

Faculty Senate Minutes
November 30, 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 Killen presiding.

I. Recognized Proxies

Dr. Bergeron for Senator Coronel

Members in attendance

Alejandra Alvarado-Brizuela, Miranda Bowie, Charles Brooks, Dan Burton, Corey Cagle, Gabriela Carrasco, Justin Carter, Jian Chen, Michael Conner, Chris Cottingham, Frank Diaz, Terri Garrison, Anissa Graham, Leah Graham, Einar Gudmundsson, Ngartelbaye Guerngar, Achini Herath, John Hodges, Andrea Hunt, Jason Imbrogno, Ann-Marie Irons, Faith Kelley, Lauren Killen, Leshan Kimbrough, Kelly Latchaw, Thomas Lukowicz, George Makowski, Brian McHenry, Stephanie Montgomery, Eric O'Neal, Gary Padgett, Jennifer Pate, Robert Rausch, Beverly Russell, Lindsey Sherrill, Kevin Stoltz, Marie Taylor, Angel Tomlinson, Christina Volz-Stomackin, Wendy Wang, Gretchen Windt

Members not in attendance (without proxy)

Lisa Ann Blankinship, John McGee

II. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Senator Carrasco; seconded by Senator Stoltz. No discussion. The agenda was approved as presented by raised hand.

III. Approval of Minutes from the October 12, 2023

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Senator Kimbrough; seconded by Senator L. Graham. One amendment. Approved by acclamation.

IV. Remarks from Dr. Ken Kitts, President

President Kitts provided an update on the Provost/ EVPAA search process (committee will be charged next week), update on FY 25 budget plans, and notice of name change from Project 208 to Progress 208. Increased funding has allowed for an increase in scholarship which have help to offset student loan debt.

V. Remarks from Dr. Katie Kinney, Provost/EVPAA

Provost Kinney announced graduation speakers (Peggy Sellers Benson for Friday and Mayor Andy for Saturday), thanked the faculty for their support of BEST and Trumbauer festival, and announced a news spot for December 14, 2023 announcing UNA joining the Alabama Space Grant Consortium.

VI. Remarks from Dr. Lauren Killen, Faculty Senate President

Thank you to Faculty Senate for their work on Senate and affiliated committees.

VII. Reports

- a. Standing Committees
 - i. Faculty Affairs- no updates
 - ii. Academic Affairs- no updates
 - iii. Faculty Attitude Survey (FAS)- The committee is currently working through questions for the upcoming FAS 2024.
 - iv. Faculty Handbook Oversight – no updates

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. Proposal for Faculty Handbook Revisions: Mid-Tenure Review Process (SGEC: FS) – Motion to approve was made by Senator Makowski, seconded by Sen. Montgomery. No discussion. Update provided by Faculty Senate President Killen that Mid-Tenure Review would have applicant submit their portfolio to Faculty Success. The application process will only be open to the currently reviewing body and will follow the same process as Promotion and Tenure (Departmental Committee to Department Chair to Dean, etc.). Motion approved (Vote: 33Y:1N:0Abs)

IX. New Business

- a. None

X. Information Items

- a. Update on Copyright Policy questions and concerns – Faculty Senate President has submitted the list to University Counsel. An update is expected in January 2024.
- b. Update on Faculty Senate meeting location for February and March meetings – The February and March 2024 meetings will be offered in a hybrid format with the onsite location tentatively scheduled for SET. Confirmation will be provided before each meeting.

XI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Senator L. Graham and seconded by Senator Bowie. Approved by acclamation. Meeting adjourned at 4:08pm.