

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
APRIL 18, 2006 – 3:30 PM – 150 SHELBY HALL**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**ABSENT WITHOUT ALTERNATE:** Martin Evans, Kari Frederickson, Ed Stephenson, John Hill, Aaron Greer, Sharon Nichols, Lisa Scherff, Allen Wilcoxon, David Arnold, Viola Acoff

**ABSENT WITH ALTERNATE:** Norm Stein/Ken Rosen; Lee Pike/Lisa Yuro

**GUESTS:** Cresandra Smothers, Dialog; Wesley Hallman, Crimson White; Susan Lucas, Professional Staff Assembly

Roll call and quorum check by Clark Midkiff.

The March 28, 2006 Faculty Senate minutes were approved.

John Vincent, President of the Faculty Senate, welcomed the newly elected senators to their first meeting. An apology was expressed for the late notice of the meeting due to very slow election response of colleges and schools. The Senate is still short six senators due to this delayed response. The new officers of the Faculty Senate are John Vincent, President; Karen Steckol, Vice President; and Clark Midkiff, Secretary. John Vincent presented an engraved gavel and a special handmade book of poetry by Poet Laureate Billy Collins to the outgoing Faculty Senate President Mathew Winston in appreciation of his service during 2005-06. In return Mathew presented John with a gavel for his upcoming year as president.

The next item was Faculty Senate approval of the Senate committee assignments and the University standing committee assignments. Both were approved unanimously. Dee Goldston was unanimously elected to serve as Faculty Senate Parliamentarian. Keith Woodbury was unanimously voted to continue as the Faculty Senate Webmaster.

John Mason as co-chair of the Faculty and Senate Governance Committee conducted the CUC election. Nominees were Anne Edwards of Libraries nominated by Marcia Barrett and Jeanette Vandermeer of Nursing nominated by Karen Steckol. There were no nominations from the floor. Jeanette Vandermeer was elected.

The Senate committees gathered in separate meetings to elect co-chairs and discuss issues to be addressed in the coming year. The results are attached to these minutes.

**President's Report** – (*John Vincent*) John Vincent introduced Linda Knowles, Administrative Secretary to the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate office is located in #32 Bidgood. Email address is [lknowles@cba.ua.edu](mailto:lknowles@cba.ua.edu). Presidential duties after a few weeks in office have included attending the UA Board of Trustees meeting, meetings

with the Provost and conducting regular business of the Senate. If there are any problems or questions, feel free to contact President John Vincent.

**Vice President's Report** – (*Karen Steckol*) No report.

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

**Reports from Senate Committees –**

**Academic Affairs** – (*Marcia Barrett & John Vincent*) This committee has been in the process of reviewing the Faculty Handbook. Changes and deletions of factual information such as addresses and phone numbers were made.

**Faculty Life** – (*Steve Shepard & Nick Stinnet*) No report. The charge for this committee for the coming year will be to continue to investigate the two-percent PEEHIP issue. Those retiring with less than twenty-five years of service will have to pay two percent extra of the University's contribution toward PEEHIP for every year short of the twenty-five years. Those hired mid-career may not be aware of this situation.

**Financial Affairs** – (*Jeanette Vandermeer & Jim Hall*) There is a planned meeting with the Executive Committee of the Resources and Priorities Committee to discuss the assignments and responsibilities of each committee. There was further discussion of the budget.

**Research & Service** – (*Clark Midkiff & Dee Goldston*) – The Senate last year mentioned to the Provost that there was interest in establishing an advisory committee for the Office of Research. The Research Advisory Committee distributes grants. A new Research Advisory Committee to advise the Office of Research will be established and the existing Research Advisory Committee will be renamed the Research Grants Committee. The Associate Vice President for Research has been serving as the chair for the Animal Care and Use Committee and the IRB medical and non-medical committees. This chair position was to be filled by the Associate Vice President for Research for one year only. Since this time period is past, a new chairperson should be named by this fall. There will be faculty representation on the Technical Transfer Committee. There has been no faculty representation in the past on this committee. These actions will take place due to the hard work done by the members of the Senate Research and Service Committee and other Faculty Senate members.

