**Faculty Senate Minutes**

November 9, 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. Brenna Wardell for Senator Taylor

**Members in attendance**

Alejandra Alvarado-Brizuela, Lisa Ann Blankinship, Miranda Bowie, Charles Brooks, Corey Cagle, Gabriela Carrasco, Justin Carter, Jian Chen, 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, Thomas Lukowicz, George Makowski, Brian McHenry, Eric O’Neal, Jennifer Pate, Robert Rausch, Beverly Russell, Lindsey Sherrill, Kevin Stoltz, Angel Tomlinson, Christina Volz-Stomackin, Wendy Wang, Gretchen Windt

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

Dan Burton, Michael Conner, John McGee, Stephanie Montgomery

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Senator Hodges; seconded by Senator Coronel. No discussion. The agenda was approved as presented by raised hand (Vote Y:25/N:O).

**III. Approval of Minutes from the October 12, 2023**

Motion to approve minutes was made by Senator L. Graham; seconded by Senator Coronel. No discussion or amendments (Vote Y: 28/N:0).

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

President Kitts provided an update on the Provost/ EVPAA search process (committee has formed), the Shine On, Gold campaign, Alabama state and Federal changes that could potential impact UNA, and Dr. A. Quiros’s article in *Time* on Dr. Wendell Gunn.

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

Provost Kinney reported Fall 2023 enrollment at 10,529 (up from Fall 2022, 10.191) and a 77.8% retention rate. University Librarian Derek Malone has resigned; Dr. Joy Borah will oversee Collier Library. The International Programs Offerings committee has released criteria for their study abroad scholarships. UNA has joined the Alabama Space Grant Consortium. Powers Hall will serve as the home of Institutional Affairs, CASE Administrative office, ETS, and Office of Institutional Research. Several faculty were honored by Athletics over the Family Weekend including Jeff Ray (Biology), Heather Rhodes (Finance), Jon Allen (Sports Management), Christa Raney (English), and Lauren Killen (Kinesiology)

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

None.

**VII. Elections for Committee Vacancies**

a. Graphic Standards and Web Communications Committee (2023-2026, Library/ Education Technology Services) – Leigh Stanfield elected (Vote Y:29/:0)

**VIII. 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

**IX. Unfinished Business**

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

i. Copyright Policy – A motion to open discussion was made by Senator L. Graham, seconded by Senator Latchaw. Discussion. Motion to table Copyright policy and send for FS Pres. Killen to generate an editable document that will be submitted to University Counsel. Approved by acclamation; 0 opposed.

b. Modality of Faculty Senate Meetings – A motion was made by Sen. L. Graham, seconded by Sen. Coronel to accept the proposal for a trial period of in-person FS meetings. Discussion. Vote (Y:22/N:6). Motion passes. Meetings will be held in person February and March 2024.

**X. New Business**

a. Proposal for Faculty Handbook Revisions: Mid-Tenure Review Process (SGEC:FS)

Motion to accept the proposal was made by Sen. Cottingham, seconded by Sen. Guerngar. Discussion. Sen. Cottingham motions to table; seconded by Sen. Bowie. Vote (Y:34/N:0).

**XI. Information Items**

a. Formation of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Task Force – Committee representation will include faculty, staff, and students. The task force will review similar policies from peer institutions. Questions were asked as to if this is AI usage by faculty, students, or both.

b. December 2023 meeting will be held on November 30, 2023

**XI. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Sen. Carrasco; seconded Sen. L. Graham. Vote (Y:30/N:0). Meeting adjourned at 4.29pm.