

## **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**

**March 15, 2012**

The Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama met March 15, 2012 in Room 102 of Floyd Science Building at 3:30 p.m.

President Townsend called the meeting to order.

Senator Statom moved the adoption of the agenda with the addition under New Business: G. Volunteers for the Search Committee for the Vice-President for Advancement. Senator Carnes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Hulsey moved the approval of the February 2, 2012 minutes. Senator Statom seconded. The minutes were approved.

President Cale stated that he had recently learned that Marty Abrams, an alumni of UNA and recipient of the Keller Key, and Joel Anderson have been appointed new Board of Trustee members to replace Billy Don Anderson and Ronnie Flippo. They will be coming on at the Board meeting in June. President Cale also reported that the Student Commons Building plans are at the state for verification of meeting necessary codes. Also, the three white houses on Irvine are being removed in order to create more parking in late May or early June. The old metal structure and the tennis courts will be removed in mid to late summer in preparation for the Science Building. The Student Publications Office has moved to the Forensic Science Building. The Black Box Theatre is completed and the department will have a grand opening soon.

President Cale also reported that there were seventeen promotions recently announced. He commented on three issues the senate will be discussing later in the meeting: the Promotion and Tenure Policy which was passed last month by the Senate and sent to President Cale has been revised and given to the Deans, the issue of Honor Cords at commencement needs careful consideration, and the issue of a week off at Thanksgiving by eliminating the fall break and starting on Tuesday will require some courses to begin on Monday of the first week of school.

Dr. Thornell, VPAA, deferred to the long agenda.

### **REPORTS:**

- A. President Townsend distributed the president's report. (See Attachment A)
- B. Standing Committees

1. Senator Williams reported that the Academic Affairs Committee will have the Computer Policies distributed next week.
2. Senator Carnes presented the recommendation from the Faculty Affairs Committee for changes to the Faculty Handbook to incorporate the language of how the Portfolio Review Committee will work. (See Attachment B) The motion passed. He also presented a recommendation for the procedure for selecting faculty members for the UNA Portfolio Review Committee. (See Attachment C) The motion passed.
3. Senator Peterson reported that 37 more responses were needed in order to make the Faculty Attitude Survey statistically significant. She urged the senators to encourage their colleagues to complete the survey.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Senator Statom moved to keep the current practice concerning honor cords for commencement. Senator Peterson seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 20-11-1.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Senator Lee moved to approve the Transient Enrollment Policy (See Attachment D). Senator Statom seconded. The motion passed.
- B. Senator Statom moved the approval of the Three Final Examinations Policy (See Attachment E) with the addition of the word “student’s” in the second from the last sentence to read: “The dean(s) will work with the faculty of the three courses to move one or more of the student’s final examinations to a different date.” Senator Lee seconded. The motion failed.
- C. Senator Austin moved the approval of the revision to the residence requirement. (See Attachment F) Senator Lee seconded. The motion passed.
- D. Senator Carrasco moved the approval of the proposal to extend the Thanksgiving Break to one week with the removal of the fall break and beginning classes on Tuesday. Senator Williams seconded. The motion failed with a vote of 1-32-1.
- E. Senator B. Garfrerick moved the proposed revision to the Criteria for Promotion and Tenure. (See Attachment G) Senator Barrett seconded. The motion passed.
- F. Senator Lee moved the approval of the proposal for revision to the Faculty Handbook 2.5.3 and 2.5.4 for Promotion and Tenure. (See Attachment H) Senator McIntosh seconded. Senator Lee moved to divide the question in order to allow the promotion and tenure procedures to be voted on separately. Senator Carrasco seconded. The motion passed. The promotion procedures passed. Senator Carnes moved that in numbers 4, 5, and 6 of the tenure policy that the language “indicating the degree (Highly Qualified,

Moderately Qualified, or Less Qualified) to which tenure is recommended or not recommended and” be replaced with “that addresses strengths and weaknesses in relation to the university, college, and departmental criteria established for advancement in rank”, and to also replace “copies” with “a copy” in line three of number 4. Senator Lee seconded. The amended policy motion passed.

- G. President Townsend solicited volunteers for the pool for selection by the President for the Search Committee for the Vice-President for Advancement. She read a list of nominees submitted to her prior to the meeting and took nominations from the floor. (See Attachment I) Drs. Craig Christy and Greg Carnes were nominated and added to the list to be forwarded to the President.

Senator Roden moved the meeting be adjourned. Senator Loepky seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.