

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

April 24, 2008

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met April 24, 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:

Will Verrone for Senator Peterson from English,
Diane Berry for Senator Summy from Kilby School,
Tom Osborne for Senator Rieff from History/Political Science, and
Scott Infanger for Senator Adler from Foreign Language.

President Turner welcomed the newly elected senators:

Nicholas Mauriello from English,
Tim Carter from Criminal Justice,
David Nickels from CIS,
Joy Brown from Secondary Education,
Marilyn Lee from Nursing,
Ian Loeppky from Music,
Darlene Townsend from Collier Library,
Lynne Rieff from History/Political Science,
Pat Roden from Mathematics/Computer Science,
John Turner from Art,
Mike Hall from Health and Physical Education, and
Bruce Gordon from Economics and Finance.

Senator Richardson moved the adoption of the agenda. Senator Bates seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Ferry moved the approval of the April 10, 2008 minutes with the change to item C under Old Business to read: Senator Adams moved that the Faculty Affairs Committee be charged with including language in the promotion policy as that used with tenure and explore developing an assessment tool including criteria for the evaluation of applicants in the tenure/promotion process. Senator Statom seconded. The motion passed.

President Cale welcomed the new senators and stated that he is looking forward to working with the senate in the coming year. He shared information about the education budget. The Governor's budget which was published included an 11%-14 reduction from the current year in funding for the university. The House is following the Governor's lead. This is the worst case scenario. They will be taking money out of the rainy day fund. There is wrangling going on attempting to close the corporate tax structure loop holes. If the bill passes, approximately 700,000 will be restored to our budget. With our enrollment up, he doesn't think we will see a great impact this year but raises may not be as substantial as before. We are as well positioned as any other institution in the state.

Vice President Warren stated that the Office Hour Policy is on the fast track to becoming official policy as it was passed by the senate. Honors Night will be held at the Marriott on Monday night and encouraged the faculty attendance. On May 9 the Distance Learning Best Practices Seminar will be presented. He encouraged the faculty to consider this important issue.

Faculty Attitude Survey Committee Chair, Craig Robertson presented the results with data broken down by colleges. There was a 69% response rate. He asked for the senate to consider the report and request approval to release to the entire faculty electronically. He also encouraged the faculty to use the data related to committee areas or senate issued. The committee members were: Alex Aguado, Gabriela Carrasco, Leslie Peterson and Craig Robertson.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Committee Reports:
Academic Affairs report: none
Faculty Affairs report: later in the meeting
- B. Shared Governance Committee reports – none
- C. Tenure/Promotion Policy which has laid before the senate for three meeting failed to be passed.
- D. The following were nominated for the Ad Hoc Standing Faculty Review Committee for portfolio review:
Jeremy Stafford, Richard Statom, Larry Adams, Katy Kenny, Darlene Townsend, and Wendy Darby. Senator Richardson moved to accept via acclamation the slate nominated. The motion passed.
- E. President Turner thanked the Faculty Affairs Committee for their hard work on the Early Scholars Program questions. The answers to questions were sent by email. There was a consensus of the senate that the faculty of the university needs to be involved in advisement of early scholars.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. The following were elected as 2008-2009 senate officers:

Larry Bates – President
Ray Atencio – President-elect
Pat Roden – Secretary
Doris McDaniel – Executive Board Member
John Turner – Past President
Ruth Dumas – Executive Board Member
Wendy Darby – Executive Board Member
Jerry Ferry – Executive Board Member

B. Election of Shared Governance Committee Members:

Academic & Student Affairs	Doug Barrett	Faculty at large
Academic & Student Affairs	David Muse	Faculty at large
Animal Care & Use	Andy Taylor	Faculty at large
Animal Care & Use	Lisa Clayton	Faculty at large
Athletic	Cynthia Burkhead	Faculty at large
Distance Learning Advisory	Bruce Gordon	Business
Distance Learning Advisory	Larry Adams	A & S
Faculty/Staff Welfare	Nick Mauriello	Faculty at large
Faculty/Staff Welfare	Rick Lester	Faculty at large
Faculty/Staff Welfare	Janice Myhan	Faculty at large
Graphic Standards & Web Page	Bruce Gordon	Faculty at large
Human Subjects	Vicky Hulsey	Education
Human Subjects	Martha Rock	Nursing
Human Subjects	Marilyn Lee	Primary concern nonscientific area
Infrastructure Development	Pat Roden	Faculty at large
Institutional Effectiveness	Phil Bridgemon	A & S
Institutional Effectiveness	Tonja Blackstone	Business
International Programs/Offerings	Alex Takeuchi	Business
Multicultural Advisory	Ernestine Davis	Nursing
Multicultural Advisory	Alyce Brown	Nursing
Parking & Traffic	Philip Oliver	Faculty at large
Parking & Traffic	Mark Lawrence	Faculty at large
Research	Mark Puckett	Faculty at large
Safety & Emergency Prep.	Megan Pinch	Art
Safety & Emergency Prep.	Scott Infanger	Faculty at large
Shared Governance	Linda Armstrong	Faculty at large
Shared Governance	Jim Couch	Faculty at large
Shared Governance	Terry Richardson	A & S
Strategic Planning/Budget Study	Brenda Webb	Faculty at large
Student Financial Services	Katie Kenny	Faculty at large

Technologies Advisory	Andy Taylor	Library
Technologies Advisory	Dan Burton	A & S
Undergraduate Curriculum	Ed Joubert	A & S
Undergraduate Curriculum	Tim Carter	A & S
Undergraduate Curriculum	Anna Lott	A & S
Undergraduate Curriculum	Donna Yancey	Business
Undergraduate Readmissions	Tom Lovett	Business
Undergraduate Readmissions	Lynn Aquadro	Nursing
Undergraduate Readmissions	Betty Rickard	Nursing

- C. President Turner recognized SGA President Brewer who presented information about a question asked concerning honor cords worn during graduation. He reported that 49.91% or 532 of the 1066 who responded stated that yes they would like to have the option to wear more honors cords at future Commencement services. Senator Garfrerick moved that the senate endorse the SGA proposal for more honor cords allowed at graduation. The proposal was amended to state only one honor cord of a recognized honor society. Senator Loew moved to suspend the rules in order to vote. Senator Stafford seconded. The motion to suspend the rules passed. The motion on the amended proposal passed with a vote of 17-10-2.

President Turner passed the gavel to Larry Bates and thanked the senate for allowing him to be the senate president this past year.

Senator Roden moved the meeting be adjourned. Senator Adams seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.