FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
November 21, 2002

The University of North Alabama Faculty Senate met November 21, 2002 in the Faculty Lounge of the University Center at 3:30 p.m. President Makowski called the meeting to order.

President Makowski recognized the following proxies: Dr. Joan Parris for Senator Alexander from Computer Information Systems, Mr. Eddie Elsey for Senator Cai from Music, Dr. Jim Martin for Senator Foote from Communications and Theatre, Dr. Larry Bates for Senator Hudiburg from Psychology, Dr. John Light for Senator Loew from Education, Dr. Craig Robertson for Senator Miley from Sociology, 2Lt Shawn Dalrymple for Senator Gothard from Military Science, Ms. Angela Green for Senator Ruebhausen from Communications and Theatre, Dr. Larry Adams for Senator Smith from English, Dr. Felice Green for Senator Stokes from Secondary Education, Ms. Kathy Wallace for Senator Warren from Kilby, and Dr. Ruth Dumas for Senator Young from Early Childhood Education.

Senator Osborne moved that the agenda be adopted with the amendment to add a third retirement resolution for Sandra Ford. Senator Tunell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Thorne moved that the minutes of the October 17, 2002 meeting be approved with the amendment to read under Committee Reports l.a. “Senator Thorne seconded and the motion passed unanimously.” Senator Barrett seconded. The motion to approve the amended minutes passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Dr. Joel Erdmann, Athletic Director, spoke concerning his view of the role of athletics at UNA. He expressed the need for communications to erase the perception that there is a division between athletics and academics. He encouraged the faculty to feel free to contact him concerning issues with athletics. He expressed a desire to recognize academic achievements during athletic events.

B. President Makowski invited the Senate representatives to report on the progress of the Dean Search Committees. Senator Butler reported that the Search Committee for the College of Business Dean had met, looked over guidelines and revised the announcement. Senator Tunell reported that the Search Committee for the College of Education Dean had met, looked over the revised search guidelines and noticed the new term added “mutually acceptable” concerning the Committee and President 's opinions of the candidate. He also discussed the possible inability of the committee to come up with a candidate acceptable to the President resulting in the committee being dissolved. There is no provision for feedback as to why none of the candidates are acceptable. Questions concerning whether a member of the dissolved Search Committee can serve on a new Search Committee were also raised.
C. The Shared Governance Committee reported that the Top level committees are working and most task committees have met to elect chairs.

D. Dr. Garry Warren reported that access to the Plagiarism checking service has been secured for campus. Students must submit their papers electronically. This should be included within the course syllabus. A total of eight ID’s have been requested so far.

E. President Makowski reported that the Senate Executive Committee recommended that the money reserved for a student worker for the Faculty Senate President be transferred to the Shared Governance Committee for clerical work.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Committee Reports
Dr. Craig Robertson reported from the Faculty Affairs Committee concerning how the committee reached the recommendation of years credited toward tenure for temporary appointments. (See Attachment A) He also presented a draft of the policy sent to the Senate Executive Committee. (See Attachment B) This policy was further revised in order to clarify the steps for the process. (See Attachment C) Senator Blose moved the approval of the edited version of the policy. Senator Butler seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 33-2-2.

The Faculty Affairs will meet this Monday in order to view how faculty assessment is implemented across the country.

The Faculty Affairs presented a report on the description of the Compliance Coordinator position. (See Attachment D) There were concerns expressed in regard to the title not reflecting what is the position’s real purpose. There were also questions about duties #3 and how that would interact with the search committees. Senator Thorne moved that we refer the issue back to the committee to resolve the two concerns of the title being more specific and matching the duty #3 to the search procedures. Senator Allan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. President Makowski presented a Joint Report of the Faculty Affairs and Academic Affairs. (See Attachment E) He recommended that the faculty consider the document and be prepared for discussion at the next meeting.

B. President Makowski presented the results of the ACUFP feedback and presentation to ACHE PLG. (See Attachment F) Senators were asked to have comments prepared for the next meeting.

C. Senator Osborne moved to refer the issued of university support for faculty and staff academic degree work to the Academic Affairs Committee. Senator Barrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
D. President Makowski reported that President Potts has requested that the senate elect a representative for the Higher Education Partnership Board of Directors. Senator Osborne was elected unanimously.

E. Senator Roden moved the adoption of the resolution of appreciation for Dr. O. Oscar Beck. (See Attachment G) Senator Himmler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Adler moved the adoption of the resolution of appreciation for Dr. Mary Jane McDaniel. (See Attachment H) Senator Barrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. John Light moved the adoption of the resolution of appreciation for Ms. Sandra Ford. (See Attachment I) Senator Tunell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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