

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
December 4, 2007

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met December 4, 2007 in the Faculty/Staff Commons of the University Center at 3:30 p.m.

President Turner called the meeting to order and recognized the following proxies:
Dan Burton for Senator Maynard from History and Political Science and
Dan Hallock for Senator Lindsey from Management.

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

Senator Bates moved the approval of the November 8, 2007 minutes. Senator Adler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President Cale reported that the compensation studies for the staff will be conducted by Management of America who presented the low bid for the study. They have also completed a similar study at Valdosta State University. They will be on campus next week. President Cale also reported that the Board of Trustees will meet next Friday at the East Campus site to approve the Willingham Hall renovations, creation of an intramural field near the fraternity houses and creation of lab facilities at the East Campus. He also encouraged any further reaction concerning the Nondiscrimination Policy.

Vice-President Warren encouraged the faculty to participate in the online evaluation of their college dean. He assured the senate of the anonymity of the survey. He will discuss with each dean the results of their evaluation. He reported that research requests have been more than the funds available. Since no one has applied for faculty leave, he is taking a portion of that allocated amount to apply on the faculty research requests. Dr. Warren reported that the Office Hours Policy will be dealt with when returned from the Faculty Affairs Committee. He also reported that he is working with the academic deans in order to standardize the faculty evaluations.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Committee Reports:
 - 1. Academic Affairs had no report.
 - 2. Faculty Affairs reported they have discussed the Promotion Policy and have solicited input from the faculty and deans concerning the Office Hours Policy.

- B. Shared Governance reports – none

- C. President Turner recognized Allan Medders from University Advancement who suggested the creation of a faculty scholarship fund and use the Shared Governance account as a seed to begin the fund. He also stated that the university will match the award beginning January 1, 2008 when the award minimum has been reached. Senator Richardson moved that we set up the faculty scholarship fund as recommended. Senator Gaston seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Medders also recommended that we set up criteria for the awarding of the scholarship. He will prepare something for consideration at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: none

ADDITIONAL ISSUES:

- A. Questions were raised concerning the issue of internet classes being listed as TBA in the class schedule. The Distance Learning Committee stated that students receive a letter if they pre-registered. There is also a problem when students who register for internet classes do not realize that they may have a set chat time. The TBA for time needs to be better communicated due to the difference in the manner in which instructors organize their internet courses and to clear up the misconception that an internet class is according to the students' time schedule. It was suggested that some type of preapproval by the instructor could be used. President Turner will ask the Distance Learning Committee to report on this issue.
- B. The issue of the lack of advisement for Early Scholars was also presented. It was requested that the current policies related to Early Scholars be studied related to number of classes allowed, which classes are allowed, and the age/level in school.
- C. Several members of the Floyd Science Building faculty reported that the card access to copy in their building is slowing considerably. It takes several seconds per page. Steve Smith will be contacted concerning this matter.

Senator Adams moved that the meeting be adjourned. Senator Roden seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.