# FACULTY SENATE MINUTES January 17, 2008

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met January 17, 2008 in the Faculty/Staff Commons of the University Center at 3:30 p.m.

President Turner called the meeting to order and recognized the following proxies:

Marilyn Lee for Senator Leonard from Nursing, Judy Ford for Senator Hoekenga from Kilby, and Dan Hallock for Senator Lindsey from Management.

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

Senator Adams moved the approval of the December 4, 2007 minutes. Senator Bates seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President Turner presented information from President Cale. He is going to be reorganizing the responsibilities previously assigned to Dr. Dan Howard to be allocated to existing administrators. President Turner reported that a draft for a policy on consensual relationships will be circulated electronically for feedback. It will be considered an interim policy until approved by the Board of Trustees.

Vice-President Warren reported that the reallocation of responsibilities previously held by Dr. Howard will be circulated by email. He reminded the senate about the charge for reconsidering the faculty evaluation policy. It has been redrafted and will be sent back to the senate. Dr. Warren stated that with the new Banner Software the advisor hold will be handled differently so he is setting up an ad hoc committee to make recommendations to the Council of Deans. The committee will also look at other aspects of advisement as well.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

# A. Committee Reports:

- 1. Academic Affairs has a meeting scheduled for January 22 to discuss the charge concerning the Early Scholar questions.
- 2. Faculty Affairs reported they met yesterday. They will have a recommendation for the Office Hours Policy for next month's meeting. They are continuing to work on the second charge of revising the Promotion and Tenure Review Policy.

3. The Faculty Attitude Committee had their first formal meeting today and have laid out a tentative schedule: February 5 suggested questions received

March 10 Survey open

March 20 Data Collection complete

April 17 Report of results to Senate

The senators agreed that questions concerning the VPAA and the academic deans should be included. Senator Gaunder moved to have the deans' results summarized by college. Senator Robinson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. It was also agreed that there should be a question concerning the satisfaction with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance and the manner of administering the survey should remain the same as the previous year.

- B. Shared Governance reports none
- C. President Turner presented a copy of a proposed Endowed Scholarship form. He stated that Dr. Allan Medders from University Advancement will have something ready for the February meeting. (See Attachment A)

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Senator Gaunder presented a resolution related to smoking on campus. (See Attachment B) Senators were encouraged to discuss the resolution with their colleagues and be prepared to discuss the issue next month.

### **ADDITIONAL ISSUES:**

- A. President Turner reported that he spoke with Karen Kennedy concerning the slow copying in the Science Building. The use of old cards could possibly the cause. Dr. Warren offered to have someone look at the issue.
- B. The behavior of the audience at graduation was discussed. It was suggested that a discussion with Student Life to address the fraternity yelling when their members cross the stage might help.
- C. The closeness of the seats for the faculty at the graduation ceremony was discussed.
- D. A question was raised concerning allowing students to walk across the stage at graduation when graduation requirements had not been met.
- E. The lack of parking tickets given to students parking in faculty places was also presented.

Senator Gaston moved that the meeting be adjourned. Senator Roden seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m