

**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**  
**January 15, 2009**

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met January 15, 2009 in the Faculty/Staff Commons of the University Center at 3:30 p.m.

President Bates called the meeting to order and recognized the following proxies: Robert Koch for Senator Mauriello from English, Jerome Gafford for Senator Clark from Marketing and Management, and Fred Hensley for Senator Turner from Art.

The agenda was adopted by consent. The minutes of the December 2, 2008 meeting were approved by consent.

President Cale reported that the Associate Vice President and Executive Director of International Studies will be here in March. He stated that the university is looking at firms for help in developing a new master plan to address our new needs. This would include working with the Town and Gown initiative concerning things such as rerouting traffic and pedestrian walkways. He hopes that if we do not experience any more proration the budget is planned.

Vice-President Warren stated that he was appreciative of how this proration is being handled by the administration. It demonstrates that there is a good understanding of the importance of academics. He reported that he has requested that the deans look at where cuts could be made if more proration occurs. He reported that the Center of Entertainment Studies will become a department and that Theatre will move from Communication to the Music Department to become the Music and Theatre Department with no additional costs.

**REPORTS:**

A. Standing Senate Committee Reports:

1. Faculty Affairs – Jeremy Stafford reported that he met on December 9 to clarify the language in section 3.5 and begin working on 4.13. They completed the basic structure for the assessment tool. They used a survey of 12 peer institutions for information. They will meet again on January 21 to discuss issues which the Council of Deans had with

their work and hope to have something to give to the senate before the next meeting.

2. Faculty Attitude Survey – Craig Robertson reported the committee has met and will have the revised questions ready shortly. Their next meeting is scheduled for January 22. He requested that any other question suggestions be provided before February 6. The target date for beginning the survey is March 9 and hopes to end on March 20 and have the report ready for the last senate meeting. The biggest issue is addressing the move of the administration of the survey from our server to some site such as “survey monkey.” This would present the user with a more user-friendly version and would make it easier to make changes. He stated that they will have the revised questions on the administration soon and will send them out to solicit feedback.

B. Ad Hoc Committees & Senate representatives on other committees

1. Search Committee for VPAAP – Lelon Davidson reported the search is going extremely well and on schedule. The candidates have been narrowed down to four and will begin the last week of January arriving on campus.

2. Ad Hoc Committee for Shared Governance Review – Terry Richardson reported the committee has not had a chance to meet since the last senate meeting.

C. Shared Governance Committees

1. The Shared Governance Committee met yesterday and set meeting times.

2. The Research Committee has not yet met since our last meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The Shared Governance Committee Survey Instrument was emailed before the break. The committee asked that comments be sent back to them. President Bates stated that he would like to send a formal letter, thanking the committee for the collaborative spirit and help on this issue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Bates reported that VP for Student Affairs is reorganizing the Student Publication Board and is requesting one member be a faculty senate nominee. President Bates also reported that the website is up and will email the address.

Senator Adams moved the meeting be adjourned. Senator Roden seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.