

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES****April 17, 2003**

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met April 17, 2003 in the Faculty/Staff Commons of the University Center at 3:30 p.m.

President Makowski called the meeting to order and recognized Dr. Ed Joubert, Proxy for Senator Hudiburg from Psychology.

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

The following senators were absent without proxy: Foote, Gothard, Keckley, Stokes, Tunell, Warren, Williams, and P. Wilson.

Senator Allan moved the adoption of the agenda. Senator Barrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Thorne moved the approval of the March 20, 2003 minutes. Senator J. Wilson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Makowski reported that Summer teaching letters to match changes in the management spreadsheet will be presented by Dr. Warren at our next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. President Makowski was informed by the Shared Governance Committee that the issue of the Compliance Coordinator was not to be solely negotiated by the Senate but the work should be forwarded to the Faculty/ Staff Welfare Committee.
- B. Committee Reports:
  - 1. Senator Turner reported that the Academic Affairs Committee is working on the wording of for the Faculty Handbook concerning the issue of University Support for Degree Completion. Senator Osborne presented a proposal and recommended that this be sent out over email for consideration and for a vote next month. (See Attachment A)
  - 2. Dr. Robertson presented a report from the Faculty Affairs Committee study of Faculty Assessment. (See Attachment B) Senators were asked to consider for the next month. President Makowski commended the committee members for their hard work.

3. Senator Barrett reported from the Nominating Committee with the following slate of Officers and Executive Committee members to be voted on next month:

President	-	Doug Barrett
President-elect	-	Tony Blose
Past president	-	George Makowski
Secretary	-	Pat Roden
EC:	-	Robert Adler
EC:	-	Sue Bobek
EC:	-	Sandra Loew
EC:	-	John Turner

4. Senator Barrett reported from the Faculty Attitude Survey Committee. There was a 51% return rate. He presented trends for questions repeated from previous years and written comments categorized and summarized. He requested guidance as to what information to share with the Board of Trustees at their June meeting. He thanked Senator Hudiburg, Dr. Keith Absher and Dr. Jerry DeGregory for their work on the committee. The complete summary will be presented next month.

C. Shared Governance Committee reports:

1. Senator Smith reported that the Infrastructure Committee had passed to the Budget Committee recommendations concerning housing.

2. Senator Butler reported that the Shared Governance Committee is working on a form for committee reports and a calendar for presentation of such reports. The issue of the Compliance Coordinator and the Out-of-State travel has been sent to the Faculty/Staff Welfare Committee. The placement of the Shared Governance Committees in the Faculty Handbook is being considered. She reported that President Potts has been very cooperative. She will be the chair of the committee next year and asked the faculty senate to let her know about any issues which need to be considered. A fall seminar for committees is in the planning stages.

3. Senator Thorne reported that the Faculty/Staff Welfare Committee has been working on the BCBS insurance issue. The usage of the Bennett Infirmary has fallen by 2/3 since adding the fee.

D. Both Dean Search Committee members reported that people will be on campus next week for interviews. Senator members were encouraged to attend the presentations.

E. Senator Butler reported that the VPAA/Provost Search Committee has considered 57 applicants, had extended the reading deadline, has received nominations for candidates, and has placed more ads. She stated there is a strong faculty voice on the committee

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. President Makowski reported that he wants to construct a list of issues which need to be addressed for next year in order to make a quicker startup in the fall.
- B. The Faculty Picnic Committee will be filled next month.
- C. Department elections for senators need to be completed by the end of the month.

**ADDITIONAL ISSUES:**

President Makowski addressed the issue of the House Bill which will abolish the 50-mile tuition rule. This would remove 2.7 million in revenue to UNA without reducing the costs to operate the university. President Makowski presented a resolution opposing House Bill 565. (See Attachment C). It was recommended that the phrase "would cut" be changed to "threaten to cut", the word "income" to "revenue", the second whereas to read: "The University of North Alabama draws a significant number of its students from the adjacent Tennessee and Mississippi counties" and change the third whereas to read: "The University of North Alabama is administratively lean and efficiently run". Senator Allan moved to suspend the rules so that a vote could be taken. Senator Barrett seconded. The motion to suspend the rules passed unanimously. Senator Barrett moved the approval of the resolution with the amendments listed above. Senator Adler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Thorne moved that the meeting be adjourned. Senator Roden seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.