

Minutes
General Faculty Meeting
September 13, 2005

The SPSU Faculty met in the Burruss Auditorium at noon on September 16, 2005, Faculty Moderator Mark Stevens presiding.

1. Quorum

The Secretary of the Faculty, Carlos A. Ortiz, reported that 52 Faculty members were present at the beginning of the meeting, thus quorum was present.

2. Approval of General Faculty Minutes

The faculty approved the following minutes:

- General Faculty meeting of April 21, 2005
- General Faculty meeting of July 21, 2005

3. Approval of Standing Committee Minutes

The faculty approved the minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of April 28, 2005 and ITAC of March 1, 2005. Following the approvals, the faculty was informed of the new policy discussed and approved in the September 6, 2005 minutes of the Undergraduate Student Status Committee regarding “forgiveness” of low grades in the calculation of the grade point average (GPA). The committee recommended that if a student re-takes a class, only the latest grade will be counted in the graduation GPA for that class, though earlier grades will still appear on the transcript. After the discussion, the faculty voted to approve the Undergraduate Student Status Committee minutes and thus, the forgiveness policy.

4. VPAA Szafran’s Comments

Dr. Szafran presented and distributed copies of the proposed Mission Statement for Southern Polytechnic State University. The VPAA encouraged faculty to review and submit comments via email. It was suggested to date revisions, so faculty can follow the evolution of the document.

The VPAA informed the faculty that SPSU will submit a proposal for Construction Engineering soon after some editorial changes are completed. Following this announcement, Dr. Szafran discussed the bifurcation of Engineering and Engineering Technology that could occur at SPSU. The submittal of proposals for engineering programs does not preclude that Engineering Technology programs are going to be abandoned. It is important to maintain the Engineering Technology programs, but at the same time proposals for specific engineering programs can be submitted. The VPAA

made clear that Engineering and Engineering Technology programs can coexist at SPSU, but changes have to be made to achieve the academic requirements for the engineering programs.

5. President's Comments

President Rossbacher made the announcement of the September 20, 2005 Special Ballot to increase sales taxes in Cobb County. If the additional tax is passed by Cobb County residents, approximately \$400,000 dollars will be appropriated to modify the entrance to campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for noon, October 20, 2005.

Mark Stevens
Moderator of the Faculty

Zvi Szafran
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Carlos A. Ortiz
Secretary of the Faculty