

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

January 11, 2018

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Faculty Senate of the University of North Alabama was held in room 330 of the University Commons on January 11, 2018. The meeting convened at 3:30pm. with President Dan Hallock presiding.

Proxies: President Hallock recognized the following proxies: Frank Diaz for Amanda Coffman (Department of Chemistry and Industrial Hygiene), Lisa Kirch for Suzanne Duvall-Zurinsky (Department of Art), and Janna Malone for David Ruebhausen (Department of Entertainment Industry).

Members in attendance: Rae Antencio, David Brommer, Katherine Crisler, Wes Davenport, Nikita Duke, Mark Greer, Sarah Franklin, Leah Graham, Dan Hallock, Felecia Harris, Scott Infanger, Keith Jones, Ian Loeppky, Ansley Quiros, Glen Marvin, Janet McMullen, Prema Monteiro, Michelle Nelson, Katie Owens-Murphy, Jeffrey Ray, Alaina Reid, Lee Renfroe, Craig Robertson, Patricia Roden, Leigh Stanfield, Richard Statom, Daniel Stevens, Jessica Stovall, Alexander Takeuchi, Pete Williams, Tammy Winner, Rachel Winston and Ryan Zayac. Vice President Alexander was also in attendance.

Members not in attendance (without proxy): John McGee (Educational Technology Services), Rachel McKelvey (Kilby Laboratory School), Karen Townsend (Department of Counselor Education)

Approval of agenda: Faculty Senate President Hallock requested a motion to remove items IX-a and IX-b as unfinished business from the meeting agenda. Senator Statom moved approval of adjusted agenda. Senator Loeppky seconded the motion.

Item IX-a was a proposal to revise the Academic Calendar to reflect a week off at Thanksgiving, eliminate Fall Break, and begin Fall Semester classes a day earlier.

Item IX-b was a proposal related to UNA's Travel Policy that was discussed, voted on and approved at the December 7, 2017 meeting of the Faculty Senate. Staff Senate proposed additional language to the policy that was not part of the proposal approved at the December 7, 2017 meeting. That proposed additional language was deemed to require additional study before receiving further consideration.

The above revisions to the Faculty Senate Agenda for the January 11, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Approval of minutes: Senator Statom moved approval of the minutes of the December 7, 2017 meeting. Senator Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Remarks from President Kitts: President Kitts was not in attendance given his involvement with the Leadership Alabama program.

Remarks from Vice-President Alexander: Dr. Alexander began his remarks by commenting on Spring 2018 enrollments which, by all indications, look positive and could be the institution's largest Spring enrollment.

He also discussed the new online Bachelor of Business Administration in Professional Management program that was recently launched.

Dr. Alexander discussed plans to transform Collier Library into an environment that will promote greater student engagement. Under the conceptual model of creating an "Interactive Student Commons" the following initiatives will be explored:

- 3-4 new classrooms and multi-purpose spaces emphasizing collaboration, innovative teaching, and instructional design.
- Relocate the University Success Center.
- Place the ITS/ETS help desk.
- Reconfigure the main floor to create a more inviting atmosphere for students.
- Develop a "marketplace" within the library to serve coffee/food.
- Extend the Collier Library hours.
- Develop a one-stop hub for student support and engagement related to research, writing, tutoring, and student life/engagement.
- Expand and possibly relocated the existing "Think Space".
- Use the Collier Library to maintain the momentum generated from the current QEP program to establish a "Center for Student Undergraduate Research".

Dr. Alexander's statements also addressed the search for a permanent university librarian position as well as development of, perhaps, two Ph.D. programs by 2020 at UNA (e.g., Exercise Science). Additionally, he commented on an increase in student participation in study abroad which he attributed in part to the increase in scholarship funds from \$800 to \$1600. Maintaining this growth is important as well as developing a "study away" program where UNA students engage in learning within the U.S. but away from this immediate area.

His comments also addressed a name-change to what is now the Office of Institutional Research (it was the Office of Institutional Research and Program Assessment). Academic program assessment is now part of the Academic Affairs and Provost Office.

Dr. Alexander concluded his remarks by addressing the UNA Board's appreciation of the efforts applied to the recently concluded assessment of UNA's academic programs. At this point, no further action on the part of cost centers appears warranted. He also discussed development of a "Provost Fellows" program for faculty (2 positions for the 18-19 academic year) aiming to develop their administrative skills. He discussed opportunities for a proposed center in Decatur, AL. that would allow UNA to participate in expanding the fine arts (e.g., music, theatre, art) in partnership with Athens State and Calhoun Community College.

Presentation by Evan Thornton

Mr. Evan Thornton discussed changes to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield health insurance program involving UNA employees. Below is a screen capture received from Mr. Thornton.

Current Monthly Rates			Four Tiered Rates			Difference			
	Total Premium	Employee Portion	UNA Portion		Total Premium	Employee Portion	UNA Portion	Monthly Savings	Savings %
Employee	480.16	0	\$ 480.16	Employee	\$ 480.16	\$ -	\$ 480.16	\$ -	
Family	\$ 1,007.48	\$ 527.32	0	+ Child/Children	\$ 792.26	\$ 312.10	\$ 480.16	\$ (215.22)	40.8%
				+ Spouse	\$ 960.32	\$ 480.16	\$ 480.16	\$ (47.16)	8.9%
				+ Spouse & Children	\$ 1,031.86	\$ 551.70	\$ 480.16	\$ 24.38	4.6%

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Reports:

Academic Affairs Committee: no report was given.

Faculty Affairs Committee: no report was given.

Faculty Attitude Survey Committee: Dr. Robertson stated that the committee's work is progressing.

Unfinished Business:

Given the changes to the January 11, 2018 meeting agenda, there was no unfinished business.

New Business:

There was no new business

Information Items:

The next Faculty Senate meeting is February 1, 2018 at 3:30pm in Room 330, The Commons

Adjourn:

Senator Statom made a motion to adjourn. Senator Roden seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:57pm.

Attachments:

As there was no unfinished or new business, there are no attachments to these minutes.

