

Faculty Senate Minutes
September 14, 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

None

Members in attendance

Alejandra Alvarado-Brizuela, Lisa Ann Blankinship, Miranda Bowie, Charles Brooks, Dan Burton, Corey Cagle, Gabriela Carrasco, Justin Carter, Jian Chen, Helen Coronel, Chris Cottingham, Frank Diaz, Terri Garrison, Anissa Graham, Leah Graham, Einar Gudmundsson, Ngartelbaye Guerngar, Felecia Harris, Achini Herath, John Hodges, Andrea Hunt, Jason Imbrogno, Ann-Marie Irons, Faith Kelley, Lauren Killen, Leshan Kimbrough, Kelly Latchaw, Thomas Lukowicz, George Makowski, John McGee, Brian McHenry, Jordan Miller, Stephanie Montgomery, Eric O'Neal, Jennifer Pate, Robert Rausch, Beverly Russell, Lindsey Sherrill, Kevin Stoltz, Marie Taylor, Angel Tomlinson, Christina Volz-Stomackin, Wendy Wang, Gretchen Windt

Members not in attendance (without proxy)

None

II. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Senator O'Neal and seconded by Senator Coronel. The agenda was approved as presented by raised hand.

III. Approval of Minutes from the May 4, 2023 (Election Meeting)

No changes were suggested for the May 4, 2023 minutes. Minutes approved as presented. Motion to approve by Senator Graham with a second from Senator Carter.

IV. Remarks from Dr. Ken Kitts, President

President Kitts summarized recent campus announcements conveyed in the *President's Communique* and his remarks from Dr. Gunn's 60th anniversary, both shared on 9.13.23. Other comments included an update on the Provost search timeline, budget highlights for FY2024, and a shift in the University's focus from record enrollment to "healthy" sustained enrollment.

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

Provost Kinney introduced herself to the Faculty Senate and noted academic changes that have recently occurred within Teaching, Learning, and Leadership and CASE.

VI. Remarks from Dr. Lee Renfroe, Shared Governance Executive Committee Chair

Dr. Renfroe shared a presentation that highlighted the shared governance process at UNA and how faculty could recommend changes to SGEC.

VII. Remarks from Dr. Lauren Killen, Faculty Senate President

FS President Killen announced that Senator Leah Graham will serve as Parliamentarian and that the Board of Trustees had approved the paid birth/recovery and parental leave policy pending minor updates. She reviewed the hand raise function within MS Teams.

VIII. Elections for Committee Vacancies

a. Institutional Review Board (2023-2025 Kinesiology Faculty) – Dr. Jim Watkins approved by acclamation.

b. Shared Governance Executive Committee (2023-2024 Faculty) – Dr. Rebecca Smith approved by acclamation.

IX Reports

a. Standing Committees

i. Faculty Affairs – Senator Carter (chair) stated that there were no updates.

ii. Academic Affairs – Senator Alvarado-Brizuela stated that there were no updates; results from the online proctoring survey were shared at the last (April 2023) senate meeting.

iii. Faculty Attitude Survey (FAS) – Senator Hunt stated the FAS results for 2023. There was a 31% increase in faculty participation.

1) Presentation of FAS results to Senate – Motion to release the FAS results was made by Senator Makowski and seconded by Senator O’Neal. Vote: 23A: 0O: 0Abs.

iv. Faculty Handbook Oversight – This committee will meet next week to elect their chair.

X. Unfinished Business – none

XI. New Business

a. Proposal for Faculty Handbook Revisions: Credit Hour Policy (SGEC:FS) – Motion made to accept the revised policy made by Senator Carrasco, seconded by Senator Montgomery. Discussion led to a withdrawal of the motion to accept by Senators Carrasco/ Montgomery and a motion to table until next senate meeting so that senator questions could be addressed by SGEC. Motion to postpone the vote made by Senator L. Graham and seconded by Senator Makowski

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

1. Copyright Policy – Senator Carrasco made a motion to accept the policy with a second by Senator Alvarado-Brizuela. Discussion led to withdrawal of the motion and a recommendation made by Senator L. Graham to table the discussion until next senate meeting. Senator Makowski seconded. It was recommended that a committee be formed to review the policy and include Senator Pate who has experience with copyright policies.

XII. Information Items – No items were presented but there was a brief discussion on the modality of future Faculty Senate meetings.

XIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Senator Stoltz and seconded by Senator Carter. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 4.50pm.