

Present: Wendy Stephens, Missy Duckett, Allison Newton, Reggie Overton, Tray Ridlen, Jenna Ridlen, Jess Godbey, Mark Sciuchetti, Michael Alvidrez, Katelyn Walker, Erica Hardy, Karlie Johnson, Yingqi Tang, Jeff Dodd, Nathan Wight, Heidi Dempsey, Mica Mecham, Sayyed Shah, Jeremy Ross, Jianping Huang, Chris Inman, Kimber Wickersham, Carrie Kirk, Chris Murtagh, James Watkins, Jenna Ridlen, Laura Barrow, Monica Trifas, Rashad Ahmed, William Hankins, Jewel Johnson

Absent: Gordon Harvey, Travis Easterling, Andres Crawley, Ahmad Alhammouri

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

Agenda

1. The meeting is called to order at 3:17 pm.
2. A motion was made to approve the March 2023 agenda by Senator Newton. A second was provided by Dr. Tray Ridlen.
3. Dr. Alvidrez approved the February 2023 minutes with edits. Dr. Jenna Ridlen provided a second to the motion.
4. SGA Senator Madison Brooks provides a disability resources resolution. The process now is there should be a filing form for disabilities resource. SGA wants to encourage the use of navigate on campus so students can reach out easily to their instructors and communicate needed resources. Alerts can be sent, and it goes to disability resources to help the student. The resolution is to utilize navigate instead. SGA is in the process of writing the resolution and wanted feedback from the Faculty Senate. Dr. Tray Ridlen requested clarification and questioned the process. Mica Mecham states that there is a lot of Navigate training through faculty commons. Madison Brooks said that she will do more research into Navigate. She has a meeting with Kimberly Hudgins to talk about student friendly usage with Navigate.

An SGA update was given by SGA President Jewel Johnson. The SGA is surveying African American students to see what they feel the University is doing for them. President Johnson asked if the Faculty Senate thinks it is a good idea for disabilities to be posted on Navigate to assist with student needs? It was brought up that the onus is on the student to let instructors know every semester. Faculty are concerned that it may not be a good idea to post this for anyone to see due to FERPA guidelines.

April 13th is Higher Ed Day. SGA officer applications are being accepted for the 2023-2024 academic year. Recycling ideas are still being worked on by the SGA.

Recommended language from Disability Resources is:

Jacksonville State University is committed to creating an inclusive learning environment that meets the needs of its diverse student body. If you are currently experiencing or anticipate that you will have any

barriers to learning in this course, please feel welcome to discuss your concerns with me. It is my goal to create a learning experience that is as accessible as possible. If you have a disability, or think you may have a disability, that may have some impact on your work in this course and for which you may require academic adjustments or accommodations, please work with a staff member in Disability Resources so that accommodations can be considered. Students that receive accommodation letters, or Individualized Post-Secondary Plans (IPPs) should meet with me to discuss the provisions of your accommodations as early in the semester as possible. You can find more information about the Office of Disability Resources on the web or by visiting the Student Success Center on the 2nd Floor of the Houston Cole Library. You may also call (256) 782-8380 or email at disabilityresources@jsu.edu . All discussions will remain confidential.

New business

- Chief Barton gave an update on the parking situation once construction commences this week. Construction will impact 600 parking places. It will mostly displace student residents. There are designated lots for parking to replace these parking places, but it is not as convenient for the students. JSU Ride will expand their services to include a continuous loop starting early morning until 10 pm at night. Nelson avenue and Russell parkway will be closed. Twenty-eight new parking spaces are being added in front of Ayers Hall. Fleet services vehicles are being moved to the coliseum lot that is fenced in. That frees up 62 more parking spots. There are 200 parking spots around Paul Carpenter village. Coliseum has 700 spots so 350 are requested as parking spots for students. That will still leave 350 parking spots for events. There is a simplified map for parking which will be distributed to faculty and students and updated with each change every semester. The parking study is ongoing.
Students have asked about utilizing the parking lot at the previous First Baptist Church. Chief Barton states that JSU does not own that yet, so it is not officially recommended. Once JSU owns that, it may change for the Fall. A request is made for faculty parking places to be added at Mason Hall. Chief Barton said it will be considered and this is the time to plan for these changes.
SGA President Jewel Johnson asked what the plan is for parking for graduation. Chief Barton said that we are working with the planning committee and city planners for this Spring graduation event. There will be designated lots for each group to park in (grad students, faculty, etc). Electronic boards are being reserved to be used.
Chief Barton reminded the Senate that JSU public safety week is this week. It started 3/13. Pedestrian safety is one topic, as well as seatbelt safety. Campus safety day is 3/14 on the quad. SGA is providing food 11-2. Wednesday Mocktails in the cafeteria and scooter rides are being offered on Bennett Field. Thursday the Department of Criminal Justice is having a job fair.
- Elections – There is a call for nominations for upcoming election of Faculty Senate officers. Senator Newton is chairing the election committee. Dr. Newton said there are

replacement Senators needed for five department and 4 out of 5 have sent replacement names.

