

**Minutes
Faculty Senate
November 13, 2008**

The SPSU Faculty Senate met on Thursday, November 13th in room G-106 at noon with Faculty Moderator Lance Crimm presiding.

1. **Quorum** declared at 12:05; Attendance

Initials	Senators	Initials	Ex-Officio
P	Robert Tango, ARCH	A	Lisa A. Rossbacher, President
A	Hazem Ziada, ARCH	P	Zvi Szafran, VPAA
A	Joyce McGriff, BA	P	Jeff Ray, Dean ETM
A	Russ Patrick, BCP	A	Alan Gabrielli, Dean A&S
A	Matt Wilson, CET	A	Han Reichgelt, Dean C&SE
P	Hussein Abaza, CM	A	Bill Barnes, Dean ACC
P	Orlando Karam, CSWE	A	Anjli Patel, SGA President
P	Hassan Pournaghshband, CSWE		
P	Brent Jenkins, ECET		
P	Scott Larisch, ECET		Visitors
P	Terry Carter, ETCMA		Beth Farber, ECTMA
P	Iraj Omidvar, ETCMA		Glenn Allen, ENGR
P	Greg Wiles for Walt Thomas, IET		
P	Becky Rutherford, IT		
P	Yongli Ma, LIB		
P	Laura Ritter, MATH		
P	Greg Conrey, MET		
P	Thomas Nisley, SIS		

2. Approval of minutes from the October 16, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting.

Passed.

3. Report update of Documents Review Committee (Abaza)

- A. P&P 304.0 Course Objectives, Grading, and Evaluation of Students' Performance

Motion to approve P&P. Motion withdrawn.

Discussion: Need to add information about Withdrawal after the deadline concerning Faculty Initiated Withdrawal.

Motion to send back to committee to review language in catalog and make language in P&P consistent with what is in catalog. Motion passed.

4. Re-Discussion of a template for faculty meetings (Steve Hamrick)

Because SGA meets at the same time as Student Life scheduled meeting need

to update template. Suggestion was to change Student Life to meet at the same time as UCC (on a Thursday). Notification that faculty would not be able to serve on both UCC and Student Life at the same time.

Motion to approve changed template. Motion approved.

5. TTh Class Blocks with possibly the hour for meetings as 12:30 to 1:30
Context: as enrollment goes up, space becomes tighter. Need to schedule everything as efficiently as possible. Moving toward more of a block schedule, which would involve moving the meeting hour. More information to follow.
6. Update on retirement issues on TRS vs. ORP (Rutherford)
Worry is that the BOR is separate from State of Georgia. Purdue mandated that the rest of state agencies had to go under two insurance agencies (loss of BCBS and Kaiser), concern that BOR would follow suit. Becky will work on a letter and bring to the next meeting
Memo sent about increase in both TRP and ORP employee and employer contribution rates for next year.
7. Old Business - none
8. New Business
Glenn Allen – Division of Engineering currently has no representation in the senate. In July the structure changed, and therefore either P&P or Bylaws needs to be updated.
Sense of the Senate Resolution: With regards to the representation on all faculty committees, the Division of Engineering shall be treated as a department. Resolution passed.
9. Expecting information on SACS self-study within two weeks.
10. Adjourned at 12:35.

Next Senate meeting is Thursday, February 12, 2009.

Respectfully submitted: Briana Morrison
Approved by: Lance Crimm