

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2006 – 3:30 PM – 150 SHELBY HALL**

APPROVED MINUTES

ABSENT WITHOUT ALTERNATE: Brian Bishop, Kari Frederickson, Karen Steckol, Tatiana Tsakiropoulou-Summers, Mathew Winston, Bruce Barrett, Karen Burgess, Aaron Greer, Kagendo Mutua, Allen Wilcoxon, Laura Hebert, Linda Enders, Ken Wright

ABSENT WITH ALTERNATE: John Mason/Walt Robbins; Steve Shepard/Kevin Chou; Norm Stein/William Andreen; Lee Pike/Lisa Yuro; Jeanette Vandermeer/Melondie Carter

GUEST: Cresandra Smothers, Dialog

The minutes from the November 21, 2006 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

President's Report – (*John Vincent*) Faculty members were encouraged to respond to the **Chair Evaluation Survey**. The **United Way** collection and pledges amounted to \$280,000 surpassing the goal of \$215,000. A new **Faculty Opinion Survey** will be sent to faculty members in January. The last survey was conducted five years ago. Conducting the survey now is timely and will give a comparison to the data collected five years ago. The Steering Committee made some deletions and additions to the survey questions. The Research and Service Committee continues to look at the **Intellectual Properties** issue. The report issued by this committee has been approved by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee and was forwarded to the Provost.

Secretary's Report – (*Clark Midkiff*) No report.

Academic Affairs – (*Marcia Barrett & Martin Evans*) The Academic Affairs Committee continues to address revisions of **Appendix A**, and the **Deans and Chairs evaluation survey**. In securing data from thirty-one other institutions, The University of Alabama is the only institution requiring a faculty vote to review the Dean or Chair. Twenty of those institutions have a mandatory review with the most common time frame being every five years.

Faculty Life – (*Steve Shepard & Lowell Baker*) No report.

Financial Affairs – (*David Arnold & Jeanette Vandermeer*) The **budget** meeting with Lynda Gilbert and Reba Essary was conducted. More in-depth information was given. It was a very informative meeting and presentation.

Research & Service – (*Shane Street & Clark Midkiff*) This committee's report regarding **Intellectual Properties** was forwarded to the Provost.

Student Affairs – (*Carolyn Cassady & Karen Burgess*) A meeting with Vice President Margaret King was held. The issues discussed included **faculty involvement** in student organizations. Advertising and a web page posting were some methods proposed to address the need for faculty advisors. At the next Faculty Senate meeting a Student Affairs representative will speak about

programs to facilitate faculty interaction. There was a breakfast meeting with the Office of Student Affairs to discuss issues. There are plans for a **student/faculty week** which would include a combined Faculty Senate/SGA meeting with a reception following the meeting. A resolution from the SGA will be forthcoming at the January Faculty Senate meeting explaining the student/faculty week and the events scheduled for that week.

Legislative Agenda – (*Margaret Garner*) No report.

Faculty & Senate Governance – (*John Mason & Douglas Lightfoot*) In the absence of both co-chairs of this committee, President John Vincent conducted the election of two members for the **Mediation Committee**, and the election of one member for the **Merger and Discontinuance Committee**. Paper ballots were used. Those nominated for the Merger and Discontinuance of Academic Units Committee were: Steve Miller, Communications; Kimberley Bart, Law; Walter Robbins, C&BA; Ann Hornsby, Law Clinic; and J. Gordon Coleman, SLIS. Comments were made about the qualifications for those nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. Steve Miller, Communications, and Kimberley Bart, Law School, were elected for the Mediation Committee. The nominees for the Merger and Discontinuance of Academic Units Committee were Janis Edwards, Communications; Lori Turner, HES; Alfred Brophy, Law; and James Bryce, Law. Comments were made about the qualifications of each nominee. There were no nominations from the floor. Lori Turner, HES, was elected for the Merger and Discontinuance Committee.

There were no other committee reports.

Meeting adjourned 4:20 PM.