

Faculty Senate Minutes
December 5, 2024

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 Hunt presiding.

I. Recognized Proxies

Dr. Yayu Peng for Sen. Al-Kouz
Dr. Lisa Kirch for Sen. Rausch
Sen. Killen for Sen. O'Neal
Dr. Ian Loeppky for Sen. Volz-Stomackin

Members in attendance

Lisa Ann Blankinship, Sidney Blaylock, Miranda Bowie, Charles Brooks, Keli Brothers, Danny Burton, Corey Cagle, Justin Carter, Gabriela Carrasco, Jian Chen, Freda Coleman-Reed, Helen Coronel, James DaSambaggio-Moore, Frank Diaz, Ravi Gollapalli, Anissa Graham, Leah Graham, Mark Greer, Einar Gudmundsson, John Hodges, Rebecca Hopkins, Andrea Hunt, Jason Imbrogno, Ann-Marie Irons, Faith Kelley, Lauren Killen, Kelly Latchaw, Tom Lukowicz, George Makowski, Jason McCann, Stephanie Montgomery, Andrea Nate, Gary Padgett, Andrew Potter, Chris Purser, Suzanne Reese Mills, Beverly Russell, Justin Scott, Angel Tomlinson, Darlene Townsend, Wendy Wang, Gretchen Windt

Members not in attendance

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II. Recognize guests

Dr. Amy Crews, Ms. Tammy Rhodes, Mr. John Paul White, Mr. Alex Wittscheck, Ms. Lori Wright

III. Approval of the Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Sen. Bowie and seconded by Sen. Brothers. Motion was approved by raised hand (27Y: 0N). Motion passes.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from November 14, 2024

A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Sen. Killen and seconded by Sen. Montgomery. Motion was approved by raised hand (35Y:0N). Motion passes.

V. Remarks from EVPAA/ Provost Smith

Provost Smith wishes everyone a happy holiday and thanked them for their work this semester. UNA data: 4-year graduation rate = 40%; 6-year graduation rate = 57%; retention rate ~ 80%

VI. Remarks from Faculty Senate President Hunt

- President Kitts was absent from the meeting due to a Board of Trustees meeting.
- Thank you to Sens. Makowski and L. Graham for help with Robert's Rules

- An update was provided from Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management Committee, Parking and Traffic, and Strategic Planning Committees
- The voting software should be ready to use for the January 2025 meeting.
- A CFO after hours event will be held on Tuesday 12.17.24 from 4:30-5:30pm at Singing River Brewery.

VII. Reports

- a. Standing Committees
 - i. Faculty Affairs (Sen. Hodges) – The committee is continuing to work on all items and will meet again after the holiday break.
 - 1) Parental leave policy – Continuing to gather information; noted that the policy has inconsistent implementation across departments.
 - 2) Senior lecturer promotion
 - 3) Travel and per diem – Notes that Alabama state law has parameters for faculty meals during travel.
 - 4) Section 3.2.2. of the Faculty Handbook – Gathering information.
 - a. Clarification on credit hour and contact hour calculations
 - b. Under-load or overload in one semester affecting faculty teaching load in the next semester
 - ii. Academic Affairs (Chris Klein) – Currently waiting response from Mr. Ethan Humphres and working with Dr. Carter.
 - 1) Issues accessing Google Drive
 - iii. Faculty Attitude Survey – No updates.
 - iv. Faculty Handbook Edit Oversight (Sen. Blankinship) – No updates.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. Proposal for an AI Policy and Guidelines document (SGEC draft: AI Committee: FS/SS/SGA) – Motion to discuss the policy was made by Sen. Makowski and seconded by Sen. Scott. Discussion. Motion to close discussion and approve the policy made by Sen. Carrasco, seconded by Sen. Gudmundsson. Sen. Makowski withdrew his motion to discuss. Vote: 33Y:9N. Motion passes.
- b. ACT/SAT scores for admissions (FS) – Motion to approve committee’s recommendation that the University strongly consider requiring ACT/SAT scores are part of the undergraduate application process was made by Sen. Makowski, seconded by Sen. Scott. Discussion. Vote: 36Y:1N. Motion approved and the recommendation will be passed on to SG Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

IX. New Business

None

X. Information Items

None

XI. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn at 4:10pm by Sen. A. Graham and seconded by Sen. Bowie. Motion passes by acclamation.