

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

August 26, 2004

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met August 26, 2004 in the Faculty/Staff Commons of the University Center at 3:30 p.m.

President Blose called the meeting to order, introduced the senators and recognized the following proxies:

Dr. Bruce Gordon for Senator Van Rensselaer from Economics and Finance,
Mr. Dwight Bunn for Senator Wilson from Human Environmental Sciences,
Dr. John Clark for Senator Crisler from Social Work and Criminal Justice,
Dr. Jerry Ferry for Senator Holley from Accounting and Business Law,
Dr. Ian Loepky for Senator Cai from Music,
Dr. Dan Hallock for Senator Armstrong from Management and Marketing,
and Dr. Peggy Campbell for Senator Davidson from Secondary Education.

The following senators were present: Adams, Adler, Atkinson, Bates, Blose, Brewton, Bruce, Foote, Ford, Gaston, R. Gaunder, Gorham, Leonard, Lindsey, Loew, Makowski, Martin, McDaniel, Myhan, Parris, Richardson, Robinson, Rock, Roden, Takeuchi, Tunell, Turner, Wallace, Ward, and Webb.

The following senators were absent without proxy: Atencio, and Brown.

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

Senator Adler moved the approval of the May 6, 2004 minutes. Senator Makowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. President Blose reminded the senate of the Faculty Picnic on August 27 from 4:30-8:00. He asked that volunteers who can help see him after the meeting.
- B. Dr. Newson stated that he is establishing awards in Teaching, Research, and Service from the Office of Provost. The award in teaching will possibly partner with the Phi Kappa Phi award. There will be separate committees for each area. The announcement will be made in the spring at a public occasion with a monetary award and a name placed on a plaque placed in the Faculty/Staff Commons or outside the VPAA office in Bibb Graves. He asked for input from the faculty. This will be announced to the entire faculty next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. President Blose stated that he is in the process of filling the membership of the Faculty Affairs and Academic Affairs Committees. He asked that anyone interested contact him.
- B. Senator Makowski reported that the Shared Governance Committee met over the summer. Dr. Paulette Alexander will be the new chair.

Senator Brewton reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee discussed the Town and Gown study.

Senator Webb reported from the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee concerning the issue of the increase in the administrative salaries given by President Potts before he left. She presented a list of the increases with the names removed. (See Attachment A) The faculty and staff members of the committee were commended for staying on top of the budget issues. She gave a background describing how the increases occurred. President Potts was attempting to align the current vice-presidents and deans to compare with the newly hired vice-president and deans. One dean was left out of the realignment by President Potts and Interim President Warren has also adjusted that dean's salary. The committee members were not aware of the increase until they heard a rumor concerning it on campus and they met with Dr. Warren on Friday and he presented the information on the following Monday. In the past it has been extremely difficult to get timely responses concerning questions. Interim President Warren stated that he will see that questions are addressed quickly.

A replacement for the Readmissions Committee needs to be nominated.

Senator Ward reported that the International Programs and Offerings Committee is establishing a Community Friends Program.

- C. Senator Roden reported on the Presidential Search Committee. She stated that information concerning the committee can be found on the University Relations web site which has a link to the Presidential Search web site. The charge to the committee, the advertisement, and the minutes for all meetings can be located there. The address is: www2.una.edu/universityrelations/search.htm.
- D. Senator Makowski encouraged the faculty to participate with the Higher Education Partnership with the Ad hoc State Political Relations Committee. President Blose will nominate five people for the committee and stated that anyone interested should contact him.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Blose reported that a senate representative for the Veterans Day Committee will need to be elected next month.

ADDITIONAL ISSUES:

Vice-President Newson reported that a faculty committee has been working on a proposed honors program. He asked the deans to discuss the two year versus four year program. Housing is also being discussed. The curriculum component needs help from the faculty especially those who are familiar with honors programs on other campuses.

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