris, Aeschleman) had no report.

The Budget Committee (STRAZICICH, Kaenzig, Pier, Staub) provided a report of their meeting on October 3, 2005 with Dr. Tim Burwell. (Please refer to Appendix A.)

Campus Planning Committee (MARLAND, Jamison, McKinney) had no report.

Committee on Committees (MALLOY, Cramer, Jones, Lambert, McBride) had no report beyond the faculty nominations.

The Faculty Handbook Committee (MOORE, Gates, Arnold, Marking) is developing ways to update regularly the Faculty Handbook.

The Faculty Welfare and Morale Committee (FELKEL, Harris, Horton, McCaughey) reported on Senator Horton’s conversation with Pam Kidder-Ashley regarding the University calendar. The following motion concerning faculty office hours was made.

**Motion on Faculty Office Hours (FS05-06/10-01):** Insert the following text in substitute for section 5.4 of the Faculty handbook.

Every full-time faculty member is required to be available seven (7) hours per week during the regular academic year to consult with students. Requirements for part-time faculty will be prorated according to the number of hours taught. Each department will maintain an office hours policy that establishes standards regarding a mix among formal office hours, meetings in other locations, and electronic communications appropriate for faculty members and curricula in that department. A schedule indicating the times available for formal office hours, meetings in other locations, and electronic communications must be posted on the faculty member’s office door, listed on course syllabi, and provided to the departmental office at the beginning of each semester. Electronic communication addresses, URLs, and/or phone numbers must be listed on course syllabi and also provided to the faculty member’s departmental office. During the term of a summer session in which a faculty member teaches, office hours expectations are half of those during the regular academic year.

**Rationale:**

It provides flexibility and adaptability that is not allowed with the current statement. ASU is a comprehensive university committed to its students. This change still allows for faculty availability to students. It is contemporary. The 2004 SGA survey showed that a majority of respondents prefer email communication with professors. It is our understanding that the Provost and deans have given preliminary support to this change.

There was discussion and the question was called. Calling the question passed. (See Vote #3.) There was a motion to reconsider the calling of the question in order to allow Mr. Jud Watkins, SGA president, to address the Senate. The reconsideration passed (See Vote #4.) Mr. Watkins, on behalf of students discussed his concerns about the reduction of faculty office hours.

**Motion (FS05-06/10-01) passed.** (See Vote #5.)
Welfare of Students Committee (RARDIN, Ramsey, Scherlen, Smith) had no report.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Retirements (MOORE, Cole, Hoffman, Johnson, McKinney, Keefe) had no report.

The Ad Hoc Committee on the Role of the Faculty Senate (ARNOLD, ) had no report.

VII. Unfinished Business
None.

VIII. New Business

The issue of faculty compensation for independent/individual study was discussed. Senator Ehnenn moved and Senator Felkel seconded that this issue be referred to the Academic Policies and Procedures Committee for further review and consideration. After review and consideration, the motion passed. (See Vote #6.)

A written request was received by Chair Moore from Dr. Beth Davison, Dr. Jammie Price, and Dr. Cindee Pratt to ask the faculty senate to consider initiating and/or supporting a university-wide policy that would refrain the university from establishing, cultivating, or maintaining any association with The Library: Food and Spirits Restaurant as long as the restaurant had female wait staff in inappropriate costumes. (See Appendix B for the letter). Senator Butts moved and Senator Smith seconded to refer this request to the Budget Committee. Senator Marland moved an objection to the motion which requires 2/3 majority to be sustained. The objection failed. (See Vote #7.)

Motion failed as Chair Moore voted “no” to break the tie. (See Vote #8.)

Chair Moore asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Senator Strazicich moved and Senator Marland seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm. (See Vote #9).

Faculty Senate Meeting October 17, 2005
FACULTY PRESENT AND VOTING SHEET

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Vote #1: To approve Faculty Senate September 12, 2005 minutes.
Vote #2: To approve nominations for university committee service.
Vote #3: To call the question
Vote #4: To reconsider calling the question
Vote #5: To recommend new policy for faculty office hours
Vote #6: To refer the motion for faculty compensation for independent/individual study to the AP&P Committee.
Vote #7: On an objection to the motion.
Vote #8: To refer the issue concerning the university’s relationship with The Library Restaurant to the budget committee.
Vote #9: To adjourn the meeting.

