

Present: Jess Godbey, Tray Ridlen, Jenna Ridlen, Mark Sciuchetti, Sayyed Shah, Wendy Stephens, Christopher Murtagh, Michael Alvidrez, Arjola Balilaj, Rashad Ahmed, Katelyn Walker, Erica Hardy, Billy Hankins, Gordon Harvey, Reggie Overton, Carrie Kirk, Karlee Johnson, Yingqi Tang, Coco Huang, Monica Trifas, Jeff Dodd, Nathan Wight, Missy Duckett, Chris Inman, Heidi Dempsey, Andres Crawley, Ahmad Alhammouri, Kimber Wickersham, Jeremy Ross, James Watkins Jewel Johnson (SGA), Christian Thomas (SGA), Mica Meecham
Absent: Allison Newton, Travis Easterling, Laura Barrow

**Jacksonville State University
Faculty Senate
February 13, 2023
Houston Cole Library 1103C**

Agenda

1. The meeting is called to order at 3:16.
2. The agenda is approved with adding a resolution from SGA, recycling. Karlee Johnson provided a 1st and a 2nd Rashad Ahmed.
3. Karlee Johnson motioned for approval of the January 2023 minutes. A second was provided by Rashad Ahmed.
4. Congratulations to Dr. Staci Stone who is the new Associate Provost of Academic Affairs. Dean Lindblom is stepping in to fill in for Dean of arts and humanities. Dr. Staci Stone is here for Provost Shelton. She is working on SACSCOC. SACSCOC evaluator will be here next week for a mock survey. Dr. Stone informed us that the university is not filling the Associate Vice Provost position. Dr. Stone said that for research purposes we will be separating out IRB and animal experimentation ARAC (for animals).
Thank you to everyone on writing teams for work on SACSCOC. We are trying to stick to deadlines so this can be finalized and go out to reviewers this summer.
5. President Killingsworth- JSU South project is stalled. There has been a discussion with contractors about this and they are back on track. Scheduled to be done the end of April. 5th semester will be in South complex this summer as a soft opening. The ribbon cutting will be in July.
The School of Education will be moving to the old Kitty Stone Elementary School (where SBIC was during their construction) and will be moving people to their new facility over time. They will begin having students there in the Fall of 2023.
The Randy Owen Center (ROC) will be completing acquisition of the property in the next couple of weeks. We are waiting for the signing of final paperwork. Completion of the construction will be in 2025.
The new dining facility and Athletic operational facility are on schedule. Construction should start around spring break. Trustee circle should remain open during this construction, but parking will be impacted by construction. Many parking lots will be closed. The dining hall will double its seating capacity and will be completed in Fall 2024. The existing Hopper

building will be renovated for student organization meeting spaces. The athletics renovation will also move us forward as a university. Parking will be addressed by Chief Barton to Deans council which will be passed on to faculty.

Merrill basement is still taped off due to damage from flooding. It has been in legal talks regarding the new auditorium between JSU and the construction company. There will be no resolution until after the semester is over.

New business

1. Dean Lindblom and Associate Provost Dr. Stone spoke about the Scholar's Code which has been worked on by a faculty committee for the last 2 years. Senators Dodd and Duckett worked on this committee. Dean Lindblom voiced that there are instances of academic dishonesty happening in individual situations across campus and individual schools do not know that the same student is being counseled for academic dishonesty in their school as well as a class in another school. This Scholar's Code is more pro academic integrity than focusing on academic dishonesty. It looks at various levels of offenses. We will be working with Maxient (Working with Josh Robinson and Jasmin Nunez) for recording of issues to give transparency across the University. When passed it will go in the student handbook and catalogue.
There was a motion for Faculty Senate to approve Scholar's code by Mark Sciuchetti and a 2nd given by Reginald Overton. All were in favor. No one opposed.
2. Summer schedule and work load- TBD is listed in schedule for many classes. Don't want to give faculty any pending commitment until enrollment is determined for these classes. Faculty have many questions on how decisions are being made for the summer semester. Senator Overton wants to know if President Stephens will be blunt with Dr. Shelton about these questions. Faculty feel that Department Heads are not being utilized and are being micromanaged. Faculty need more clarity on thresholds and second sections. Faculty is upset that there isn't stability in the summer semester. Senator Johnson said that President Killingsworth during library check-in stated that it will be another five years before reserves are back where they should be.
3. Meeting structure- Dr. Overton feels we need less guest speakers and more participation from senators in person during Faculty Senate meetings. Dr. Sciuchetti feels that we should have emails from President and provost and they should only come once a year or twice. The senator felt that the faculty senate president should report from the meetings they attend. Report from recent meetings:
 1. Cocky bot can be used to flag students on an emotional level.
 2. Heart association walk- Led by Dr. Shelton. Please let faculty know. We want big participation.
 3. Single clearinghouse for disabilities services.
 4. Highest enrollment this semester since spring of 2012.
 5. We need a survey for Faculty Senate priorities for next year. We are sending out a call for leadership and participants for developing this survey. Senator Heidi Dempsey volunteered. Wendy will follow up to get more information about what the Provost is wanting for this.

