

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

February 23, 2006

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met February 23, 2006 in the Faculty/Staff Commons of the University Center at 3:30 p.m.

President Adams called the meeting to order and recognized the following proxies:
Dr. Andy Hailey from Computer Information Systems for Senator Hallock,
Dr. Doug Barrett from Economics for Senator Williams, and
Dr. Jerry Ferry from Accounting for Senator Holley.

President Cale and Vice-President Newson were present.

The following senators were present: Adams, Adler, Atkinson, Bates, Blose, Brewton, Bruce, Crisler, Fennell, Flowers, Ford, Gaston, Gaunder, Gossett, Green, Leonard, Loew, Makowski, Martin, McDaniel, Myhan, Richardson, Robinson, Rock, Roden, Takeuchi, Thorne, Turner, Underwood, Wallace, Ward, and Webb.

The following senators were absent without proxy: Brown, Bunn, Cai, and Hurren.

Senator Blose moved the adoption of the agenda. Senator Flowers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Gaston moved the approval of the minutes of the January 26, 2006 meeting. Senator Webb seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President Cale requested that students attending Higher Education Day be given special consideration. He stated that he is optimistic about the possibility of Federal and State funding for the building project. He reported that the searches for Vice President for Student Affairs and the Assistant Vice President for University Advancement were going well. President Cale reported that he is currently teaching a class and is experiencing firsthand the ADA policy, the attendance policy, and the withdrawal policy.

President Adams presented the Higher Education Partnership membership benefits for each of the three levels. He stated that information was also available in the Human Resources Office and encouraged the faculty to consider membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. There are two committee membership openings on the Faculty Affairs Committee. There is also an opening on the International Programs and Offerings which will be filled using the slate of names compiled earlier.
- B. The Faculty Attitude Survey Committee will send out the copy of the former survey in order to get feedback as to what to add or delete.

- C. The Faculty Development Leave Policy is in the hands of the Faculty/Staff Welfare Committee and the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee. It has already been presented to the Deans.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Committee Reports: none
- B. Shared Governance Committee Reports:
 - 1. Senator Blose reported that the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee is looking at requests for funding and at building a new strategic plan. They have created eight new committees to work on this issue.
 - 2. Senator Makowski reported that the Shared Governance Committee has established room 318 in Bibb Graves as a meeting room. If any committee needs any clerical work, there will be a student worker available.

Senator Makowski also reported that ACUFP would meet at the Higher Education Day. They are sponsoring an hour long event at the judiciary room at the state house. Legislators who deal with education will address the group from 9:30 until 10:30. If faculty would be interested in giving credit for attendance, see Senator Makowski to get a sign-in sheet for the students set up.
- C. Senator Webb encouraged attendance at the campus wide meeting during the candidate visits for the Vice-President for Student Affairs position.
- D. Senator Blose of the Academic Affairs Committee presented the revision to the Withdrawal Policy (See Attachment A) and catalog version of the Withdrawal Policy (See Attachment B). Issues with the date of withdrawal and the status of the student when they withdraw were discussed. Senator Richardson moved the following amendment to the withdrawal policy which would read:
“ **Withdrawal from a Course.** Students who wish to withdraw from a course during the registration period will receive a grade of RW (Registered – Withdrew) for the course. **After the registration period, a student may withdraw from a course with a grade of “W” up to and including the Friday that falls one week after the designated midterm date. After this deadline, the student must initiate the withdrawal process by obtaining the permission and signature of the instructor.** Note: This does not apply to clinical course taken in the College of Nursing. Students who are failing a clinical class in the College of Nursing at the time they withdraw from the class will receive an F for that class.” The amended language is underlined. Senator Gaston seconded. The amendment passed. Senator Richardson moved the amended Withdrawal Policy. Senator Underwood seconded. The motion passed 20-8-3.

NEW BUSINESS: none

ADDITIONAL ISSUES:

- A. Vice-President Newson thanked the University for the Support of the Speakers and Concert Series. This first year we heard from Fred Gray and Rick Bragg. He requested suggestions for the coming year.
- B. The Strategic Planning process will use eight committees with an email coming which will give the committee assignments. The work will be completed by the end of the semester. The entire faculty will be given the opportunity for feedback.
- C. Vice-President Newson is seeking the support from the academic community to change the Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs to Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies. This change in title and duties will not result in increased cost. It will allow us to have a representative at the Graduate Council meetings in Montgomery and a facilitator of the graduate programs. He invited the faculty to call if they had a question concerning this proposal. Although John Wakefield has been attending most meetings, we are the only institution that does not have a regular member at the Graduate Council meeting in Montgomery.

Senator Thorne moved the meeting be adjourned. Senator Roden seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.