

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2011
3:30 P.M., GUC LOFT**

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on October 25, 2011 in the Loft of the Guillot University Center. The following members were present: Dr. Linda Armstrong (proxy for Dr. Janice Myhan), Dr. Thomas Calhoun, Dr. Amanda Coffman, Dr. Melvin Davis, Dr. Dan Hallock, Dr. Bill Huddleston, Dr. Donna Jacobs, Dr. Andrew Luna, Mr. David Shields, Ms. Joan Smith, Dr. John Thornell, and Dr. Brenda Webb. Dr. Laura Williams, Committee Chair, presided. A quorum was present.

Call to Order

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

The agenda and minutes from the September 27, 2011, meeting were approved by consensus.

Old Business

- A. Service Learning Work Group –The proposal from the ASA Committee that the group be placed under the purview of the Academic & Student Affairs Committee with an end date of five years, was approved by the President on October 21, 2011.
- B. Academic Honesty Policy – The proposal to accept the recommendations of the Faculty Senate, with additional language suggested by the committee, was submitted to the Shared Governance Executive Committee and copied to Faculty Senate. No response has been received at this time.
- C. Thanksgiving Break –Dr. Huddleston made a motion to discuss the response received from the SGA in a memo dated May 14, 2011, containing a counter proposal to their original Thanksgiving Break request (**ATTACHMENT 1**).

Jennifer Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried. After discussion of the feasibility of beginning classes one day earlier (Tuesday) and moving Study Day one day later (Friday), which would result in exams running from Monday through Thursday, it was determined that additional information was needed from the Registrar. Dr. Bill Huddleston moved that the proposal be tabled to allow time for the Registrar to give input. Dr. Coffman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business

- A. None.

Announcements

- Next meeting is November 29, 2011, 3:30 p.m., GUC Loft.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Laura Williams, Chair

ATTACHMENT 1

May 14, 2011

Jill Chambers
Chair Academic and Student Affairs Committee
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Mrs. Chambers,

On April 14, 2011 the Student Government Association Senate discussed the memo which was sent by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee regarding the extended Thanksgiving break. The Student Government Senate believes the days that would be lost as a result of the extended Thanksgiving break could be made up by beginning Fall classes on Tuesday instead of a Wednesday and by pushing study day to Friday to give an extra day of class. This would mean students get Friday-Sunday to study for exams, and exams for the semester would begin on Monday and finish on Thursday.

The Student Government Senators have talked with many students and found that students who live outside the state of Alabama and even further desire to spend Thanksgiving break with their families, but because of the short break period and long distances of commuting, they are unable to spend the break as they desire. The Student Government does not desire to extend fall break. Therefore, the Student Government feels that this policy is in the best interest of the UNA student body because giving students an entire week for Thanksgiving break is ample time for domestic and international students to travel wherever they please and return to school in a timely fashion.

Sincerely,

Uchenna Akalonu
SGA President

cc: Dr. John Thornell, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Dr. Sandra Loew, Shared Governance Committee Chair
Dr. Darlene Townsend, Faculty Senate President-Elect
Dr. Terry Richardson, Faculty Senate President
Mrs. Christy Horn, Staff Senate President
Mr. Ethan Humphries, President-Elect Staff Senate
Ms. Emily McCann, SGA Vice-President of Senate
Tammy Jacques, SGA Advisor