

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

January 30, 2003

The University of North Alabama Faculty Senate met January 30, 2003 in the University Center at 3:30 p.m. President Makowski called the meeting to order.

President Makowski recognized the following proxies:

Dr. Robert Johnson for Senator Stokes from Education,
Dr. Joyce McIntosh for Senator Tunell from HPER,
Dr. John Wakefield for Senator Young from Early Childhood Education,
Dr. Paul Crandon for Senator Ruebhausen from Communications and Theatre.

The following senators were present: Adler, Allan, Atkinson, Barrett, Blose, Bobek, Butler, Cai, Figueroa, Foote, Haggerty, Himmler, Holley, Hudiburg, Leonard, Loew, Makowski, McDaniel, Menapace, Miley, Osborne, Parris, Roden, Smith Thorne, Turner, VanRensselaer, Warren, Webb, Williams, J. Wilson, P. Wilson, and Winston.

Senator Barrett moved that the agenda be adopted with the amendment to add under new business the retirement resolution for Dr. Jones. Senator Thorne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Barrett moved the approval of the December 5, 2002 minutes. Senator Hudiburg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Makowski announced that Dr. Gebert would be leaving UNA to begin work at Middle Tennessee State University. There is a reception planned in the President's Home on February 13 from 4:30 until 6:00. Dr. Gebert expressed her appreciation for the close working relationship with the faculty and especially the Faculty Senate.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Committee Reports:

1. The Academic Affairs Committee requested that Dr. Gebert discuss the issue of University support for advanced degree work. She stated that there is a contract where the employee promises to work after completion of the degree. The money comes from vacant faculty position salaries. The agreement is for one year at a time. The purpose is to advance areas in which there is a great need. The committee expressed the concern that all of the faculty is not aware of these funds and recommended that it be announced when other deadlines for faculty development were announced.

Gebert added that the vice-presidents are preparing a policy draft to be reviewed within the shared governance system before adoption.

2. Dr. Robertson reported that the Faculty Affairs Committee is continuing to work on the faculty evaluation standards. Senator Hudiburg was elected to replace Senator Barrett on the Faculty Affairs Committee.
 3. President Makowski reported that the new Budget Review Committee will be organized this month with the December Trustee materials and the latest information on the UNA Foundation presented.
 4. Dr. Wakefield reported that the subcommittee of the Shared Governance Committee for Academic Affairs is addressing plagiarism including the definition and process of handling it.
- B. Senator Hudiburg reported that the Shared Governance for Faculty/Staff Welfare is considering the possibility of a rate increase in the BC/BS insurance rate.
- C. Senator Barrett reported that the Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Business has received 17 applications and are in the process of reviewing them. Senator Warren reported that the Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Education has not yet begun reviewing applications.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. President Makowski reported that President Potts stated that the atmosphere was not conducive to any consideration of a possible merger between UNA and Wallace State. The Executive Committee of the Senate recommended that the issue of the concept of any merger be studied in general terms with regard to the impact on academics. Senator Blose recommended that the issue be presented to the Budget and Planning Committee to study.
- B. President Makowski reported that Dr. Garry Warren has been appointed as Interim VPAA. Due to lack of time because of the closing of the university due to snow, President Makowski presented six issues to President Potts concerning the search guidelines for the VPAA position. As a result of their discussion, the guidelines were amended as follows:
1. Insert as #1 the following:
The VPAA/Provost will be selected by a comprehensive national search. UNA faculty and staff are eligible to apply and their candidacies will be evaluated according to the same professional standards as all other applicants.
 2. Present #2 Include language allowing some review of the advertisement and job description by the committee.

3. Present #3 Strike the term “nominee” from P. I and “nominations” from P. II.
4. Present #5 Amend to read:
“As a part of the interview process, the finalists will each make a presentation to the members of the university community and answer questions at an open forum.”
5. Present #7 In. 3, amend to read “assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of each.”
6. Present #* Amend Ins. 1-2 to read “If no appropriate candidate is found, or if no candidate is acceptable to the president and the search committee,…”

Senator Osborne moved that the rules be suspended for a vote on the amended search guidelines for the VPAA/Provost position. Senator Barrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Senator Barrett moved the approval of the amended search guidelines for the VPAA/Provost position. Senator Webb seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Dr. Wakefield reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee is working on a policy draft concerning plagiarism. Senator Roden reported that there is a web site useful for detection of plagiarism in computer programs. The site is www.cs.berkeley.edu/~aiken/moss.html.
- D. Senator Barrett moved that the rules be suspended to elect a senate delegate to the VPAA search committee. Senator Roden seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Senator Butler was elected.
- E. Senator Parris moved the approval of the resolution of appreciation for Dr. T. Morris Jones.(See Attachment A) Senator Roden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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