

**Minutes
Faculty Senate
March 25, 2008**

The SPSU Faculty Senate met on Tuesday, March 25 in room G-106 at noon with Faculty Moderator Lance Crimm presiding.

1. **Quorum** of 11 people declared at 12:03; Attendance

Initials	Senators	Initials	Ex-Officio
P	Bob Tango, ARCH	A	Lisa A. Rossbacher, President
P	Joyce McGriff, BA	P	Zvi Szafran, VPAA
P	Russ Patrick, BCP	A	Jeff Ray, Dean ETM
P	Matt Wilson, CET	P	Alan Gabrielli, Dean A&S
P	Hussein Abaza, CM	P	Han Reichgelt, Dean C&SE
P	Orlando Karam, CSWE	A	Bill Barnes, Dean ACC
P	Hassan Pournaghshband, CSWE	A	Kevin Moss, SGA President
A	Scott Larisch, ECET		
P	Brent Jenkins, ECET		
P	Keith Hopper, ETCMA		Visitors
A	Iraj Omidvar, ETCMA		Steve Hamrick, Registrar
P	Walt Thomas, IET		Joel Fowler, Math
P	Becky Rutherford, IT		
P	Yongli Ma, LIB		
P	Larry Wang, MATH		
P	Glenn Allen, MET		
P	Al Churella, SIS		

2. Approval of minutes from the March 11, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting.
Passed.

3. Report of P&P 803.0905 on defining/claryfing post-tenure terminology (Abaza Hussein) **Motion to approve. Passed with one objection.**
Discussion: Subcommittee recommends updating Faculty Activities P&P to bring in line with this P&P. Philosophy is that this is not a review of tenure, but a review of tenured faculty. Problem 1 – passing policy without definition. Problem 2 – need to define what reasonable means. Is satisfactory a lower level of performance than noteworthy and do we want to hold senior faculty at that lower level? What happens to people who are not noteworthy yet are performing satisfactory? People who have tenure should be able to be risk takers and not necessarily do only things that “count” toward promotion and tenure. Perhaps satisfactory is not a lower standard but a different standard. Need a clear definition of what is satisfactory and what is

noteworthy for each area (teaching, service, scholarship, academic growth & development). Noteworthy may also be the summation of all that you've done.
Committee will address P&P 803.075 Faculty Activities.

4. Report on P&P 803.10 on Senior Lecturer issues (Bob Tango) **Motion to approve. Passed with changes.**

Discussion: Needs to state that a committee should be used for both appointment and promotion. Changes made for appointment, reappointment, and promotion to be identical to those of tenure-track faculty.

5. Update on our QEP for SACS (Becky Rutherford for Bob Brown)

Campus is expected to know about QEP when SACS visit is conducted. How can we create learning communities for new and transfer students at SPSU. Project is looking at creating communities with SPSU 1001 and combining it with departmental orientation classes. Initial pilot will be in CSE. Anticipate improving retention and engagement among students.

6. Update from our Calendar Task Force Committee (Lance Crimm)

A. Start classes earlier by having them start on the previous Thursday or Friday rather than a Monday.

B. End classes later by having classes end on Mondays on occasion.

C. Maintain the Study Day (sometimes on a Tuesday)

D. Move Graduation back in Spring term, but not a full week, having it on Wednesday at 1 pm

E. A benefit of starting earlier in the Fall term was an extra Tuesday was permitted off, so Election Day (in November) is a newly proposed day off due to this.

Proposed calendar presented to Senate. **Senators urged to get faculty input on this issue before next meeting when it will be discussed.**

7. Report of updating of our Senate By-laws (Briana Morrison)

Postponed until next meeting.

8. Suggestions for nominations of faculty for various standing committees for the next year

9. Old Business - none

10. New Business – Georgia Faculty Council (USGFC).

11. Adjourned at 12:55.

Next Senate meeting is April 8th – Calendar issues and faculty activities P&P.

Respectfully submitted: Briana Morrison

Approved by: Lance Crimm