Appendix A

Report on Meeting with Dr. Tim Burwell

On October 3, 2005 the Faculty Senate Budget Committee, consisting of Mark Strazicich, Chair, Rebecca Kaenzig, Susan Staub, and Chuck Pier, met with Dr. Tim Burwell from 3:30-5 pm. We discussed the following three topics.

1. How will the expansion of new programs, such as the bachelors in nursing and masters in social work, impact the availability of funds at ASU?

Funding of new programs should come from enrollment in these programs. As enrollment increases more funds are allocated to ASU. The state will not give us any new funds specifically to create the new programs. The expansion of new programs will primarily take place at off-campus sites in places such as Hickory and Lenoir. We have a mandate from the state to grow, and growth is limited at the main campus due to infrastructure and town and gown problems. The nursing program will be aimed at students that already have an RN certificate and want to obtain a bachelors degree. The nursing program will likely be the most expensive of the new programs. ASU has already hired a new Chair of the nursing program. The nursing program is expected to begin (off campus) in the Fall semester of 2006. At the present time, ASU does not have plans to expand into online or video conference distance education programs. Dr. Burwell does not expect that the creation of the new off campus programs will reduce resources available to faculty and others at the Boone campus.

ASU is currently projecting a shortfall in funds this academic year. Out of state students are decreasing in number and percentage, which also reduces available funds. For example, each out of state student provides an approximate extra $10,000 per year to ASU. Funding from the state is based on projected enrollment of in and out of state students. The projected enrollment numbers are provided by ASU to the state.

2. How will the recent summer session financial loss of $400,000 impact funding of programs at ASU?

Beginning with the summer of 2006, summer session courses will be financed completely by tuition receipts. Summer session tuition will be increased accordingly in order to balance their costs. In addition, some overhead costs of summer session will be reduced.
3. What is the news regarding proposals to deregulate tuitions at the state level?

It is unlikely that tuition deregulation will come to NC or ASU. Even if the state legislature votes to support tuition deregulation, it is unlikely that the university system Board of Governors would give their support. Dr. Burwell noted that none of the universities in the NC state system received permission to increase tuition last year. Currently, ASU has the smallest state funding per student among the 16 universities in the system.

Appendix B

DATE: September 30, 2005
TO: Faculty Senate
FROM: Beth Davison, Associate Professor, Dept. of Soc & SW
Jammie Price, Associate Professor, Dept of Soc & SW
Cindee Pratt, Lecturer, Dept of Soc & Sw

We are writing in regards to two issues we hope that Faculty Senate will address.

(1) To advocate for university policy not to have any association with The Library: Food & Spirits Restaurant
The Library Restaurant is a local business that appears to seek a relationship with the university community through its choice of business name and its proximity to the campus. The current business practice of the Library Restaurant in Boone requires an adult, all female wait staff to wear a catholic school girl uniform including a mini-skirt (see enclosed ad). In this context, this business is sexualizing children – young school aged girls in our community. We feel the university cannot stay neutral in regards to this business. We request the administration not to have any association with the business until the uniform policies are changed.

In response, University officials have stated that university policies prohibit involvement in local politics and business. If the university hosts events at the business or accepts sponsorships or donations, then the university is involved in local politics and business. Further, in this case, the university would be condoning the sexual exploitation of children. Again, we request the administration not have any association with the business until the uniforms are changed.

(2) Drawing the line between “personal interests” and sociological content
Although we agree with the notion that we should not push our individual views or values on students, our position on The Library uniforms is SOCIOLOGY. As applied sociologists, we have concerns about the defined lines between private, public, and classroom spaces. For example, would the university intervene in a research project on exploitation in the local labor market? How about a project to increase sustainable development in the community? These are both real projects, with likely research outputs such as articles and grant funding, and with which some local businesses will likely launch opposition. Will the university yield to local business interests? Will the lead faculty member be told she can not use university resources to conduct these projects or be forbidden to discuss the issues in class?

With the current emphasis on applied and experiential learning, we feel the faculty senate needs to provide guidelines for its members, and for community outreach organizations such as ACT, on how to proceed with issues of social justice that may conflict with private businesses.