

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

January 18, 2007

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met January 18, 2007 in the Faculty/Staff Commons of the Guillot University Center at 3:30 p.m.

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

Dr. Lesley Peterson for Senator Mauriello from English and

Ms. Lisa Darnell for Senator Green from Communications and Theatre.

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

Senator Flowers moved the approval of the December 7, 2006 minutes. Senator Richardson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President Cale expressed his hope that everyone is having a good beginning to the semester. He reported that enrollment for the spring semester is up by 304 from the previous spring semester. He also reported that the tuberculosis issue on campus has been misrepresented by the media. There are no new cases other than the four original cases. The students at our campus did not contract the disease from the student in Huntsville who died. All incoming international students will have a TB skin test. If it is positive, then a chest x-ray will be performed. Several agencies have been helping with this incident including the Lauderdale County Health Department, Bennett Infirmary, the CDC, and a specialist in epidemiology from UAB. We will retest those students tested after the first outbreak and will also expand the testing to students in classes with those students. Vice-President Shields will prepare a press release concerning this issue.

President Cale presented updates on campus construction. Collier Library looks much better but is not quite complete. Defective windows were sent and must be returned and replaced. Rogers Hall renovation is beginning. Powell School is under renovation and should be completed by April. Modest renovation is taking place in Floyd Science with painting and repairing doors and locks. Willingham Hall desperately needs work. Publications will move to the basement of Rogers Hall when renovation is completed, freeing up more office space in Keller Hall.

President Cale congratulated Senator Richardson and Senator Adler in the selection to participate in a round table at Oxford concerning global warming.

Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Newson, gave an update from the Strategic Plan. A final draft is in preparation. The policy statements on attendance and withdrawal have been accepted and will appear in the next catalog. Senator Leonard, member of the Academic Affairs Committee, presented a copy of the new wording (See Attachment A).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. President Loew reported that Dr. Christopher Maynard was elected by the History and Political Science Department to replace Senator Evan Ward.
- B. President Loew reported that Dr. Elliot Pood, former Dean of Arts and Sciences, passed away.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. The Faculty Affairs Committee is still working on the INS policy.
- B. The Faculty Attitude Survey Committee is in need of one new member. A person interested in research would be useful. President Loew will appoint. The committee needs guidance concerning questions and whether the survey should be administered on-line again. Dr. Craig Robertson stated that he will add two years of previous data to show any trends.
- C. Senator Adams reported that the Faculty Leave Policy is leaving the Faculty/Staff Welfare Committee and moving upward. Senator Adams also spoke concerning Higher Education Day, April 5. He encouraged the faculty to attend and asked that major tests and presentations not be scheduled for that day. This year is important because of the amount of money to be allocated. He reminded the members of the Level 1 membership in the Higher Education Partnership for \$12/year. The benefits include vision and eye care and travel.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. President Loew reminded the senate that the Vice-President for Shared Governance, John Clark, resigned and Shared Governance President Barrett wanted input concerning appointing a replacement. Tony Blose was nominated as the senate's recommendation to fill the vacated position.
- B. Senator Flowers moved to send the issue of the SGA request for other honor cords other than Phi Kappa Phi for graduation to the Senate Academic Affairs Committee with the specific deadline of the March Senate Meeting for a report. Senator Statom seconded. The motion passed unanimously. It was recommended that the SGA be informed so that they can participate in the deliberations of this issue.

ADDITIONAL ISSUES:

It was pointed out that the Attendance and Withdrawal Policy handed out earlier in the meeting was not sent back to the senate as was requested if substantial changes were made.

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