

FACULTY SENATE

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

January 17, 2006 – 3:30 PM – 150 SHELBY HALL

APPROVED MINUTES

ABSENT WITHOUT ALTERNATE: Kari Frederickson, Jim Hall, Jeff Richetto, John Mason, Allen Wilcoxon, Allen Parrish, Nick Stinnet

ABSENT WITH ALTERNATE: Art Allaway/Micki Kacmar; Norm Stein/Noel Amason; Marcia Barrett/Lisa Yuro

GUESTS: Cresandra Smothers, Dialog; Wes Hallman, Crimson White

Roll call and quorum check by Karen Steckol.

The December 13, 2005 minutes were approved with corrections.

April, 2006 will mark the 175th anniversary of The University of Alabama. Graham Smith with the University Advancement Office addressed the Faculty Senate meeting. On February 1, 2006 the University is beginning a five-year Capitol Campaign. The goal of this campaign, the first in ten years, is one hundred percent faculty and staff participation. The rationale is to state to donors outside campus that all faculty and staff are on board and committed. University students have raised \$17,000 in nine months. All of these funds have been returned to students in the form of scholarships to selected first members of a family to attend college. Every gift given will be placed exactly in the area the donor designates. Faculty and staff will receive pledge cards and booklets on February 1, 2006. Announcements about the campaign will be in Dialog and other media outlets. Everyone was encouraged to participate to be able to reach the 100% goal.

President's Report – (*Mathew Winston*) Senate elections will be held in March. Two names will be selected to recommend for membership on the Committee for University Committees. A new ombudsperson will be elected by the entire faculty in March. Letters will be sent to the Deans notifying them of the number of senators to be elected. The senators were encouraged to check whether they are in the first or second year of their term. If they are in the second year and wish to continue to serve, they were asked to nominate themselves. The College of Arts and Sciences will hold a caucus on January 24 in 250 Shelby Hall to discuss methods for better Faculty Senate participation. This is the largest unit of the University. The Faculty Senate has experienced the greatest difficulty in this college to fill Faculty Senate positions. The Chair of the Higher Education Partnership, Gordon Stone, will speak at the February meeting of the Faculty Senate. Mathew Winston and John Vincent will attend the Board of Trustees meeting in Birmingham on February 2 and 3. A report will be given to the Faculty Senate at the next meeting.

Vice President – (*John Vincent*) No report.

Secretary – (*Karen Steckol*) Karen encouraged everyone to fill out the application form for membership on University Committees.

Reports from Senate Committees:

Academic Affairs – *(John Vincent & Marcia Barrett)* This committee will meet Tuesday, February 28. The Faculty Handbook is being reviewed.

Faculty Life – *(Steve Shepard & (Nick Stinnet/Deidre Leaver-Dunn)* No report.

Financial Affairs – *(Jeanette Vandermeer & Jim Hall)* No report.

Research & Service - *(Clark Midkiff & Dee Goldston)* This committee continues to review the process used to appoint members to the research Advisory Committee. A meeting with Marianne Woods, Associate Vice President for Research, and Dr. Keith McDowell, Vice President for Research, is planned.

Faculty & Senate Governance – *(John Mason & Kim Andrus)* No report.

Student Affairs – *(Priscilla Davis & Karen Burgess)* No report.

Legislative Agenda – *(Margaret Garner)* Governor Bob Riley's budget will come out this week. Appreciation was expressed to the Student Affairs Committee for writing a letter to faculty members supporting Higher Education Day. Further discussion included PEEHIP and retiree benefits. Everyone was encouraged to support HEP and the University-wide PAC. A reminder was stated regarding the availability of the University Medical Center Clinic for faculty and staff.

Meeting adjourned 4:05 PM