**Faculty Senate Minutes**

October 12, 2023

**Call to order:**

A regular meeting of the University of North Alabama’s Faculty Senate convened via MS Teams Video Conferencing at 3.30pm with President Killen presiding.

**I. Recognized Proxies**

Dr. Eric Kirkman for Senator Tomlinson

Ms. Darlene Townsend for Senator Pate

**Members in attendance**Alejandra Alvarado-Brizuela, Lisa Ann Blankinship, Miranda Bowie, Charles Brooks, Dan Burton, Corey Cagle, Gabriela Carrasco, Justin Carter, Jian Chen, Michael Conner, Helen Coronel, Chris Cottingham, Frank Diaz, Terri Garrison, Anissa Graham, Leah Graham, Einar Gudmundsson, Ngartelbaye Guerngar, Achini Herath, John Hodges, Andrea Hunt, Jason Imbrogno, Ann-Marie Irons, Faith Kelley, Lauren Killen, Leshan Kimbrough, Kelly Latchaw, John McGee, Brian McHenry, Stephanie Montgomery, Eric O’Neal, Robert Rausch, Beverly Russell, Lindsey Sherrill, Kevin Stoltz, Marie Taylor, Christina Volz-Stomackin, Wendy Wang, Gretchen Windt

**Members not in attendance (without proxy)**

Thomas Lukowicz, George Makowski

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Senator Hodges and seconded by Senator Coronel. No discussion. The agenda was approved as presented by raised hand (Y:27/N:O)

**III. Approval of Minutes from the September 14, 2023**

No changes were suggested for the September 14, 2023 minutes. No discussion. Motion to approve by Senator L. Graham with a second from Senator Coronel. (Y: 28/N:0)

**IV. Remarks from Dr. Ken Kitts, President**

President Kitts addressed the move to Smart Growth model which was a consideration brought up by 2023 FAS. The Shine On, Gold comprehensive campaign was released on September 29. This campaign seeks to raise $100 million with over $60 million already secured. Final comments addressed UNA and all of Florence being in the 4th Congressional district and an update on academic progress for student athletes.

**V. Remarks from Dr. Katie Kinney, Provost/EVPAA**

Provost Kinney noted that enrollment will be around 10,600 on census for Fall 2023 term. Fall Preview Day hosted approximately 1,000 potential students and families and ACONHP celebrated a 50th anniversary during Homecoming. A new strategic plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees in December. UNA is currently applying to be part of the Alabama Space Grant Consortium. Updates to key positions on campus include: Dr. Paul Hu Associate Vice Provost for International Affairs andMs. Corrie Dalrymple, Interim Registrar

Upcoming events of note: BEST/ Traumbauer Dec. 1-3 and Alabama High School Athletic Association Spring Championship for eSports (Spring 2024)

**VI. Remarks from Dr. Lauren Killen, Faculty Senate President**

A taskforce will be developed to draft language on the use of AI/ ChatGPT.

**VII. Reports**

 a. Standing Committees

 i. Faculty Affairs [Senator Carter]- no updates

 ii. Academic Affairs [Senator Alvarado-Brizuela]- no updates

 iii. Faculty Attitude Survey (FAS) [Senator Hunt]- Committee asks for questions

 iv. Faculty Handbook Oversight [Senator Imbrogno] – no updates

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

a. Proposal for Faculty Handbook Revisions: Credit Hour Policy (SGEC: FS) – Motion to accept the policy was made by Sen. Carrasco, 2nd Sen. L. Graham. Discussion followed and motion passes. (Vote Y:35/N:0/A:0)

 b. Review of Policies for Policy Environment Task Force (SGEC: FS)

 i. Copyright Policy – Motion made by Sen. Montgomery, 2nd Sen. Carrasco to accept changes. Discussion followed and motion to table discussion is made by Sen. Cottingham; 2nd by Sen. Chen. (Vote to Table: Y:30/ N:0/A:0)

**IX. New Business**

 a. Modality of Faculty Senate Meetings – Sen. Chen motions to discussion modality of future FS meetings; 2nd Sen. Coronel. Discussion follows with points in favor of meeting in person and meeting online. Sen. L. Graham motions to Table the discussion until the November 2023 meeting; 2nd by Sen. Cottingham. Motion passes (Vote: Y:30/N:0/A:0)

**X. Information Items** – AI/ ChatGPT was address in Item VI.

**XI. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Sen. Bowie; 2nd Sen. Coronel. Motion passes (Vote: A:26/N:0/A:0). Meeting adjourned at 4.46pm.