

Arkansas State University-Jonesboro  
Staff Senate Called Meeting Minutes  
November 5, 2008

The Arkansas State University Staff Senate met in a called meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, in the Dean B. Ellis Library Board Room on the ASU-Jonesboro campus.

**I. Call to Order**

President Rosemary Freer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Attendance was taken:

Cindy Bode – absent	Peggy Hunt – absent
Sandra Bramblett – present	Jennifer Janski – present
Darryl Brotemarkle – present	David Kenley – present
Phareta Calkin – present	Helen McCoy – present
Jon Carvell – present	Donna McMillan – proxy R.Gray
Kaye Childs – present	Terry Merriweather – present
Jennifer Clack – present	Sharon Milligan – present
Diana Corder – present	Elaine Poynter – present
Ellena Cox – present	Gail Rasberry – present
Angela Daniels – present	Jerry Sailor – absent
Tammy Fowler – present	Vicki Walker – present
Rosemary Freer – present	Randy West – present
Regina Gilbert – present	Joyette White – absent
Janet Hardin – present	Randy Martin – present
Victor Hill – present	VACANT- tech/para-prof

**III. Chancellor Potts' Address to the Senate**

Dr. Robert Potts addressed the senate regarding the proposal to revise the Shared Governance process by combining the oversight committees of Institutional and Academic Governance, creating one Shared Governance Oversight Committee. Staff Senate had refused to support the proposal due to inequality and unbalanced representation of all constituent groups. Several meetings attempting to resolve the issue had been unsuccessful. Potts expressed his dilemma in that he had never had to take position against a constituency and wanted to appeal to the senate to reconsider. A Microsoft Powerpoint presentation, along with handouts of the proposal (with revisions through 09/23/08), the proposal's routing activity to date, and pages 13-16 of the Faculty Handbook (with revisions indicated in color) were presented to the senate, and Potts entertained questions from the senators. Following the presentation, the senate voted on the proposal again, and voted against the proposal again unanimously. A committee was formed to develop the senate's formal response letter. This committee was comprised of Tammy Fowler, Jon Carvell, Angela Daniels, Jennifer Clack, and Vicki Walker. The formal response would need to be submitted by Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the materials supplied to the Board of Trustees prior to their meeting, at which Potts intended to support the proposal sans Staff Senate support.

**IV. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Rasberry, Staff Senate Secretary