

## Faculty Senate Meeting

### Minutes from Meeting on September 29, 2017

#### **Call to Order:**

Faculty Senate meeting was called to order by Jeannie Paulk , at 2:05 pm

#### **Members Present:**

Name	School
1. Vanessa Lane	Agriculture and Natural Resources
2. Brian Yost	Arts and Sciences
3. Jeannie Paulk	Nursing and Health Sciences
4. Abul Sheikh	Business
5. Joseph Devaney	Arts and Sciences
6. Brian Ray	Arts and Sciences
7. Erin Porter	Agriculture and Natural Resources
8. Alan Murphy	Agriculture and Natural Resources
9. Jewrell Rivers	Arts and Sciences

#### **Old Business:**

##### 1. **Student Advising Form**

- Senator Sheikh provided an update on the student advising form. Dr. Baker and Dr. Bridges did not request further meetings to roll out the Student Advising Form after the August 2017 Faculty Senate meeting.
- Discussed implementation, including distribution and submission of forms from students.
  - Debated most effective methods of distributing advisor forms to advisors. Tentatively decided to have school administrators issue each faculty enough forms for each advisee to fill out once per semester, thereby reducing confusion from previous ABAC advisor evaluation attempts when more forms were submitted than the number of faculty advisees (advisees submitted a form for each advising session instead of once per semester).
  - Debated form submission by students. Many schools are split between multiple buildings, garnering concern that students may not readily submit forms to school administrators due to inconvenience. Using physical drop boxes may work in individual schools, but was not decided upon as policy.
  - Senator Sheikh will write a policy statement providing instructions to faculty advisors to Faculty Senate for approval by October 9<sup>th</sup>, when advisors can begin enabling student registration pins.

**New Business:****1. Community Involvement and Student Service Opportunity**

- Senator Yost introduced the idea of a campus-wide service opportunity to serve the greater Tifton community. He reflected that Texas A&M University has a similar program, where as many students and faculty as possible volunteer during a single day for a large volunteer blitz, depending upon needs identified by the community. Volunteer opportunities included mowing lawns, beautification of areas, cleaning parks, etc.
- Senator Yost suggested that Faculty Senate may be the organizational tool to spearhead and advertise such an event.
- No actions are yet proposed, although contacting various community leaders would be the next step to identify needs.

**2. Suicide Prevention Initiative at ABAC**

- Senator Rivers informed the senate that he and other faculty and students recently attended the Georgia College and University Suicide Prevention Coalition Conference. Senator Rivers and others are in the planning stages to implement a Suicide Prevention Initiative at ABAC, which may include training programs for faculty. He will keep the Senate updated on progress.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Senator Sheikh,

Seconded by: Senator Paulk.

The Senate adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2017.