

Agenda of the Faculty Senate
April 13, 2023 – MS Teams Meeting
3:30-5:00pm

- I. Recognize Proxies
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2023
- IV. Remarks from Dr. Ken Kitts, President
- V. Remarks from Dr. Ross Alexander, Provost/EVPAA
- VI. Remarks from Jeffery M. Ray, NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative
- VII. Remarks from Dr. Jessica Stovall, Faculty Senate President
- VIII. Reports
 - a. Standing Committees
 - i. Faculty Affairs
 - ii. Academic Affairs
 - 1. Presentation of Proctoring Software Report to Senate
 - iii. Faculty Attitude Survey
 - iv. Faculty Handbook Oversight
 - b. Other Committees
 - i. Faculty Senate Constitution Review
 - ii. Parental Leave Policy Review
- IX. Unfinished Business
- X. New Business
 - a. Proposals for Paid Parental Leave and Paid Birth Recovery Policies (SGEC: FS)
 - b. Elect Nominating Committee

XI. Information Items

- a. Shared Governance and Other Committee Vacancies
- b. Summary of Business 2022 – 2023
- c. Graduate Student Handbook
- d. New UNAPortal Design
- e. Faculty Real Wages

XII. Adjourn

Faculty Senate Minutes
13 April 2023

Call to order:

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

I. Recognized Proxies

Michael Curtis Johnson for Sen. Bryan McHenry

Dan Burton for Sen. George Makowski

Justin Scott for Sen. Justin Carter

Anthony Crisafulli for Sen. Chion-Yiao Chen

Members in attendance

Alejandra Alvarado-Brizuela, Lisa Ann Blankinship, Tabitha Blasingame, Miranda Bowie, Dan Burton, Corey Cagle, Gabriela Carrasco, Jian Chen, Helen Coronel, Chris Cottingham, Frank Diaz, Terri Garrison, Anissa Graham, Einar Gudmundsson, Betsy Heckert, Achini Herath, John Hodges, Andrea Hunt, Ann-Marie Irons, Faith Kelley, Lauren Killen, Leshan Kimbrough, Kelly Latchaw, Thomas Lukowicz, Jennifer Maddox, Janna Malone, John McGee, Jason Price, Chris Purser, Craig Robertson, Lindsey Sherrill, Patrick Shremshock, Kevin Stoltz, Jessica Stovall, Angel Tomlinson, Jason Watson, Pete Williams

Members not in attendance (without proxy)

Felecia Harris, Ian Leopky, Jordan Miller, Gretchen Windt

II. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Sen. Robertson, 2nd by Sen. Coronel. No discussion. Agenda approved by raised hand. No abstentions or opposed.

III. Approval of Minutes from the 9 March 2023 Meeting

No changes were suggested for the March 9th minutes. Minutes approved as presented.

IV Remarks from Dr. Ken Kitts, UNA President

President Kitts provided updates to Gov. Ivey's budget for education released on 3.21.23 and next steps for state funding. Currently UNA has \$3.8million in new funding from the state budget however the budget must still be approved by the legislature.

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

Provost Alexander provided updates on the following items:

- No recommendations or findings from the SACSCOC team at the visit March 2023
- Summer 2023 and Fall 2023 are trending towards positive enrollment
- A new tuition fees model is being considered by the Board of Trustees (June 2023)
- Discussion regarding proposed model of tuition would impact departmental budgets, lab fees, and costs to students per credit hour. State budget would impact proposed COLA were also addressed.

VI. Remarks from Jeffery M. Ray, NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative

Dr. Ray provided an annual report to the Faculty Senate regarding the number of Div. I student teams and student athlete GPAs. Discussion on Div. marketing and budget.

VII. Remarks from Dr. Jessica Stovall, Faculty Senate President

President Stovall provided the following updates:

- Election Meeting (5.4.23) – Incoming Senators will begin their term at this meeting. This meeting will be elections only; no regular business will be addressed.
- A summary of Faculty Senate business for AY2022-2023 is available within the meeting packet.
- Pres. Stovall thanks the senators for their service and support.

VIII. Reports

a. Standing Committees

1. Faculty Affairs (Sen. Carter) – No updates.
2. Academic Affairs (Sen. Cottingham) – Presentation of Proctoring Software Report to Senate – Motion to accept the report from Academic Affairs Committee proposed by Sen. Cottingham, 2nd by Sen. Robertson. Vote: 35Y:0N:1Abs.
3. Faculty Attitude Survey (Sen. Purser) – The survey will launch tomorrow. Please encourage faculty to participate as this survey results drive Faculty Senate business. Discussion: UNA only receives summarized/ composite data from the Qualtrics so individual responses can not be mapped to individual participants.
4. Faculty Handbook Oversight (Sen. Robertson) – No updates.

b. Other Committees

1. Faculty Senate Constitution Review (Sen. Watson) – No updates.
2. Parental Leave Policy Review (Sen. Hunt) – Proposal is address in Section Xa.

IX. Unfinished Business

None

X. New Business

1. Proposal for paid Parental Leave and Paid Birth Recovery Policies (SGEC:FS) – Motion to accept the proposal made by Sen. Alvarado-Brizuela, 2nd Sen. Carrasco. Vote: 34Y:1N:2Abs. Discussion followed with questions being answered by Ms. Catherine White, Parental Leave Policy committee members, and FS leadership.

2. Elect Nominating Committee – Sen. Coronel, Sen. Latchaw, and Sen. Robertson have agreed to serve.

XI. Information Items

1. Shared Governance and Other Committee Vacancies – Voting will occur at May 2023 meeting and descriptions of each committee and their charges are located on Faculty Senate webpage.

2. Summary of Business 2022-2023

3. Graduate Student Handbook

4. New UNA Portal Design – Sen. McGee will address any questions.

5. Faculty Real Wages – Sen. Williams and Sen. Makowski

XII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Sen. Robertson and 2nd by Sen. Purser. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 4.46pm.