

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

September 3, 2009

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met September 3, 2009 in the Banquet Hall of the University Center at 3:30 p.m.

President Statom called the meeting to order, welcomed the senators to a new year in the faculty senate and recognized Paul Davison proxy for Senator Bruce from Biology.

Senator Richardson moved the adoption of the agenda. Senator Lee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Gordon moved the approval of the April 23, 2009 minutes. Senator Richardson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President Cale is in China recruiting.

Dr. Thornell, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, reported that since coming on campus June 15 he has received a great deal of support and is looking forward to “getting into the trenches” by working with the faculty and deans and supporting the faculty in their endeavors.

REPORTS:

- A. Ad hoc Committee for Portfolio Review – none
- B. Ad hoc Committee for Shared Governance Review report presented by Senator Richardson. (See Attachment A) He recommended the change in wording under University Policy Change 2A to end the sentence at “officially closed” and strike the remainder of the sentence and add the following sentence: “If the Shared Governance Executive Committee does not move on the said proposal within these time limits, the originator has the authority to distribute said proposal to the appropriate Strategic or Task committee of Shared Governance.” The committee also recommended the removal of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council from the Strategic committees and move to XV Campus Committees Outside the Shared Governance Structure. The committee report was approved.

- C. Ad hoc Committee for Constitutional Review Chair Pat Roden solicited input regarding changes to the Senate Constitution.
- D. The Shared Governance Committee report was presented by Senator Richardson. Several recommended changes were highlighted.
 - 1. Changing the name of the committee to the Shared Governance Executive Committee.
 - 2. Removing the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Council from the Shared Governance committees.
 - 3. Replacing SGA with the full name: Student Government Association.
 - 4. Remove “The Research Committee reports to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.” from page 11.
 - 5. The number of deans on page 12 should be five.

Senator Richardson asked for and received senate approval of these changes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Senator Richardson moved that the issue concerning revision of Section 3.5 of the Faculty Handbook be referred to a senate committee to resolve any wording problems. Senator Adams seconded. The motion passed. President Statom stated that he would form an Ad hoc Committee for this purpose.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Statom solicited input concerning whether the Faculty Picnic should continue. Senator Gordon moved that we do not host the Faculty Picnic this year but look for some opportunity in conjunction with another event to recognize new faculty. Senator Richardson seconded. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Bill Foster is receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Alumni Association during Homecoming this year.

Senator Richardson moved the meeting be adjourned. Senator Roden seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.