4. Welfare Committee Report- The Welfare committee report proposed a 3% cost of living raise. There is differentiation of cost of living versus salary raises. It is also felt that faculty should have right of refusal for overload. Senator Ridlen spoke about conference attendance. This falls under the scholarship that is required and many times faculty should go with students to conferences. This should be compensated as part of the job. Scholarly contractual part of compensation package is seen at other universities. Clearer promotion and tenure protocols are needed.

5. Election Day Resolution was presented by SGA Senator Christian Thomas, vice chair of government relations committee. Working on voter absentee for 2024 election with professor and college approval. It will:

1. Allows professors to implement policy for excused absences for their students on election day with no apprehension.
2. Provide a plethora of opportunities to promote civic engagement for students to participate in election day.
3. JSU to create an exploratory committee for election day in 2026 and beyond.

A study was done regarding if students would travel home to vote, and they say they would. This would impact class every 2 years. SGA wants the calendar to be adjusted properly. SGA also wants to work with each College to allow all students to vote. The University of Huntsville has passed this same resolution. Not all colleges have digital templates for this. SGA is working with the SGA advisor, Cody Beck.

Old business

- Input into calendar construction- The Registrar wants two more class days and a 3 hour exam day added into what was proposed by the Faculty Senate Calendar Committee. Faculty Senate feels the answer would be to take out the proposed Fall and Winter break days. President Stephens will speak with the registrar.
- Update on Public Safety Task Force – Please read attached update.
- Campus speech – Policies → Chief Barton- Will talk with Faculty senate committee on regarding campus speech.
- SGA Update- SGA President, Jewel Johnson provided an update. The Faculty Forum committee will work with organizational affairs to send information to faculty advisors as well as the clubs on campus. When we are looking for faculty advisors we want people that are connected to the organization. A suggestion by Senator Dempsey is to make the form more specific. Once the faculty state interest, then the organization will be given those names. We want a comfortable, good fit. Please reach out to any faculty that may be interested in being a faculty advisor.

The SGA is working hard on various resolutions that will be moving forward. We will be asking for feedback on these resolutions and then it will go back to SGA for revision. Petitions are also moving forward. The Gala is March 30th. Cocky SGA is coming up. March 1-3 SGA will be closed because they will be in Montgomery. April 13th the SGA will be attending Higher Education Day in Montgomery. During this day they will be working for full 1/3 to make sure JSU gets our share of the money distributed to the state campuses. SGA elections are April 11-13.

President Johnson state that they have mentioned to organizations about manpower needed for recycling on campuses. SGA would be willing to take this recycling project on until a new organization can take it on.

Senator Dodd asked if the Senate should have tenure and promotion guidelines for each department. Should the Senate push for this again? Provost Shelton will have to support this. Does the Senate need to present a formal resolution? Each department should have their own guidelines. Faculty feel that what is in the faculty handbook is vague. This will be sent to the welfare and advocacy committee to craft a resolution and we will discuss this the next meeting.

We need more communication from Administration.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2023.

These is a motion to adjourn at 5:25 pm by Senator Heidi Dempsey and a second was provided by Senator Karlee Johnson.