

# Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

**Opening:**

Meeting was called to order

**Present (all remotely):**

Katy Dodd  
Christy McCollough  
Bobby Sewell  
Melinda Rhynes

**Guest:**

Dr. Sheila Jacobs, CAO  
Erin Brickley, Office of CAO

**Not Present:**

Chris Harkness  
Charlotte Coats-Easter

**Prior to the Meeting:**

And email was sent prior to the meeting by Katy with 3 documents for review. They were as follows:

- \*ATU Ozark Faculty Evaluation Policies, Procedures, Forms, and Considerations
- \*University Strategic Planning Committee Steering Committee: Working Group Notes from Discussion Session on 4 Strategic Planning Categories
- \*Article *Time for a "Strategy Refresh" for Your University: a Blueprint for Post-Pandemic Priorities* by Paul Friga

**Business From Previous Meeting:**Agenda Item #3 from October meeting

Faculty Course Evaluations were further discussed. Dr. Jacobs emphasized that the portfolio could be simplified to make it easier on faculty. In looking at the Evaluation Form, she conveyed this did not have to be set in stone, but Mr. Sikes was set on the 80/20 overall.

It was suggested Teaching A section might be simplified by providing a QR code for students or a possible mobile version.

For the portfolio review in Teaching B section, Katy thought there was a repository in OneTech available already and Charlotte might be able to inform us more on her return.

It was suggested language needed to be found within the document this was a professional growth tool – a different mindset.

Senators might be able to gather feedback from their areas to better address different program needs. Dr. Jacobs added that if the senate wanted to appoint an AdHoc committee to look at this, she wouldn't object.

Katy pointed out that the vast majority of teaching institutions are peer review. Melinda suggested that we have time to process the documents that were sent and vote by email to Katy if we were in favor of an AdHoc committee being formed for this matter or against it.

Dr. Jacobs and Erin had to leave our meeting to attend another meeting.

### **New Business**

Katy reminded the senate members ATU President Bowen would be addressing faculty and staff on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Covid requirements have changed slightly and they will be reviewing those during that meeting.

Ready For Life is a partnership between ATU and state of Arkansas and will be hear more about that during the meeting.

Health & Wellness has 3 scholarships for tuition to be given away for vaccinations.

Katy also reported that the Strategic Planning Committee will no longer bas scholarships on ACT scores but rather on GPA's.

The committee was also informed about a survey that would be sent out to all faculty and staff of both campuses to gather additional feedback prior to the next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Bobby would follow with Mr. Sikes to see when the Board of Trustees were supposed to be visiting the Ozark campus or when the faculty senate are supposed to be meeting with them.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn  
All in favor

Adjourned