

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

March 4, 2010

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met March 4, 2010 in Floyd Science Building Room 102 at 3:30 p.m.

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

Andy Taylor for Senator Townsend from Collier Library,
Vicky Hulsey for Senator Kinney from Elementary Education,
Jeffrey Bibbee for Senator Burton from History and Political Science,
Robert Hendren for Senator Sanders from Communications,
Beverly Bryant for Senator Darby from Nursing,
Patty Wilson for Senator Lee from Nursing, and
Amanda Hofacker for Senator Figueroa from Chemistry and Industrial Hygiene.

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

Senator Bates moved the approval of the February 4, 2010 minutes Senator Adams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President Cale was attending the Higher Education Day in Montgomery.

Vice-President Thornell reported that he had received information from Kim Mauldin in Admissions that indicates a projected increase of approximately seven percent in enrollment for next year. Retention is also improving. Dr. Thornell thanked the faculty for their efforts. He also reported that two days ago the Enrollment Services area received a \$20,000 grant from the state to help educate high school students filling out the financial aid forms. This will be accomplished through workshops.

Vice-President Thornell also spoke concerning promotions. He congratulated those receiving promotions. He stated that because the amount of money is limited, some deserving faculty did not get promoted. He wanted them to know that they are valued. He stated that the University-wide Committee on Tenure and Promotion were very hard working and he expressed his thanks for their efforts. He stated that he has concerns related to the March 1 promotion date which shortens the review time and makes it difficult to get it completed. It also creates a financial

burden for the university. Due to the fact that being eligible for promotion requires a number of semesters, the early date may cause faculty to wait another year before applying. He suggested that the issue of the early date might warrant further study.

Vice-President Thornell reported that searches for the Director of the Library and Priscilla Holland's position are moving forward.

Senator Gordon moved that Dr. Thornell's recommendation be referred to the Ad hoc Committee on Equity and Standards. Senator Austin seconded. The motion passed.

REPORTS:

Senator Peterson reported from the Faculty Attitude Survey Committee and presented the Faculty Attitude Survey and discussed changes. Their goals were to keep it as short as possible, to try not to change too much in order to be able to track trends or identify changes, and to add new questions on areas of working conditions, technology services, health insurance, and summer school. She asked that everyone encourage their colleagues to complete the survey and feel free to contact members of the committee if there were questions or comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Randy Horn from Computer Services came to answers questions about the IT policy. He mentioned that there was already an acceptable use policy for software on the Computer Services web page. A list of already approved applications is being created. He encouraged faculty to email further comments to President Statom and he will forward them to Dan Burton, chair of the Technologies Advisory Committee.
- B. Senator Bates moved the approval of the Shared Governance Appendix A document. Senator Stafford seconded. The motion passed. There was a question whether G1 and 2 could be simultaneous or must be in sequence.
- C. Senator Adams moved to charge the Faculty Affairs Committee of the Senate to conduct annual reviews of the Faculty Handbook and provide an annual report. Senator Roden seconded. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: none

Senator Loeppky moved the meeting be adjourned. Senator Roden seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.