

## **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**

**April 1, 2010**

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met April 1, 2010 in the Banquet Hall of the University Center at 3:30 p.m.

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

Yi-Min Cai for Senator Elsey from Music and Theatre,  
Amanda Hofacker for Senator Figueroa from Chemistry and Industrial Hygiene, and  
Jeffrey Bibbee for Senator Burton from History and Political Science.

Senator Bates moved the adoption of the agenda. Senator Loeppky seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Loeppky moved the approval of the March 4, 2010 minutes with the addition of “s” on “indicate” in the first paragraph of Vice-President Thornell’s report. Senator Darby seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President Cale had no remarks.

Vice-President Thornell gave a SACS update. The faculty members have entered their credentials to address 3.7.1 which states that the faculty must be competent. For section 3.1 we must have student learning outcomes. Section 3.2.10 addresses institution policy for the evaluation of administrators. We are clarifying this for each level of administration and where the results will be contained. Section 3.2.14 relates to an Intellectual Property Policy which has been considered by legal counsel and the Executive Council. He stated that everyone is working hard and thanked the faculty for their efforts.

**REPORTS: none**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Senators Bates, Stenger and Darby were elected to the Nominating Committee.

- B. President Statom reminded the senators that nominations for faculty vacancies on the shared governance committees will be taken next month and that no one can serve more than two consecutive terms.
- C. President Statom presented a list of volunteers for the Grievance/Due Process Pool. (See Attachment A)
- D. President Cale requested comments concerning a review of the new proposed Master Plan be received by May 7, 2010.
- E. Due to the retirement of Priscilla Holland, there are several “ by position” vacancies on shared governance committees. Senator Peterson moved to suspend the rules to vote on replacement. Senator Richardson seconded. The motion to suspend the rules passed. Senator Lee moved that Tanya Blackstone in Economics and Finance be the interim replacement on the shared governance committees of Academic and Student Affairs, Animal Care and Use, Human Subjects, Infrastructure Development, Research, and Technologies Advisory until the Priscilla’s position is filled. Senator Carnes seconded. The motion passed.
- F. Senator Richardson presented a preliminary proposal to revise the shared governance structure to bring in line with what other institutions are doing. (See Attachment B) He asked for reformulation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Shared Governance Review. We will continue discussion at the next meeting.
- G. President Statom presented information concerning the University of Alabama Doctor of Education to be delivered at the University of North Alabama. (See Attachment C)
- H. Senator Richardson moved to suspend the rules to vote on the Faculty Picnic. Senator Bates seconded. The motion passed. Senator Bates moves to no longer have a Faculty Picnic and to take the money in the fund to place in the endowed faculty senate scholarship if possible, and if not to roll the amount into the general fund. Senator Richardson seconded. The motion passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. President Statom reported that he will be emailing department chairs whose department needs to elect a new senator. The new senators will attend the next meeting.
- B. President Statom reported on the new diploma presentation policy. (See Attachment D)

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

**ATTACHMENT A**

**MEMORANDUM**

March 30, 2010

**TO:** Faculty Senate

**FROM:** Richard Statom  
Faculty Senate President

**SUBJECT:** Nominations for Grievance/Due Process Committee Pool

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Attached is a list of faculty volunteers who have agreed to serve as a pool of potential members for a Grievance/Due Process Committee if the need should arise. The length of service in the pool shall be through September 2011. I request the pool be approved by the Faculty Senate.

1. Larry Bates
2. Wanda Bradford
3. Peggy Campbell
4. Bill Huddleston
5. Richard A. Hudiburg
6. Kathy Lewis-Adler
7. Keith Lindley
8. Janet L. McMullen
9. David Muse
10. Phillip Oliver
11. Terry Richardson
12. Craig Robertson
13. Phil Robinson
14. Pat Roden
15. Don Roush
16. Richard Statom
17. Cindy Stenger
18. David Brian Thompson
19. John Turner

**ATTACHMENT B**

**ATTACHMENT C**  
**The University of Alabama Doctor of Education**  
**Delivered at the University of North Alabama**

***What does “The University of Alabama Doctor of Education (EdD) delivered at the University of North Alabama (UNA)” really mean?***

By partnering with the University of Alabama (UA), residents of the Shoals area will have the opportunity to complete master’s, specialist, and the Doctor of Education (EdD) degrees in instructional leadership/educational administration without having to travel to another campus. UNA will provide instruction at the master’s and specialist levels. UA will deliver the entire doctor of Education degree on the UNA campus.

***What is the advantage to UNA to offer this program on our campus?***

The partnership creates a powerful recruiting incentive for our masters and educational specialist degrees because the agreement is designed to fully articulate those degrees with the Ed.D. We are also creating the opportunity for collaborative work between our faculty and those from UA. There are two less direct benefits. A successful collaboration will open the door for other agreements beyond education, and there is tremendous good will in bringing this degree to a region of the state that has a strong desire to have this opportunity.

***Does this mean that UNA is now authorized to offer a Doctor of Education degree?***

No. The partnership authorizes the University of Alabama to deliver their approved EdD program on the UNA campus.

***Will UNA faculty teach in the EdD program?***

Only University of Alabama graduate faculty will be eligible to teach courses in the EdD program. If UNA faculty wish to be considered for UA adjunct faculty status, they must apply to the UA Graduate School and be formally accepted as such. If a UNA faculty is asked to assume an adjunct faculty role for UA, they would be required to comply with the *UNA Faculty Handbook*, Section 4.8 Outside Employment, and complete the *Request for Approval to Render Services for Another Institution* form (UNA Faculty Handbook, Appendix 4.B) prior to entering a formal relationship with UA.

***Will UNA be responsible for compensating UNA faculty who are involved in any aspect of the UA EdD?***

No. Alabama has the sole responsibility for all expenses related to the delivery of the EdD.

***What role, if any, will UNA faculty have in the UA EdD program?***

UNA faculty will teach and advise students enrolled in the UNA master’s and specialist degree programs. In addition, they will provide interested UNA students contact information for designated UA faculty in the UA EdD program. UNA leadership faculty may be selected to serve as members of UA dissertation committees however; only full-time UA faculty will be eligible to chair dissertation committees.

***Can UNA faculty and staff receive tuition remission for courses in the UA EdD program?***

No, courses in the UA program are offered exclusively through the University of Alabama. Tuition remission is available, however for the UNA master's and specialist courses in instructional leadership.

***Will UNA admissions have any responsibility for the UA EdD program?***

No. All admissions applications will be processed directly through UA. All aspects of academic advisement, program of study decisions, dissertation topics, etc. will be determined exclusively through UA.

***Will hosting the UA EdD courses interfere with any UNA offerings?***

No. UA courses will be offered in a variety of delivery models to accommodate working professionals.

Classes will be scheduled at night, on weekends, on-line, etc. UNA courses will be given first priority for room assignments.

***What is the advantage for students completing the specialist degree at UNA prior to applying to the UA EdD program?***

Students completing the EdS program in Instructional Leadership at UNA may transfer in 27-33 UA advisor approved semester hours of coursework. Typically, up to 18 semester hours of credits earned at the EdS level may be transferred into an EdD program.

***Will students in the UA EdD program be required to travel to Tuscaloosa?***

Orientation for the EdD program and 100% of the required coursework for the program will be delivered on the UNA campus. Only requirements associated with the dissertation will require travel to Tuscaloosa.

**ATTACHMENT D**