

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Nov. 13, 2014

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met November 13, 2014 in Room 330 of the University Commons at 3:30 p.m.

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

Linda Austin for Will Brewer (Nursing)
Lisa Ann Blankenship for Tina Hubler (Biology)
Chong-Yiao Chen for Lisa Kirch (Art)
Wendy Darby for Clarissa Hall (Nursing)
Felicia Harris for Leah Whitten (Secondary Education)
Ashley Johnson for Jessica Stovall (Math)
Janna Malone for Bob Garfrerick (Entertainment Industry)
Mario Mighty for David Brommer (Geography)
Phillip Oliver for Amy Butler (Collier Library)
Lynne Rieff for Sarah Franklin (History and Political Science)

Senator Barrett moved the adoption of the agenda. Senator Coffman seconded. The motion passed.

Senator Coffman moved approval of the October 2, 2014 minutes, with the amendment to change the spelling of “Senator Renfro” to “Senator Renfroe” on the first page. Senator Renfro seconded. The motion passed.

President Infanger conveyed regrets from President Thornell and Vice-President Calhoun, who were unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Gordon Stone, Executive Director of the Higher Education Partnership, spoke about the history and purpose of the Higher Education Partnership (H.E.P.). He reported on some of the H.E.P.’s current projects, including the development of a social media campaign and a formula that will allow them to calculate return (to the State of Alabama) on investment in higher education. Ms Karli Creech, Director of Campus Membership and Student Activities, went over the benefits to faculty of H.E.P. membership, praised UNA’s student leaders, and asked faculty to support student participation in Higher Ed Day in Montgomery on April 9, 2015.

REPORTS:

There were no reports from the Faculty Attitude Survey Committee or the Faculty Affairs Committee.

- A. President Infanger conveyed Dr. Amber Paulk’s report on the Academic Affairs Committee, stating at her request that the committee met with Vice-President Calhoun to review and discuss the wording of the proposed revisions to Faculty Handbook 3.3.3. A proposed revision to this document will go to COAD next; this committee expects to be able to bring it before Senate in the near future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Faculty Vacancies on Shared Governance Committees
 - a. The Faculty Senate voted to nominate Senator Gabriela Carrasco (Psychology) to serve on the Infrastructure Development Committee. This is a replacement faculty at-large position; the term expires in 2015.
 - b. The Faculty Senate voted to nominate Dr. Dan Burton (History and Political Science) to serve on the Technologies Advisory Committee. This is a replacement Arts and Sciences position; the term expires in 2015.
- B. Senator Maddox moved to task the Faculty Affairs Committee to review the current summer pay policy. (See Appendix A.) Senator Carrasco seconded. The motion passed with one abstention.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- A. President Infanger reported that the Faculty Handbook revision to Sections 2.5.2, 2.5.3, and Appendix 2.c and Appendix 3.D were approved by President Thornell. The revisions are already in the Faculty Handbook, but the new promotion timeline will take effect beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year.
- B. President Infanger reported that the Senate resolution/proposal for Recommended Practices for Full-time Faculty at Instructor Rank Reappointment Process will be returning to COAD on November 24.

Senator Graham moved the meeting be adjourned. Senator Lee seconded. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.