

**Athens State University  
Academic Affairs Committee  
Thursday, October 17, 2013  
12:00p.m.  
Sanders Hall Conference Room**

Present: Jess Brown, Leigh Bunn, Malcolm Cort, Wendy Cowan, Wanda Hutchinson, Laura Kerner, Wade Myhan, Bradley Rimes, Charles Roberts

- I. Call to Order Dr. Brown, Committee Chair  
The meeting was convened by the Chairperson at 12:30, Thursday, October 17, 2013 in the Conference Room of Sanders Hall.
  
- II. Minutes Dr. Brown  
The committee reviewed and approved minutes of the September meeting with one clerical change. "Corts" should be changed to "Cort." Dr. Rimes made a motion to adopt the revised minutes; Hutchison seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
  
- III. New Business  
The Chair expressed a desire and need for a Recorder. Dr. Hutchinson volunteered and the selection was approved unanimously.  
  
Dr. Mark Durham dialogued with Dr. Glenn and Dr. Cromwell regarding the role of the Academic Affairs Committee as it relates to shared governance. By-laws will be instituted and go into effect by Fall 2014. It has been requested that the Academic Affairs Committee provide recommendations for the composition and role of said committee. A subcommittee (comprised of Dr. Malcolm Cort, Dr. Wendy Cowan, and Dr. Charles Roberts) will review the duties the Academic Affairs Committee and report the findings to the body at the next meeting.  
  
The committee has been charged to investigate the probability of grade inflation. It was noted that the institutions to which Athens State was compared do no serve the same population of students. After a lengthy discussion, the committee reached a consensus that it is possible grade inflation does not exist due to the withdrawal policy that was instituted during the 2012-13 academic year, the existing withdrawal policy that does not account for passing

withdrawals and failing withdrawals, and the demographic composition of students.

IV. Adjournment

Dr. Wade Myhan moved to adjourn.

Dr. Brady Rimes seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Wanda Hutchinson, Recorder