

**Minutes
Faculty Senate
29 August 2006**

	Senator		Ex-Officio
A	Manu Sobti, ARCH		Zvi Szafran, VPAA
P	Mike Thackston, BCP		Bill Barnes, Dean ACC
A	Sam Beadles, CET		Alan Gabrielli, Dean AS
P	Dave Pierce, CNST		Mike Murphy, Dean CSE
P	Abdullah Faruque, CSWE		David Caudill, Interim Dean ETM
P	Scott Larisch, ECET		Lisa Rossbacher, President
P	Austin Asgill, ECET		Visitors
P	Keith Hopper, ETCMA		Bernice Nuhfer-Halten
P	Walt Thomas, IET		Tom Rotnem
P	Becky Rutherford, IT		Charlie Bachman
P	Li Chen, LIB		
P	Larry Wang, MATH		
A	Sid Davis, MGNT		
P	Glenn Allen, MET		
P	Al Churella, SIS		
P	Frank Tsui, CSWE		

1. Quorum & Introductions

2. Election of Parliamentarian

Becky Rutherford was elected Parliamentarian.

3. Election of Vice Moderator

Al Churella was elected Vice Moderator.

4. Approval of meeting minutes of 20 April 2006

Minutes were approved.

5. Sept. 12, 2006 Faculty Senate Meeting was rescheduled to Sept. 14.

6. Formation of Senate Subcommittees.

The body approved the Moderator's suggestion to split the Senate into four subcommittees. The purpose of the subcommittees is to divide the workload. Subcommittees are as follows.

- Subcommittee 1: Becky Rutherford, Chair; Sid Davis; Manu Sobti; Larry Wang
- Subcommittee 2: Al Churella, Chair; Glen Allen; Sam Beadles; Abdullah Faruque
- Subcommittee 3: Scott Larisch, Chair; Li Chen; Keith Hopper; Frank Tsui
- Subcommittee 4: Dave Pierce, Chair; Austin Asgill; Mike Thackston; Walt Thomas

Policies currently in process are split into bundles as follows:

Bundle 1: 828.02 Institutional Extra Compensation Policy; 802.10 Faculty Consulting (There is a question as to the effects these two have on one another. It may need attention.)

Bundle 2: 803.0905 Post-tenure Review (PTR for administrators is a consideration.)

Bundle 3: 814.10 Administrators Evaluation Report (Returned to the Senate at the last faculty meeting.)

Bundle 4: 308.0 Academic Advising; 803.085 Librarian Promotion and Tenure (returned to the Senate at the last faculty meeting); 803.0202 Graduate Assistants

The Moderator surveyed the Senators for their preferences vis a vis the bundled policies. After tabulating the results of his survey, he will decide how to match bundles to subcommittees.

7. Discussion of Faculty Survey results

The Moderator distributed results of his recent survey of the faculty regarding their rankings of most pressing concerns to the faculty. The results have also been distributed to the faculty.

8. New Business

a) The Senate approved a resolution to be sent to Robert Whitaker and Patrick McCord, regarding the delivery of food services to Building J. The resolution reads as follows:

“The Faculty Senate strongly recommends that the food cart in Building J be re-established.”

- b) The Moderator distributed documentation of minor editorial changes Dr. Rossbacher has made to policies as well as information about new provisions for grievances filed by personnel who are not faculty members.
- c) The Senate discussed the recent announcement of a cut in the state’s contribution to optional retirement programs for faculty. A proposal was approved to send a resolution to Chancellor Davis of the University System (USG) to the effect that the Faculty Senate of SPSU is outraged over the matter. Dr. Szafran agreed to copy the chief academic officers of the other USG institutions about the Senate resolution and about the cut itself, as the information has not, to date, been widely disseminated. In the interest of expedience, the body agreed to have the Moderator amend a proposed resolution that he tendered at the meeting, to circulate the amended document to Senators, and on approval, to forward the document to Chancellor Davis. The body agreed that time was of the essence.

9. Adjourn.

Submitted by

Approved by

Meg Dillon, Secretary to the Faculty

Joel Fowler, Faculty Moderator