

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

August 28, 2003

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met August 28, 2003 in the Faculty/Staff Commons of the University Center at 3:30 p.m.

President Barrett called the meeting to order and recognized the following proxies:

Dr. Mike Hall for Senator Tunell from HPER,
Mr. Phillip Oliver for Senator McDaniel from Collier Library,

The following senators were present: Adams, Adler, Atkinson, Davidson, Barrett, Blose, Bobek, Butler, Crisler, Figueroa, Foote, Gorham, Haggerty, Himmler, Holley, Hudiburg, Jobe, Keckley, Leonard, Loew, Makowski, Martin, Menapace, Myhan, Osborne, Parris, Robinson, Rock, Roden, Takeuchi, Turner, Van Rensselaer, Webb and Wilson.

The following senators were absent without proxy: Cai and Gothard.

President Barrett asked that the agenda be amended to read "a new member" under New Business B. instead of "new members" and to add Item D under New Business to be the Election of Publication Board Members. Senator Butler moved that the amended agenda be adopted. Senator Blose seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Webb moved the approval of the May 8, 2003 minutes with the correction of the spelling of Senator Van Rensselaer under Old Business D.2. Senator Haggerty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. President Barrett presented an agenda for Governor Riley's rally for September 4, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. in the Amphitheater. Pamphlets concerning the governor's plan were made available. President Barrett also announced the Senator Makowski would be on the radio tomorrow with President Potts to speak concerning the tax plan. Senator Makowski invited senators to share any ideas to help support the tax effort.
- B. The ACUFP fall meeting will be held at UNA on November 15-16.
- C. President Barrett announced that he will be consulting with committee chairs to determine if any places need to be filled due to loss of members due to retirement or departure from the university.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Committee Reports:

1. The Academic Affairs Committee has been working on guidelines for the use of Faculty Development monies to be used for the completion of the terminal degree.
 2. The Faculty Affairs Committee is working on the Faculty Assessment instrument.
 3. The Recruitment and Retention has not yet met this semester.
- B. Reports from Shared Governance Committees:
1. Senator Van Rensselaer reported that the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee had met during the summer and looked at the budget.
 2. Senator Hudiburg reported that the Faculty/Staff Welfare Committee has worked on a recommendation for a policy for the use of Bennett Infirmary to be presented at the September Board of Trustees meeting. A policy for the charge to use the Student Recreation Facility is also being developed. The committee is also monitoring the insurance utilization.
 3. Senator Butler will be chairing the Shared Governance Committee. The committee is reviewing all the annual reports and will place them in the library to be reviewed by the faculty. The Shared Governance Committee hosted a kick-off breakfast on August 18 for the chairs and vice-chairs of the committees. President Potts spoke to the group and expressed his appreciation. Senator Butler encouraged the task committees to set term limits for their members.
 4. The Curriculum Committee will meet September 9 to process catalog changes.
- C. The VPAA and Provost Search Committee has set up interviews and encouraged the faculty to attend the meetings with the candidates.
- D. The Ad hoc Foundation Audit Work Group reported that there are two issues of concern:
1. There is no faculty representation on the Foundation Board due to retirement.
 2. A method for requesting funds from the foundation needs to be shared with the faculty.
- President Barrett reported that Mr. Morgan expressed the desire to have people share needs with the Foundation in order to define the areas of fund raising.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Senator Makowski moved to suspend the rules in order to elect the senate representatives to the dean search committees. Senator Hudiburg seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Paul Kittle was elected as the Senate representative on the Search Committee for the Dean of the College Arts and Sciences. Dr. Paul Baird was elected as the Senate representative on the Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Education.
- B. President Barrett reported that there needs to be an election for a faculty representative on the Foundation Board of Directors for the position vacated by Dr. Sarah Brown. The new representative needs to be someone who is not afraid to ask questions.
- C. Senator Butler moved to suspend the rules to vote on the Senate resolution in support of the Tax Reform and Accountability Plan (See Attachment A). Senator Makowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Senator Blöse moved the approval of the resolution. Senator Martin seconded. The motion passed 26-1-4.
- D. Senator Paris moved to suspend the rules to fill the two positions on the Publications Board. Senator Jobe seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Senators Webb and Senator Adams were elected.

ADDITIONAL ISSUES:

- A. Senator Osborne reminded the senators of the Faculty Picnic scheduled for September 7 in Shelters 4 & 5 at Veterans Park.
- B. Senator Webb presented a report from the Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Education (See Attachment B). President Potts' insensitivity to the committee members, insensitivity to the members of the college, and insensitivity to the selection process were discussed. It was pointed out that the recommendation of the Search Committee was unanimous and that 85 percent of the College of Education members supported the recommendation of the committee. President Potts called a meeting two days after summer school ended and indicated that there was a significant number of the College of Education members who were against the recommendation of the Search Committee. The President then stated that it was a weak pool and that this was an unsuccessful search.
Dr. Young pointed out that the Department of Secondary Education is not represented on the new Search Committee and urged Dr. Warren, interim VPAA, or President Potts to appoint someone from the department to the Search Committee. Dr. Young stated that Dr. Davidson would be an excellent committee member.

Senator Hudiburg moved that the meeting be adjourned. Senator Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.