

## **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**

### **September 23, 2004**

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met September 23, 2004 in the Faculty/Staff commons of the University Center at 3:30 p.m.

President Blose called the meeting to order and recognized the following proxies: Dr. Don Raush for Senator Richardson from Biology, Dr. Joe Mosakowski for Senator Holley from Accounting and Business Law, Ms. Laura Young for Senator Foote from Communication and Theatre, and Dr. Peggy Campbell for Senator Davidson from Secondary Education.

The following senators were present: Adams, Adler, Atkinson, Bates, Blose, Brewton, Bruce, Cai, Crisler, Ford, Gaston, R. Gaunder, Hallock, Leonard, Loew, Makowski, Martin, McDaniel, Myhan, Parris, Robinson, Roden, Tunell, Turner, VanRensselaer, Wallace, Ward, Webb, and Wilson.

The following senators were absent without proxy: Atencio, Brown, Gorham, Lindsey, Rock and Takeuchi.

Dr. John Wakefield, Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs, represented Dr. Newson, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

Senator Martin moved the adoption of the agenda with the addition of C. Consideration of SGA resolution on Veteran's Day under New Business. Senator Brewton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Adler moved the approval of the August 26, 2004 minutes. Senator Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. President Blose announced that the General Faculty Meeting has been rescheduled for September 30, 2004 at 3:15 in the Performance Center.
- B. President Blose reported that the Standing and Ad hoc Committees have been constituted. (See Attachment A)

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Committee Reports:
  - 1. Dr. Janice Nicholson, chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, reported the committee has met twice. In a meeting with Dr.

Newson, VPAA, the committee has been charged with assisting with the consideration of the different Honors Program models. A steering committee is also studying the Honors Program. Dr. Newson wants faculty input and will discuss the program in the coming faculty meeting. The Steering Committee consists of Martha Rock, Bob Armstrong, Janice Myhan, Cynthia Burkhead, and Tom Osborne.

2. Dr. Craig Robertson, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met on September 14 and is working on the Promotion and Tenure Policy Review. The committee has isolated questions to be addressed.
  3. Dr. Craig Robertson reported that the Faculty Attitude Survey Committee will have its first meeting in October in order to reevaluate the instrument from last year. The committee needs feedback as to methods of administration, whether to collect information concerning the new administrators and the interim president. The senate may want to add more issue oriented questions. It was suggested that a general discussion concerning voting methods be discussed in the general faculty meeting.
  4. Senator Makowski reported that the State Political Relations Committee met with Gordon Stone of the Higher Education Partnership. The Committee will serve as a conduit for information for the senate and serve the Higher Education Partnership with a faculty voice. He has been invited to present the idea to the Executive Board of the Higher Education Partnership and to ACUFP.
- B. Shared Governance Committee Reports:
1. The Shared Governance Committee is reevaluating the charge to the committee, reviewing the activity for the previous two years, and soliciting feedback.
  2. Senator Webb reported the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee began on Monday focusing on how to upgrade salaries of faculty and staff. They are looking at promotion money and setting up protocols for rearranging money especially for equipment.
  3. The Academic and Student Affairs will meet next Tuesday.
  4. Senator Ward reported that the International Programs/Offering Committee is expecting the Powers Hall Renovation to be completed with new windows and heating/cooling.

- C. Senator Barrett reported that the Presidential Search Advisory Committee is working well together. The committee's minutes can be found under the University Relations web site.
- D. Dr. Nadya Chrishty-Mujahid was elected as Senate Representative for the Veteran's Day Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Senator Makowski moved to suspend the rules for a vote on the slate of nominees for Senate representatives on the Readmissions Committee. Senator Tunell seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Keith Malone and Evelyn Bruce were nominated. Senator Makowski moved to approve both names with their preferences indicated to the Shared Governance Committee. Senator Adams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Senator Adler moved to suspend the rules for a vote on the slate of nominees for Senate representative for the Multicultural Advisory Committee. Senator Makowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Annie Dillon and Linda Keckly were nominated. Senator Makowski moved to approve both names with their preferences indicated to the Shared Governance Committee. Senator Adler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. President Blose presented a resolution from the SGA forwarded to the senate by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. (See Attachment B) Senator Gaston moved to consider the resolution. Senator Ward seconded. The senate will vote on the issue next month.

**ADDITIONAL ISSUES:**

Senator Tunell reported that there has been some misunderstanding and conflict concerning the Wellness Center. He reported that due to the ongoing weight room renovation, the HPER classes have had need to temporarily use the Wellness Center for academic class. The Wellness Center is now open more hours than ever before. The need to use the Wellness Center for academic classes is only temporary until the student weight room is renovated and available.

Senator Roden moved that the meeting be adjourned. Senator Adams second. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.