

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

May 8, 2003

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met May 8, 2003 in the Faculty/Staff Commons of the University Center at 3:30 p.m.

President Makowski called the meeting to order and recognized the following proxies:

Ms. Amy Butler for Senator McDaniel from Collier Library and
Ms. Soojeong Lee for Senator Cai from Music.

The following senators were present: Adams, Adler, Armstrong, Atkinson, Baird, Barrett, Blose, Butler, Crisler, Figueroa, Foote, Himmler, Holley, Hudiburg, Jobe, Keckley, Leonard, Loew, Makowski, Martin, Menapace, Osborne, Parris, Robinson, Rock, Roden, Takeuchi, Tunell, Turner, VanRensselaer, Webb, Wilson and Young.

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

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

Senator Osborne moved the approval of the April 17, 2003 minutes. Senator Barrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. President Makowski announced that the proposed change in the summer teaching letters has been discontinued. The letters will be the same as the previous years.
- B. President Makowski reported that he drafted a cover letter to accompany the resolution concerning House Bill 565 and sent it to all the sponsors of the bill. This bill is now stalled in committee. The senate received a special thanks from President Potts. President Makowski stated that the issue of offering or withholding support on political issues in Montgomery is a way to extend senate influence.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Senator Wilson moved to accept and elect the slate of officers presented last month by the Nominating Committee. Senator Himmler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Senators Osborne, Figueroa, Webb, Keckley, and Baird volunteered to serve on the Faculty Picnic Committee.
- C. Committee Reports:
1. Senator Osborne reported from Academic Affairs that the blank left in the Faculty Research and Development document should read one . In Attachment A from April 17, 2003 minutes under Faculty Development Grants for Completion of Terminal Degrees #4 should read: "Such grants will require a time commitment of one year to the University for each year of coursework supported or reimbursement of monies to the University." Senator Barrett moved the approval of the revised draft. Senator Hudiburg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 2. Senator Barrett moved the approval of the report from Faculty Affairs (See Attachment A) Senator Blose seconded. The motion passed 33-0-2.
 3. The Recruitment and Retention Work Group with members: Tony Blose, David Muse, Jacqueline Osborne, and Tom Osborne have been requested by President Potts to have a report ready by the end of the semester. President Makowski presented a list of issues of disagreement:
 - a. The Student is a consumer.
 - b. Faculty must actively recruit.
 - c. Why the faculty is not donating to scholarship fund raising?
 4. Senator Hudiburg moved the senate accept the Faculty Attitude Survey report. Senator Adler seconded. The motion passed 33-0-2.
- D. Reports from Shared Governance Committees:
1. Senator Hudiburg reported from the Faculty/Staff Welfare Committee which considered the issue of what occurs when an instructor receives the terminal degree. In the past the instructor was automatically promoted. Later that policy was changed to require the person to go through the promotion procedure. The committee recommended that for a tenure track position, the promotion should be automatic. The committee is also recommending that the faculty and staff be called together to discuss the use of insurance and Bennett Infirmary.
 2. Senator Webb and Van Rensselaer reported that the Strategic Planning and Budget Study Committee is looking at fixed cost increases and how it will be funded.
 3. Senator Butler reported that the Shared Governance Committee is receiving annual reports and plans a work session with the chairs on August 18.

- E. The Search Committee for the College of Education Dean reported that they had two candidates in for interviews and one name has been sent forward. Senator Butler reported that the Search Committee for the College of Business is still working. President Makowski reported that President Potts stated at the Senate Executive Board meeting that he would not take an action which would be outside the search policy. Senator Blose reported that the VPAA Search Committee is meeting Wednesday May 14.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. President Makowski requested that any item of interest for the June Board of Trustees meeting should be communicated to President-Elect Barrett.
- B. President Makowski thanked the Senate for their work this year.

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