

Delta State University

Faculty Senate Meeting

May 3, 2018 @ 3:30 pm in Union 302A

Minutes for this meeting recorded and prepared by Secretary, Shara Bledsoe.

Voting members: Vicki Webster, Gwendolyn Meador, Severine Groh, George Beals, Charles Abraham, David Baylis, Maia Elgin-Wegmann, Clint Tibbs, Michael Mounce, Kristina Claunch, Conrad Puozaa, Douglas Mark, Adam Johanson, Sowitza Johnson, Jana Donahoe, Julie Lowery, Shara Bledsoe.

- I. Meeting called to order @ 3:30 pm
- II. Guest, Chief Jeffrey Johns, in attendance to announce and discuss active shooter education (“CRASE” class) in the next academic year that is more feasible for faculty to attend. The class, mandatory for incoming freshman students, will be offered the week before fall semester class start. Faculty can attend the class then. Information about day/time/location will be provided as we get closer to the fall semester. The class will also be offered early in fall and spring for faculty/staff interested. Day/time/location will be announced. Chief Johns announced and discussed the May 8th Town Hall meeting regarding Opioid Crisis. DSU police have Narcan now available in emergency events. Chief Johns discussed the importance of safety for the campus, including lighting and reminded FS that the campus police are available for any suspicious activity.
- III. Approval of minutes from April double Faculty Senate meeting (Senators Lowery / Webster).
- IV. President’s Report by Severine Groh
 - a) Severine Groh will be a voting member of the President’s Cabinet and Academic Council starting July 1st. She is currently shadowing Cabinet and AC while George Beals remains the Faculty Senate voting member.
 - b) George Beals presented the FS recommendation for increase summer/overload pay at Academic Council. Academic Council approved a motion to stress importance of finding ways to address summer / overload pay of faculty at large. Provost McAdams has indicated his willingness to start a taskforce in Fall 2018 to

evaluate what can be done to increase enrollment for summer school and overall revenue to facilitate increase for summer pay. A reasonable goal to achieve would be a flat \$4100 pay for a 3 credit-hour course enrolling at least 10 undergraduate students (or 8 graduate students for graduate only course) vs \$3,000 currently.

- c) A one-time budget of slightly over \$100,000 may be available. Cabinet will review and address ranked requests from each school/college.
 - Question was raised regarding whether faculty pay was considered in budget consideration and was clarified by Senator Beals.
- d) Graduation Saturday- faculty should arrive 45 min before scheduled graduations of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.
- e) Grades should be entered by Monday at noon and Chairs can review reports by 8:00 am Monday, May 7, 2018.
- f) Senators will be updated on Canvas Faculty Senate page for summer reports from Academic Council and Cabinet.

V. University Entities

- a) Report from Staff Council provided by Christy Riddle
 - Summer hours begin May 7th: M-Th, 7:30 am - 5:30 pm; F, closed.
 - Those that cannot work these hours have a separate location
 - New chair-elect for staff council will be voted in July and will start attending FS meetings in September.
- b) Report from BPAC provided by Ellen Green
 - Executive board to meet Tuesday
 - Had great turn out for recent shows
 - One complaint of phones and electronics during show
 - Summer series start June 8th – ideal for children
 - Will have unveiling in summer for Fall shows/events.

VI. Faculty Senate Committees – no report

VII. New Business

- a) Julie Lowery was elected Secretary for 2018-2019. (unanimous vote).
- b) Formation of Faculty Senate Committees and their associated Chair was completed with present members. Previous Chairs provided summation of each

committee's functions. Senators who were not present at meeting and who had not previously provided their preference will still be able to join a committee (mostly Service and Academic Affairs). Just contact the committee chair and FS President. Membership and name of chairperson for each committee is available on Canvas shell.

- Election-
 - ✓ At least 1 representative from each College/School is still required.
- Technology-
 - ✓ Note of a possible change in expectations for the committee chair: Provost approved concept of FS technology committee chair to attend the ITGC to report to FS. FS President Groh is waiting on feasibility from Edwin Craft.

VIII. Future Meetings

- a) Faculty Senate executive meeting September 6, 2018 @ 3:30 pm Union 306
- b) Faculty Senate general meeting September 13, 2018 @ 3:30 pm 302A

IX. Meeting adjourned @ 4:45 pm (Senators Beals / Mark).