

**Minutes
Faculty Senate
September 17, 2009**

The SPSU Faculty Senate met on Thursday Sept. 17 in J-152 with Faculty Moderator Mark Stevens presiding.

1. **Quorum:** declared at 12:31pm; Attendance (Edward Jung representing CSWE for the absent Orlando Karam)

P/A	Senators	P/A	Ex-Officio
P	Laura Ritter, MATH (secretary)	A	Lisa A. Rossbacher, President
P	Hazem Ziada, ARCH	P	Zvi Szafran, VPAA
P	Joyce McGriff, BA	A	Jeff Ray, Dean ETM
P	Mike Thackston, BCP	A	Alan Gabrielli, Dean A&S
P	Jeff Wagner, ECET	P	Han Reichgelt, Dean C&SE
P	Hussein Abaza, CM	A	Bill Barnes, Dean ACC
A	Orlando Karam, CSWE	A	Andrew Coen, SGA President
P	Barbara Bernal, CSWE		
A	Fatih Oncul, CET		
P	Scott Larisch, ECET		Visitors
P	Glenn, Allen, ENGR	P	Edwards Jung CSWE
P	Terry Carter, ETCMA	P	Steve Hamrick
P	Kami Anderson, ETCMA	P	Tom Currin
P	Walt Thomas, IET	P	David Stone
P	Becky Rutherford, IT		
P	Aaron Wimer, LIB		
P	Bronne Dytoc, ARCH		
P	Greg Conrey, MET		
A	Thomas Nisley, SIS		

2. New Business: The senate approved moving new business to second item on the agenda to discuss the Tech Fee Study. The Tech fee study issue was raised by the VPAA. The study has been endorsed by the Deans' Council. The senate does not vote on it, but senate feedback was sought.

The question of how to effectively evaluate proposals was raised. It was said that the old system required extensively prepared proposals that would pass through trios. The new system will more effectively allow the best programs to get funded.

A request for a target range for project cost was made. The VPAA stated that no hard numbers are given. The tech fee is intended for global, higher-end projects.

In the past, there have been more funds available than asked for, but this may change.

Question: Are the tech fees being increased? Answer: No immediate increase is planned.

The implanted changes may be reviewed for the next couple years

Motion: The Senate endorses the tech fee proposal.
Passed

3. Election of Parliamentarian: Kami Anderson was elected Parliamentarian.

4. Election of Vice Moderator: Greg Conrey was elected Vice Moderator.

5. Formation of Documents Review Committee: Hussein Abaza, Becky Rutherford, Joyce McGriff, and Jeff Wagner agreed to serve on the committee. It was noted that one-third of P&Ps are to be reviewed each year.

6. Prioritization of issues raised at August 19 General Faculty Meeting.

The issues raised were given the following priority for consideration:

(1) Meeting times for the General Faculty and Standing Committees---the meeting times of noon-1pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays have been historically reserved. This was recently changed to 12:30-1:30pm.

(2) The reappointment procedures and policies regarding senior lecturers and faculty following successful pre-tenure review

(3) P&P 803.07 regarding faculty evaluation

(4) Treatment of faculty with respect to internships and independent studies, and

(5) Online course mandates

7. Discussion of ROTC at SPSU: The office of the registrar has been contacted regarding holding ROTC classes on campus to alleviate the commute to Georgia Tech for ROTC students at SPSU. The Deans council approved the measure, but sought faculty feedback. ROTC on campus would require office space for one person. The space is available. The question of whether SPSU has services for veterans arose. Steve Hamrick stated that we have limited veterans' affairs services.

Motion: The Senate supports the University in establishing an ROTC office on campus.

Passed.

8. Old Business: Plans for P&Ps already in the pipeline

P&P 803.07 (Evaluation of Faculty)

P&P 803.0905 (Post tenure Review)

P&P 460 (Disability Services)
P&P 803.075 (Faculty Activities)
P&P 1120 (Donations and Endowments)
P&P 304.0 (Course Objectives, Grading and Evaluation of Students' Performance)

This was approved by senate but returned by the President with questions—Mark Stevens will meet with administrators to bring the issues and questions back to the senate.

There are 10 or so that were to be updated last year that were not...some of these have been assigned to administrators. The next third will be identified soon.

9. New Business: Additional new business:

The question of settling the meeting time issue was raised. The new time of 12:30-1:30pm is causing difficulties for ECET labs and Mathematics. It was stated that the issue came before the ALC, but no consensus was reached. The VPAA recommended drawing up alternative plans for senate consideration and polling those who schedule classes.

10. Adjourned 1:28pm

Next Senate meeting: Thursday October 15 2009

Respectfully submitted: Laura Ritter
Approved by: Mark Stevens