

## **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**

### **February 27, 2003**

The University of North Alabama Faculty Senate met February 27, 2003 in the University Center at 3:30 p.m. President Makowski called the meeting to order.

President Makowski recognized the following proxies: Dr. Jim Martin for Senator Ruebhausen from Communications and Theatre, Mr. Brett King for Senator Barrett from Economics and Finance, Dr. Paul Baird for Senator Stokes from Education, Mrs. Cynthia Burkhead for Senator Butler from English, Dr. Ruth Dumas for Senator Young from Education and Dr. Jim Riser for Senator Smith from English.

The following senators were present: Adler, Allan, Atkinson, Blose, Bobek, Cai, Figueroa, Foote, Gothard, Haggerty, Himmler, Holley, Hudiburg, Keckley, Loew, Makowski, McDaniel, Menapace, Osborne, Thorne, Tunell, Turner, VanRensselaer, Warren, Webb, J. Wilson, P. Wilson, and Winston.

President Makowski asked the agenda be amended to add Corlandos Scott, SGA President under Announcements and retirement resolutions for Dr. Joe Wilson and Dr. John Yeates under New Business. Senator Thorne moved that the amended agenda be adopted. Senator Allan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Webb moved that the approval of the January 30, 2003 minutes with the amendment to show that Senator Keckley was present. Senator Adler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Corlandos Scott, SGA President, spoke concerning the Higher Education Day on March 13. The idea is to bring existing issues to the attention of the legislators. He passed around a Higher Education Fact Sheet and announcement about Higher Education Day. (See Attachment A) There is a bus signup sheet outside the SGA room. There will also be a job fair and lunch provided. He encouraged the faculty to support this effort and give students consideration to be able to attend. President Makowski stated that if you could not attend Higher Education Day, write, call, or email your legislators.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Committee Reports:  
Faculty Affairs reported that they are open for questions concerning the proposal for the hiring of retired faculty at a higher adjunct rate. Questions included whether this is now being done or just proposed, whether it would be guaranteed to retiring faculty, and if anyone had checked about

Auburn's policy. This will be discussed next month. The committee is still working on the issue of faculty assessment.

The Faculty Attitude Survey Committee reported they are ready to print and send out the survey. They asked senators to encourage their colleagues to return the document in an effort to get a good response rate.

- B. Shared Governance Committees:  
Senator Hudiburg reported that the Faculty Staff Welfare Committee is dealing with BCBS concerning the proposed rate increase.  
Senator VanRensselaer reported from the Strategic Planning and Budget Study Committee is not working well from a faculty perspective. There is a need for receiving information which has been taken to the Shared Governance Committee and has been taken to President Potts.
- C. The Search Committee for the Dean of Education is currently screening applications. There was not a report from the Search Committee for the Dean of Business.
- D. President Makowski reported that the Search Committee has been established for the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. Faculty members on the committee are: Lynne Butler, Lavin Rowe, Brenda Webb, Tony Blose, Paulette Alexander, and Cecile Nabors.
- E. Senator Blose moved that we send the issue of long range planning on institutional mergers to the appropriate Shared Governance Committee. Senator Roden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. President Makowski reported that the Budget Review Committee has been appointed. The members are Senators Thorne and VanRensselaer, and Dr. Barry Morris and Dr. Sarah Brown. The committee has been asked to look at the UNA Foundation information and the financial information given to the Board of Trustees members this fall.
- B. President Makowski reported that a work group to study recruitment and retention is reviewing information and giving input to the administration. Senators Osborne and Blose and Dr. David Muse are on this group.
- C. President Makowski reported that concern has been expressed about the information flow to shared governance committees. These concerns have been passed on to the administration.

- D. President Makowski reported that the spring ACUFP meeting will be held March 13 on Higher Education Day in Montgomery. He solicited input and concerns for ACUFP.
- E. Senator Thorne moved the approval of resolution of appreciation for Dr. John W. Yeates. Senator Himmler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. (See Attachment B)
- F. Senator Adler moved the approval of the resolution of appreciation for Dr. Joe Wilson. Senator Allan seconded. The motion passed unanimously. (See Attachment C)

Senator Roden moved the meeting be adjourned. Senator Thorne seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.