

Faculty,

As you know, the window for the election of the Presiding Officer of the Faculty Senate for the 2014-2015 school year concluded today, Friday, February 28th at 11am. As previously communicated would be the process, three members of the Faculty Elections Committee (one from each college) were present to collect the ballots from the Post Office Box 248 at the vote sunset and immediately went to the Student Center to count. Ballot name sheets and vote sheets were separated, verification of faculty member ballots from the eligible faculty member roster was checked, and then the ballots were then counted. As Faculty Committee Chair I was on hand to receive the official documentation from the vote (ballots, name sheets, and faculty roster verification).

We had good participation in the Faculty Presiding Officer elections this year with 68% of faculty voting. On behalf of the Faculty Elections Committee, I want to thank all faculty for their active participation and engagement in the election this year. The results are as follows:

White= 61 votes or 100%

With these results, Athens State Faculty have elected Dr. Robbie White to serve as Presiding Officer for the 2014-2015 school year. Let us all congratulate him on his election to this role. Please join me in also thanking Dr. Mark Durm for her service as Presiding Officer the 2013-2014 term. This is by its nature a challenging role and with our transition as an academic institution with separate governance apart from Postsecondary, there has been a great deal of work to be done this year.

Finally, I would like to thank the Faculty Elections Committee for their diligence to the election and ensuring integrity in administering the process. Your representatives have been as follows:

College of Education: Dr. Yvette Bolen, Professor Michael Heatherly, Dr. Tina Sloan

College of Arts & Sciences: Professor Patricia Glaze, Dr. Bruce Thomas, Dr. Derek Newland

College of Business: Professor Emily Corzine, Professor Laura Kerner, Professor Gary Valcana

If there are any questions you have about the elections process or how we might continue to improve our elections process, let us know. I plan to hold a debrief meeting to discuss the process and look for ongoing opportunities to improve.

Regards,

Gary Valcana,

Faculty Elections Committee- Chair