



## Faculty Senate 2014–2015

**MINUTES: 11 March 2015**

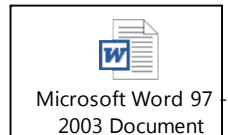
AD 307, 6:30 pm

**Attendees:** Herb Helm; Karl Bailey; Brian Strayer; Rob Zdor; David Randall; Lynelle Weldon; Beverly Sedlacek; Rachel Williams-Smith; Janine Lim; Nicholas Miller, Connie Gane; Mary Ngugi(; Janet Ledesma; John Peckham; Randall Robertson; Marc Ullom; Katherine Koudele; Thomas Lowing; Betty Gibson; Janet Blackwood; Monique Pittman;

**Regrets:** LeRoy Ruhupatti; Lori Walton; Ed Schmidt; Tevni Grajales; Felix Cortez; Margaret Powell; Anneris Navia; Ante Jeronic; Brendan Cross;

**Honored Guests:** Paul Elder; K. Pepper (AUSA parlamentain), J. McAllister (AUSA Senator),

1. Welcome and Prayer Ps 61 N. Miller
2. Review and approval of Minutes N. Miller  
VOTE ACTION: R. Zdor; 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Bailey
3. Report: traffic committee results Paul Elder  
Report on planned changes around campus. Reported proposal agreed by safety, faculty, student joint committee. Problem in Seminary parking lot that Paul will investigate.  
**Action:** Applause. (no vote taken).
4. Reports from four key committees
  - 4.1. Academic Ops Council E-Portfolios J. Lim  
E portfolios using LiveText & Mahara approved by Tech Committee whose purview is to approve technology, not define uses for it. Useful by students in various disciplines; faculty advancement portfolios. **Senate Recommendation:** refer to Rank & Tenure --> FDPC.  
**Vote Action:** "Move to Accept Report of the Technology Committee" A Jeronic ; R. Zdor
  - 4.2. Faculty Policy and Devel., Undergrad Council; & Grad Council – no report
5. Review & Vote: New AUSA Senate Constitution K. Pepper, J. McAllister  
**Vote Action:** "Move to Approve modified AUSA constitution". R. Williams-Smith; J. Ledesma.
  - 4.1 Report: AUSA bike share program. Campus Safety & Plant Services is aware & involved. Launching on 27 March.  
**Vote Action:** Move to encourage & support AUSA bike share program. K. Koudelle; C. Gane.
6. Budget update N. Miller  
Form a Faculty Senate subcommittee to participate in decisions / process by which difficult decisions to cut are made across schools.  
**Comments & Ideas:** Faculty would need access to Jim Massena's data.  
Would a consultant help in this process? How is online course pricing decided? How do priorities / vision of administration align with teaching faculty regarding Wellness center vs ... . Maybe we should be spending on things that yield value – things that make the university strong. What will cause students to come to Andrews and stay – this is where we need to invest. Non-attractive atmosphere in admin building and treatment of students is a strong turn-off. Work with AUSA: Get student input on why they stay enrolled.  
**VOTE ACTION:** Faculty Senate Budget Sub-Committee names nominated  
L. Monique Pittman (acting chair) Tevni Grajales;  
Karl Bailey; LeRoy Ruhupatti;  
Janine Lim; Rachel Williams-Smith;  
Motion to approve list. L. Weldon, Seconded  
**Mandate for committee:** Interface with Provost to have input on "budget matters" as priorities are set.



7. Report: Shared Governance document N. Miller
8. Report: Race & Justice Committee N. Miller  
Two areas are the current focus. (1) Investigate history of AU in relationship to race relationships. Acknowledge shortcomings in the past. (2) Measure racial distribution in colleges and what can move towards matching racial distribution of student and faculty bodies.
9. Report: Impact of interdivisional worker furlough funding (5 min) N. Miller  
GC Policy for furloughs for interdivisional employees. AU administration is seeking an exemption from the GC. If this is approved, some seminary faculty likely to leave. Employment commitments were made on the basis of furloughs. Impact mostly in seminary, also Religion Department.

### **Next Meetings**

~~January 21, 2015~~

~~February 18, 2015~~

**March 11, 2015**

April 15, 2015

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