

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

September 19, 2002

The University of North Alabama Faculty Senate met September 19, 2002 in the Faculty Lounge of the University Center at 3:30 p.m. President Makowski called the meeting to order.

President Makowski recognized Dr. Jerry Miley, proxy for Senator Winston from Social Work and Criminal Justice.

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

The following senators were absent without proxy: Adler, Bobek, Cai, and Gothard.

Dr. Miley moved the approval of the minutes of the May 9, 2002 meeting with the amendment of the proxy list to read: Dr. John Light for Senator Stokes from Secondary Education. Senator Barrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Osborne moved the adoption of the agenda. Senator Himmler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. President Makowski reported that the Shared Governance Committee has been appointed by the September 16 memo from President Potts giving a charge to the following members: Paulette Alexander, Lynn Buttler, Craig Christy, Kaylene Gebert, Dan Howard, George Makowski, Elliott Pood, Sandra Poole, Corlandos Scott, and Debbie Thornton. The first meeting will be September 27.
- B. The fall meeting of ACUFP will be in Dothan on November 15-16. UNA will host the spring meeting. The date has yet to be set.
- C. President Makowski shared the concerns from President Potts with regard to enrollment and reported a meeting was scheduled to discuss the area of recruitment with President Makowsk. He asked for any suggestions concerning recruitment from the faculty by email or phone.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Senators Hudiburg and Tunell represented the faculty on the Risk Management Committee researching the funding of the Bennett Infirmary. They reported that at the August work session of the Board of Trustees it was mentioned that there needs to be some way found to generate revenue to cover the current operating costs, not to cover the \$160,000 deficit which was discovered. Dr. Howard called a meeting of the Risk Management Committee on August 13 to determine how to deal with the

deficit. President Makowski spoke with President Potts to let all those concerned address the issue. President Potts agreed and added more faculty to the committee. The meet was to address only the current deficit and not to increase the student fee. The infirmary is an auxiliary service and must pay for itself. It was discovered that \$60,000 was returned from Blue Cross and that \$35,000 was saved with a new physicians contract. The Risk Management Committee recommended that a charge of \$5 be given for a visit to the infirmary without seeing a physician, \$10 if a physician is seen, and any test sent out will be charged to the employee. This recommendation is for a one year period.

The Faculty-Staff Welfare Committee will look at the possibilities for next year.

According to President Makowski, the dynamics of this issue is significant. Dr. Howard and Dr. Lovett went into the meeting prepared to do "business as usual", presenting a plan already decided. Early on, they were challenged to present data first. After working together, the committee reached an agreement. The lesson learned: there is a need to present data to committee members before the meeting.

- B. Senator Barrett presented a list of concerns expressed by the faculty about the Shared Governance document. (See Attachment A) Senator Young moved to accept the list of concerns and to forward them to the Shared Governance Committee. Senator Tunell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Senator Blose, chair of the Shared Governance Nominating Committee, thanked all those who volunteered, especially the veteran faculty and deans. He also thanked the committee members: Brenda Webb, Kristen Van Rensselaer, Patty Wilson, and Ron Smith.
- O. The status of the search procedure for the dean position was discussed. There are two versions under consideration: a 1996 version and a 2000 version. Issues of concern: When the search committee is convened, they choose whether to elect members at large or by each area of constituency. The Faculty Senate elects a member and the VPAA appoints members as well. These appointments could be structured in order to guarantee the full representation of the different constituent areas. After consideration, the members of the College of Education requested that an education member be elected by the Senate in order that all five areas of the College of Education be represented. Dr. Kay Abbott was elected by the Senate. Senator Barrett moved that the Senate Executive Committee consider the two search guidelines and present proposals to reconcile the two versions. Senator Alexander seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. President Makowski asked for volunteers to serve on the standing committees of the Senate. Senator Barrett volunteered for the Faculty Affairs Committee. Senators Thorne, Turner and Osborne volunteered for the Academic Affairs Committee. Senator Barrett volunteered for the Faculty Attitude Survey Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The issue of plagiarism software was referred to the Academic Affairs Committee.

- B. President Potts wants to fill the position vacated by Dr. Ernestine Davis and to rename it as Compliance Coordinator. The modified job description was referred to the Faculty Affairs Committee to review and report at the next meeting.
- C. A request was made that the survey from Dr. Holland be circulated in hard copy with the description of the skills tested.
- D. Senator Allan thanked those who helped with the Faculty Picnic.

Senator Thorne moved the meeting be adjourned. Senator Roden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.