

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

August 26, 2002

The University of North Alabama Faculty Senate met August 26, 2002 in the Performance Center of the University Center at 3:30 p.m.. President Makowski called the meeting to order.

President Makowski recognized Dr. Jason Weisenseel, proxy for Senator Figueroa.

The following senators were present: Adler, Alexander, Allan, Atkinson, Barrett, Blose, Bobek, Butler, Cai, Foote, Haggerty, Himmler, Holley, Hudiburg, Keckley, Loew, Makowski, McDaniel, Menapace, Osborne, Roden, Ruebhausen, Smith, Stokes, Thorne, Tunell, Turner, VanRensselaer, Warren, Webb, J. Wilson, P. Wilson, Winston, and Young.

The following senators were absent without proxy: Gothard, Leonard, Miley, and Williams.

Senator Webb moved the adoption of the agenda. Senator Thorne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Senator Osborne announced that the Faculty Picnic would be held at Veterans Park shelters 4 and 5 on September 6. Senators were asked to encourage their new colleagues to attend. They will be guest of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The deadline for turning in the reservation is September 3.
- B. President Makowski reported that appointments to senate standing committees are being reviewed. He will be contacting last year's members to determine if they want to be reappointed. The members will be announced at the September 19 meeting.
- C. President Makowski reported on the response to the GDH-gram concerning the Bennett Infirmary. President Potts was approached with the proposal to establish a group to study the funding of the Infirmary before making any presentations to the Board. President Potts agreed to form such a group.

### OLD BUSINESS:

The Shared Governance Draft of July 19, 2002 was presented for discussion and possible action. These actions included the possibility of approving the document in principle and basic form and to form a list of recommendations for further consideration and modification. The following questions and concerns were raised:

1. How will endorsing the document in principle and giving criticisms result in a changed document after having been adopted by the Board of Trustees? It was reported by members of the Shared Governance Task Force that the changes would

go to the Shared Governance Committee and be reviewed without any need to return to the Board of Trustees.

2. How will concerns raised today be presented? Concerns raised today will be presented to the Faculty Affairs and Academic Affairs Committees who will present a resolution of concerns for the September 19 Senate meeting.
3. Concern was expressed regarding the Budget Advisory Committee not being under the Shared Governance Committee. Task Force members reported that negotiations concerning the Budget Advisory Committee were very tough. Separating the drawing up of line item allocations and reviewing if they are in concert with university goals was separated. President Potts was willing to move the line item allocation under the Shared Governance Committee only if he could create a committee set up by him. The Task Force did not agree. If the line item allocating committee could not work independently, then it should stay on the administrative side and have a Shared Governance Committee review its work. President Potts wanted an executive work group handling the line items.
4. Concern was expressed that there can be committees not under the Shared Governance Committee. Task Force members pointed out that some committees which are task specific, or department specific need not fall under the Shared Governance Committee. Also, the President of the University has the authority to create committees as needed.
5. Would the Budget Advisory Committee have more faculty added?
6. On page 13 of the document it was noted that one of the duties of the Strategic Planning and Budget Study Committee was to nominate representatives to the President's Budget Advisory Committee. Is this a strong commitment on the President's part to use the nominees? The Task Force members reported that they saw the President's commitment to use the nominees to be the same as those he used from the Senate for other committees.
7. Can the President of the University form a committee without going through the Shared Governance Committee?
8. There was concern that administrators in an area are not allowed to chair committees according to Page 11 number XI.
9. The structure of the Teacher Education Council on page 26 was questioned with a conflict with page 11 XI. It was recommended that the requirements for NCATE be followed.
10. Was the makeup of the Teacher Education Council changed? If so, why? The Task Force members stated that they attempted to keep it was previously.
11. Why is the Athletic Director added to the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee?

Task Force members reported that it was so that the AD could speak to issues about athletics.

12. Why was the membership of the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee expanded? President Potts wanted all four vice-presidents on the committee so the Task Force added faculty to balance the membership.

The revised July 19, 2002 document was endorsed unanimously. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. President Makowski referred the concerns and reservations concerning the Shared Governance document to the Faculty Affairs and Academic Affairs Committees and requested that they solicit further concerns from the faculty until September 15. A resolution addressing these concerns will be presented by the committees at the September 19 meeting.
- B. The following senators volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee for Shared Governance: Webb, P. Wilson, Blose, Smith, and Van Rennselaer.
- C. Senator Tunell volunteered to serve as an additional member on the Risk Management Committee for plans for Bennett Infirmary.

- D. Senator Butler was elected to serve on the Search Committee for the College of Business Dean.

Senator Thorne moved that the meeting be adjourned. Senator Tunell seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.