

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

February 1, 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 February 1, 2018. The meeting convened at 3:31pm. with President Dan Hallock presiding.

Proxies: President Hallock recognized the following proxies: Chris Purser for Leah Graham (Department of Politics, Justice, and Law), Laura Williams for Michelle Nelson (Anderson College of Nursing), Brenda Webb for Richard Statom (Department of Physics and Earth Sciences), Shane Banks for Jason Watson (Department of Computer Science and Information Systems), Walt Aldridge for David Ruebhausen (Department of Entertainment Industry) and Sandra Loew for Karen Townsend (Department of Counselor Education).

Members in attendance: Rae Antencio, David Brommer, Lisa Clayton, Amanda Coffman, Katherine Crisler, Wes Davenport, Nikita Duke, Suzanne Duvall-Zurinsky, Sarah Franklin, Mark Greer, Dan Hallock, Felecia Harris, Scott Infanger, Keith Jones, Ian Loepky, Glen Marvin, John McGee, Rachel McKelvey, Janet McMullen, Prema Monteiro, Michelle Nelson, Katie Owens-Murphy, Jeffrey Ray, Alaina Reid, Lee Renfroe, Craig Robertson, Patricia Roden, Leigh Stanfield, Daniel Stevens, Jessica Stovall, Alexander Takeuchi, Pete Williams, Tammy Winner, Rachel Winston and Ryan Zayac. President Kitts and Vice President Alexander were also in attendance.

Members not in attendance (without proxy): Ansley Quiros (Department of History)

Approval of agenda: Faculty Senate President Hallock requested a motion to approve the agenda for the February 1st, 2018 meeting. Senator Roden moved approval of the agenda. Dr. Webb (proxy for Senator Statom) seconded the motion.

The agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of minutes: Senator Roden moved approval of the minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting. Senator Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Remarks from President Kitts: President Kitts began his remarks by announcing that the Alabama Department of Education recognized Kilby School as a top performing school in the state. Recent benchmarks (99/100 Overall Score and 100/100 on Academic Achievement and Academic Growth) were highlighted in the report.

The President discussed preliminary enrollment numbers for the Spring, 2018 semester and suggested that current enrollment numbers were positive relative to Spring, 2017 and student retention data from Fall, 2017 to Spring, 2018 also appeared positive. February 4th is the official census date for the Spring, 2018 data.

President Kitts discussed fundraising efforts associated with the current UNA campaign. UNA's expanded goal of achieving 35 million dollars in gifts from 2016-2019 is very much achievable as the campaign currently stands at 34.2 million dollars with two significant gifts likely forthcoming.

The President concluded his comments by discussing his January 31st visit to Montgomery as part of the ongoing Project 208 initiative. The Governor's proposed budget identifies a 3.48% increase for all schools but such does not reduce the historical inequity in funding that has negatively affected UNA. The President suggested that increased state funding would be applied to a COLA increase for faculty/staff.

Remarks from Vice-President Alexander: Dr. Alexander discussed his recent meeting with Mr. Stephen Putman regarding university IT needs. This discussion focused on ideas to better support faculty instruction in classrooms and student use of and access to computer services and support from the Collier Library and the SET building (i.e., computer kiosks). A program to allow students to checkout computers is being examined.

Dr. Alexander continues to seek input from faculty regarding space usage of classrooms and laboratories.

Dr. Alexander concluded his remarks by discussing the proposed Masters in Accounting program.

Reports:

Academic Affairs Committee: no report was given.

Faculty Affairs Committee: Dr. Doug Barrett reported that two surveys will be distributed soon to faculty addressing the University's Consensual Relationships Policy and policy related to visitors on campus..

Faculty Attitude Survey Committee: Dr. Christopher Purser discussed development of the 2017-2018 Faculty Attitude Survey and the committee's efforts to redesign the survey and to increase overall response rates.

Ad-hoc Committee on Student Evaluation of Faculty Teaching: Dr. Jill Simpson reported that the committee has reached out to peer institutions in an effort to develop a set of evaluation questions that will better measure teaching effectiveness.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

There was no new business

Information Items:

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

Adjourn:

Senator Loeppky made a motion to adjourn. Senator Winner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:49pm.

Attachments:

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