**Faculty & Senate Governance** – (*John Mason & Kim Andrus*) - Under the guidance of the Faculty and Senate Governance Committee, several elections have been held. Scott Hestevold of the Philosophy Department was elected Ombudsperson. The charge for this committee for the coming year includes reviewing the Faculty Senate bylaws. The bylaws state that new senator orientation should take place the first Tuesday of April. The majority of new senators were not known at that time so it was impossible to hold an orientation meeting. Committee assignments were delayed also. Another issue in the bylaws to be reviewed is the number of senators required in the bylaws to serve on senate

committees. The number of senators from each college/school fluctuates. At the present time there are more senators required to serve on the senate committees than there are senators.

**Student Affairs** – (*Priscilla Davis & Karen Burgess*) This committee was charged to look into the issue of the political organization of the SGA in light of recent revelations about the “machine”.

**Legislative Agenda Committee** – (*Margaret Garner*) The Legislative Agenda Committee promotes advocacy for higher education issues. This committee promotes Higher Education Day held in Montgomery, Alabama in March. Student leaders are trained on every campus across the state. Legislative breakfasts are held with candidates and legislators speaking at the meetings. Collaboration of leadership of research institutions was successful this past year. This leadership is addressing the issue of the difference in the cost of education in a research institution. Maintaining dialog with legislators will also be a priority of this committee.

**Old Business** – A fund has been set up in the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Offices for rental fees charged by Ferguson Center for meeting space. Those funds will be available for activities such as student recruiting activities. The SGA passed a resolution requesting that the Faculty Senate be permitted to meet in Ferguson Center without the charge of rental fees. The Faculty Senate will continue to meet in Shelby Hall.

Meeting adjourned 4:45 PM

### FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEES 2006-07

#### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Brian Bishop

Jeff Weddle

Tom Zeiler

\*Martin Evans

Margaret Garner

Kari Frederickson

Laura Hebert

Lisa Scherf

John Hill

#### RESEARCH & SERVICE

Ed Stephensen

\*Shane Street

Viola Acoff

\*Clark Midkiff

Tatiana Tsakiropoulou-Summers

Ellen Csikai

#### FACULTY LIFE

\*Lowell Baker

Rona Donohoe

TBA

Kagendo Mutua

Norm Stein

\*Marcia Barrett

Aaron Greer

Steve Shepard

**FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

Mathew Winston

\*David Arnold

Sharon Nichols

**STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Jennifer Purvis

Barbara Chandler

TBA

Micki Kacmar

Lee Pike

\*Carolyn Cassady

TBA

\*Karen Burgess

Gary Hoover

Becky Edwards

Pieter Visscher

Allen Wilcoxon

\*Jeanette Vandermeer

Ken Wright

**FACULTY & SENATE GOVERNANCE**

TBA

\*John Mason

TBA

Bruce Barrett

\*Douglas Lightfoot

Brian Evans

TBA

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<b>UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SENATE REPRESENTATIVE</b>
Academics & Athletics	Ken Wright
Awards	Karen Steckol
Institutional Biosafety Research	Ed Stephenson
Campus Master Plan	David Arnold
Campus Security & Safety	Tom Zeiler
Coalition for Diversity & Inclusiveness	Ellen Csikai
Committee on University Committees	Steve Shephard
Conflict of Interest Policy	Allen Wilcoxon
Equal Opportunity	Kari Frederickson
Faculty and Staff Benefits	Jeanette Vandermeer
Faculty Participation in the Selection of Deans and Department Chairpersons and in the Evaluation of Academic Programs Committee	John Vincent
Graduate Council	Viola Acoff
Committee on Rhodes, Truman, Fulbright, and Marshall Scholarships	Tatiana Tsakiropoulou-Summers
Health and Safety	Kagendo Mutua
Human Relations Council	Barbara Chandler
Information Technology	Aaron Greer
Institutional Animal Care and Use	John Mason
Institutional Review for Human Subjects	Micki Kacmar (non-medical) Pieter Visscher (Medical)
Intercollegiate Athletics	Karen Steckol
Interim Program Coordination	Sharon Nichols
International Education	John Hill
Legislative Agenda	Margaret Garner
Libraries	Laura Hebert
Media Planning Board	Marcia Barrett
Parking and Traffic Regulations	Bruce Barrett
Research Advisory	Shane Street
Resources and Priorities	John Vincent
Staff Development	Lee Pike

Student and Campus Life	Douglas Lightfoot
Student Health	Becky Edwards
Teacher Education Council	Martin Evans
Undergraduate Programs & Services	Lisa Scherff
University Recreation	Clark Midkiff