

Agenda of the Faculty Senate
November 11, 2021
Zoom Meeting
3:30-5:00pm

- I. Recognize proxies
- II. Approval of agenda
- III. Approval of minutes from October 14, 2021
- IV. Remarks from Dr. Ken Kitts, President
- V. Remarks from Dr. Ross Alexander, Provost/EVPAA
- VI. Remarks from Dr. Jason Watson, Faculty Senate President
- VII. Reports
 - a. Standing Committees
 - i. Faculty Affairs
 - 1. UNA Conflict of Interest and Financial Disclosure Policy (SGEC: FS)
 - ii. Academic Affairs
 - iii. Faculty Attitude Survey
 - iv. Faculty Handbook Oversight
- VIII. Unfinished Business
 - a. None
- IX. New Business
 - a. None
- X. Information items
- XI. Adjourn

Faculty Senate Minutes

10 October 2021

Call to order:

A regular meeting of the University of North Alabama's Faculty Senate convened via Zoom Video Conferencing at 3.30pm with President Watson presiding.

I. Recognized Proxies and New Senators

George Makowski for Ansley Quiros

Krystin Gollihue for Cheryl Price

Justin Joseph for Chris Purser

Members in attendance

Lori Alford, Alejandra Alvarado-Brizuela, Lisa Ann Blankinship, Tabitha Blasingame, Greg Buckley, Dan Burton, Cory Cagle, Justin Carter, Chris Cottingham, Frank Diaz, Litzy Galarza, Felicia Harris, Betsy Heckert, Achini Herath, John Hodges, Andrea Hunt, Ann-Marie Irons, Lauren Killen, Lisa Kirch, Christopher Klein, Ian Loeppky, Thomas Lukowicz, Jennifer Maddox, Janna Malone, John McGee, Jessica Mitchell, Prema Monteiro, Katie Owens-Murphy, Craig Robertson, Jason Price, Vincent Salpietro, Patrick Shremshock, Lindsey Sherrill, Sunhui Sim, Kevin Stoltz, Jessica Stovall, Jillian Stupiansky, Jason Watson, Laura Williams, Pete Williams, Gretchen Windt

Members not in attendance (without proxy)

Rae Atencio, Lisa Clayton

II. Approval of the Agenda

Senator Malone made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Senator Loeppky. Motion approved.

III. Approval of minutes from the 6 May 2021 Meeting

Senator Makowski made a motion to approve the minutes from the 9 September 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Senator Monteiro. Motion approved.

IV Remarks from Dr. Ken Kitts, UNA President

- President Kitts reported that UNA is “fastest growing university in Alabama” (per ACHE) and commented the CRTF for their continued work.
- Alabama legislative rezoning and federal changes may change UNA representation and funding support from Montgomery.

V. Remarks from Dr. Ross Alexander, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

VI. Remarks from Dr. Jason Watson, Faculty Senate President

- President Watson drew attention to the Faculty Attitude Survey (FAS 2020/2021).

VII. Share Governance Committee Vacancy Elections

- Graphics Standards and Web Communications Committee (2019-2022 COEHS Faculty)
 - Motion to accept nomination of Rebecca Smith by acclamation.
- Academic and Student Affairs Committee (2029-2022 COEHS Faculty)
 - Motion to accept nomination of Jim Watkins by acclamation.
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2019-2022 COBT Faculty)
 - Motion to accept nomination of Pete Williams by acclamation.

VIII. Reports

Standing Committees

- Faculty Affairs – Proposal for Revisions to the Faculty Handbook Relative to the Selection Process for Department Chairs [Department of Visual Arts and Design (VAD) (F)] – No report.
- Academic Affairs – No report.
- Faculty Attitude Survey
 - Motion to approve Faculty Attitude Survey (FAS) for 2020/2021 and for faculty senators to disseminate to their constituents made by the committee. Approved (Y=43; N=0; A=0)
 - Discussion: Request was made for a longitudinal study to look for trend and to ask for faculty feedback on FAS 2020/2021 report.
- Faculty Handbook Oversight – No report.

IX. Unfinished Business

- None

X. New Business

- UNA Conflict of Interest and Financial Disclosure Policy (SGEC: FS)
 - Motion made by Senator Makowski and seconded by Senator Owens-Murphy that the policy be reviewed by the FS Faculty Affairs subcommittee.
 - Discussion: Concern was raised as to what constituted a conflict of interested, research vs. service work, and impact on IRB.
 - Vote: Y=41; N=0; A=0

XI. Information Items

- Jennifer Pate and John McGee presented information on the University’s OER initiative. Faculty are encouraged to contact the OEF work group (<https://www.una.edu/oer> or oer@una.edu) for additional information and to submit proposals.

XII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn proposed by Senator Stovall and seconded by Senator Monteiro. Meeting adjourned at 4.29pm.