The President elect must be tenured by the time they are the President. Senator Sciuchetti requests consideration that a Senator be Faculty Senate President for two years instead of one year. Other Universities have been researched and Faculty Senators are sitting for six years at these institutions. Terms and bylaws will need to be changed if this is approved. It is brought up that Senators need to be present at all Faculty Senate meetings. It is discussed that Faculty Senate committees need to do more and meet more. It was asked for Senator Sciuchetti to craft a motion to increase term limits for the Senators which will be voted on next meeting.

The Faculty Senate Honor's committee is needing to vote on faculty awards. April 6th is the date for the Faculty Awards Program. Encourage the faculty in your departments to come. Nominations were made for Senator Dempsey and Senator Sciuchetti for President-elect. A nomination was given for Faculty Senate Secretary for Kimber Wickersham. A nomination for Karlie Johnson was given for Faculty Senate Historian. Further nominations are to be sent to Dr. Newton.

- University-wide attendance policy- Education, Art, Honor's program, Theater and Film, and Social Work have an attendance policy. The question was asked if a University-wide attendance policy infringes on academic freedom? This will continue to be discussed.
- Tuition discounts- It is reported that Dr. Harmon, CFO at JSU, wants to cut the amount of tuition discounts being provided by JSU to improve the bond rating. A resolution will be crafted by the Advocacy and Welfare committee.
- Self-placement is discussed. This is where the student could opt out of being placed in the course they are advised to take. EdReady would be cancelled. The worry is this will lead to students being set up for failure. Input from the senate should be sought on this issue. Admissions and Academic progress committee will look at this and come back with a resolution at the next meeting.
- Welfare Committee resolution- There are no updates currently.
- Faculty Handbook 2.13.1 Credit Hour definition revision- Registrar Emily White is present to answer questions about this proposed revision. Faculty Senate President Stephens feels this will give us more flexibility. Dr. Dempsey questions if it will limit the amount of class time in classes where it is needed. Mrs. White states that professional days would be a solution but do not mean getting more days off. Classes will not meet but they will be workdays for grading, etc. Students would not meet. It was questioned if this has to be this specific and Mrs. White replies that it does have to be specific for SACSCOC. A motion was made by Overton to approve the revised credit hour definition with revisions. Dr. Dodd requests that "14 weeks" be removed from the revision definition. Dr. Jenna Ridlen is concerned about voting without knowing the ramifications. Dr. Wight requests that 'a minimum of 14 weeks' be left in to prevent reduction of weeks to the semester. The motion was amended to leave '14 weeks minimum' in and approve the resolution. A second was made to the motion by Senator Karlee Johnson. Senator Sciuchetti and Senator Godbey opposed. All other Senators approved. The resolution as originally written, and its proposed revision is written below.

2.13.1 Credit Hour Definition (as written)

JSU awards 1 unit of credit for satisfactory completion of 1 60-minute session of classroom instruction and a minimum of 2 hours of out-of-class work for a minimum of 3 hours of course activities per week for a typical semester of not less than 14 weeks. For example: Typically, courses at JSU are awarded 3 semester credit hours per course. The 3 semester hours of credit consists of the equivalent of at least 3 hours (60-minute period) per week of "seat time" in-class and 6 hours per week of out-of-class academic activities for a period of at least 14 weeks. Hence, a standard 3 semester credit hour class meets for at least 42 contact hours per semester, plus a minimum average of 6 hours of activities outside of the classroom per week for 14 weeks. **(Note: This totals 2520 minutes)** For example:

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Typically, courses at JSU are awarded 3 semester credit hours per course. The 3 semester hours of credit consists of the equivalent of at least 180 minutes per week of "seat time" in-class and 6 hours per week of out-of-class academic activities ~~for a period of at least 14 weeks~~. A standard 3 semester credit hour class meets for at least 2100 contact minutes per semester, plus a minimum average of 6 hours of activities outside of the classroom per week ~~for 14 weeks~~.

- The Faculty Awards Ceremony is scheduled for April 6th.

Old business

- Discussions on Summer schedule will be pushed to next time.
- Heidi Dempsey is meeting with Provost Shelton regarding a survey regarding which priorities to address for next year.

- Anonymous Communication Form
<http://tinyurl.com/FCconcern>

An announcement was made regarding a form for Women's history month where four awards are available. The form closes on March 16th at midnight.

More interdisciplinary work is being encouraged.

A motion to adjourn was made by Senator Dempsey and a second was made by Senator Alvidrez.

The final meeting for the academic year is scheduled for April 10, 2023.