

Faculty Senate Minutes

February 8, 2024

Call to order:

A regular meeting of the University of North Alabama's Faculty Senate convened via MS Teams Video Conferencing and in SET 133 at 3.30pm with President Killen presiding.

I. Recognized Proxies

Dr. Danny Burton for Senator Makowski

Members in attendance

Wael Al Kouz, Alejandra Alvarado-Brizuela, Lisa Ann Blankinship, Miranda Bowie, Dan Burton, Gabriela Carrasco, Justin Carter, Jian Chen, Helen Coronel, Chris Cottingham, Chris DaSambiagio-Moore, 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, Kelly Latchaw, Thomas Lukowicz, John McGee, Brian McHenry, Stephanie Montgomery, Eric O'Neal, Gary Padgett, Jennifer Pate, Robert Rausch, Beverly Russell, Lindsey Sherrill, Marie Taylor, Angel Tomlinson, Christina Volz-Stomackin, Wendy Wang, Gretchen Windt

Members not in attendance

Charles Brooks, Corey Cagle, Michael Conner

II. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Senator L. Graham; seconded by Senator Bowie. No discussion. The agenda was approved as presented by raised hand [Y26: 00].

III. Approval of Minutes from the January 25, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Senator Carter; seconded by Senator A. Graham. No discussion. The agenda was approved as presented by raised hand [Y28: 00].

IV. Remarks from Dr. Ken Kitts, President

President Kitts provided updates on the Governor's budget released on 2.6.24. UNA has been recommended to receive an 8.87% increase in FY25. The Provost/ EVPAA search committee has received close to 50 applicants. A website will be forthcoming where information related to the search will be shared. The Computing and Mathematic Building should be ready to occupy by semester's end. Demolition of LaGrange Hall is nearing completion. Leo is doing well and continues to be well taken care of by his team of volunteers. A team from USDA gave another score on Leo's habitat and their inspection.

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

Provost Kinney provided updates on issues relating to the Bookstore and encouraged faculty members and departments to reach out to Follett and Cindy Conlon with any concerns. Regarding the walkways on campus from the snow event in January 2024, two contractors were hired to clear at least one path to each building. The Dean of the Library search is ongoing and chaired by John McGee. Changes in COBT due to Dean Carnes returning to teaching will allow

for a two year fixed appointment for an interim dean due to upcoming accreditation review. The President's list (GPA 4.0) and Dean's list (GPA 3.5 or higher) are now posted on a website (located off of the Registrar's page under Commencement) and are searchable.

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

The AI taskforce will meet next week.

VII. Reports

- a. Standing Committees
 - i. Faculty Affairs- no updates
 - ii. Academic Affairs- no updates
 - iii. Faculty Attitude Survey (FAS)- Sen. Hunt stated that the final draft of the survey will be ready by Monday (2.12.24)
 - iv. Faculty Handbook Oversight – no updates

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. None

IX. New Business

- a. None

X. Information Items

- a. Update on Copyright Policy questions and concerns – Questions are still being reviewed by the external attorney.
- b. Update on Faculty Senate meeting location for March meeting – The March meeting will be in SET 133 with a hybrid option (MS Teams). A vote will be taken at this meeting on meeting location.

XI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Senator L. Graham and seconded by Senator Sherrill. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.