

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

February 12, 2004

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met February 12, 2004 in the Banquet Hall of the University Center at 3:30 p.m.

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

Dr. Keith Lindley for Senator Adler from Foreign Languages,
Mr. Wayne O'Neal for Senator McDaniel from Collier Library, and
Dr. Ann Dillon for Senator Webb from Elementary Education.

The following senators were present: Adams, Atkinson, Barrett, Blose, Bobek, Butler, Crisler, Figueroa, Foote, Ford, Haggerty, Himmeler, Holley, Hudiburg, Keckley, Leonard, Loew, Makowski, Martin, Menapace, Myhan, Osborne, Parris, Robinson, Rock, Roden, Takeuchi, Turner, VanRensselaer, Wilson.

The following senators were absent without proxy: Armstrong, Davidson, Cai, Gorham, Gothard, Jobe, and Tunell.

Senator Makowski moved the agenda be adopted with the addition of C. Shared Governance Slate under New Business. Senator Hudiburg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Osborne moved the approval of the January 22, 2004 minutes. Senator Martin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. President Barrett announced the ACUFP spring meeting is scheduled for February 26-27 in Montgomery to coincide with Higher Education Day. Senator Makowski requested faculty to convey to him any concerns that need to be presented at the meeting.
- B. The Higher Education Day is scheduled for February 26 in Montgomery. Students and faculty are encouraged to attend. Buses will be provided. Faculty members are asked to excuse students who attend the event.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Committee Reports:
 - 1. The Academic Affairs Committee had nothing to report.
 - 2. The Faculty Affairs Committee report was given by Dr. Craig Robertson. The committee has sent out surveys to 19 peer institutions

concerning the Promotion and Tenure Policy. They are in the process of compiling the information and hope to have a report next month.

3. The Faculty Attitude Survey Committee reported that the survey has been finalized with 93 questions. The target for delivery of the survey is March 8. They hope to receive the completed surveys by March 19 and have a report complete by April 14.

B. Shared Governance Committees:

1. Dr. Ron Smith reported from the Infrastructure Committee. The development of the west side of campus, the pedestrian bridges, the Cox Creek softball field, and the use of Powers Hall for the ESL program are being addressed. The concerns expressed relating to the building in Montgomery have been considered and it was determined that the rent paid by tenants is paying for the building.

2. Senator Hudiburg reported that the Faculty/Staff Welfare Committee is negotiating for a small insurance rate increase. After the survey conducted concerning the utilization of the Wellness Center, the committee recommends that the Center remain open after the Student Rec Center opens.

3. Senator Van Rensselaer reported that the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee is studying the strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats to the university and considering the end-of-year financial reports.

4. Senator Turner reported that the Safety Emergency Preparedness Committee is working on a fire plan for evacuation and extinguisher checking. The safety manual is on the pipeline.

5. Senator Adams reported that the International Program is externally funded. No university funds are used.

6. Senator Butler reported that the Shared Governance Committee is developing a plan for rotation of members on the committee.

C. Senator Myhan reported that the College of Education Dean Search Committee has five candidates coming in for interviews. Senator Hudiburg reported that the College of Arts and Sciences Dean Search Committee is conducting telephone interviews.

D. The Ad hoc College of Education Investigation Task Force will be meeting with President Potts after one of the members returns.

E. Senator Osborne moved the resolution regarding increased ACHE powers be amended with the addition at the end: "and that no enhancement of the

authority given to ACHE affect these areas.” Senator Hudiburg seconded the amendment. The amendment passed unanimously. The resolution passed with a vote of 28-4-1.

- F. The resolution regarding the increase in out-of-state tuition and the elimination of the 50-mile radius rule passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Senator Webb was elected to serve as the senate representative to the Kilby School Director Search.
- B. The possible topics of budget issues and infrastructure were presented as possible brown bag meetings. President Barrett asked the opinion of the senate. Most agreed these two issues were topics of interest. The next brown bag will probably be in April with two days scheduled.
- C. Members on shared governance committees will begin rotating off this year. The senate nominated a slate of nominees which goes to the Shared Governance Committee and then President Potts who makes the appointments. Members can be reappointed. Senator Makowski volunteered to participate on a nominating committee.

Senator Hudiburg moved the meeting be adjourned. Senator Roden seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.