

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**APRIL 19, 2011 – 3:30 PM – ROOM #1026 CAPSTONE COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**ABSENT WITHOUT ALTERNATE:** Osiris Molina, Mindy Nancarrow, Karen Steckol, Joe Calamusa, Steve Miller, Ed Back.

**ABSENT WITH ALTERNATE:** Margaret Garner/Nelle Williams, Jill Grogg/Shawn Averkamp.

**GUESTS:** Cresandra Smothers, Dialog.

Roll call and quorum check by Secretary Jeanette VanderMeer.

The minutes of the March 22, 2011 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

A new senator orientation was held at 2:45 P.M. with the Faculty Senate meeting beginning at 3:30 P.M.

DoVeanna Minor was elected unanimously as Faculty Senate **Parliamentarian**.

The 2011-12 **Faculty Senate Committee Appointment** list was approved unanimously by the Faculty Senate.

The 2011-12 Faculty Senate Committee Appointment list serving as liaisons to **The University of Alabama Standing Committees** was approved unanimously by the Faculty Senate.

Faculty Senate committees met separately to elect co-chairs. Those elected are:

Academic Affairs	Marcia Barrett & John Vincent
Financial Affairs	Robert McLeod & Katrina Ramonell
Research & Service	Ed Stephenson & Ion Stancu
Faculty Life	Lowell Baker & Wesley Church
Student Affairs	Melondie Carter & Seth Panitch
Information Technology	Carolyn Cassady & Brad Hodges
Faculty & Senate Governance	Rona Donahoe & Russell McCutcheon
Legislative Agenda	Margaret Garner

**President's Report** – (*Clark Midkiff*) The Faculty Senate will be meeting for 2011 and 2012 in Room 110 in the AIME building beginning August 23, 2011. Meeting dates for 2011-12 will be posted on the Faculty Senate web page.

**Vice President's Report** – (*Deidre Leaver-Dunn*) No report.

**Secretary's Report** – (*Jeanette VanderMeer*) No report.

**Reports from Faculty Senate Committees** –

**Academic Affairs** – (*John Vincent & Marcia Barrett*) The Academic Affairs Committee requested President Midkiff ask the Provost about the status of the Deans and Chairs review.

**Faculty Life** – (*Deidre Leaver-Dunn & Lowell Baker*) No report.

**Financial Affairs** – (*Katrina Ramonell & Steven Hobbs*) No report.

**Information Technology** – (*Jim Hall & Osiris Molina*) No report.

**Research & Service** – (*Ed Stephenson & Brian Gordon*) No report.

**Faculty & Senate Governance** – (*Rona Donahoe & Steve Emens*) Those nominated for the Ombudsperson position are Alan Blum, College of Community Health Sciences; Dee Goldston, College of Education, and Cassandra Simon, School of Social Work. These names will be forwarded and the election conducted by the Provost.

**Student Affairs** – (*Melondie Carter & Seth Panitch*) No report.

**Legislative Agenda** – (*Margaret Garner*) Approximately 3000 students and other university representatives attended **Higher Education Day** in Montgomery on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Of these approximately 70 were UA students who rode the buses; others drove and I don't have their counts. The theme was "Universities Create Opportunities" and, of course the point of the rally was to encourage lawmakers to pass an education budget that provides more money to higher education which is an economic asset to the state.

At the 9<sup>th</sup> annual **Alumni Leaders' Advocacy** banquet April 6<sup>th</sup> there were 180 alumni representatives from 13 campuses, of which there were 25 representing UA. The intent of the banquet is twofold: to spotlight on the need for the former traditional split of 2/3rds (K-12) and 1/3rd (Higher Education) from the Education Trust Fund; currently Alabama universities receive 27% of the ETF and to make Alabama alumni leaders aware of how they can help provide meaningful support to higher education. Presenters at the meeting included:

Dr. Richard Holland, President of U of West AL and incoming Chair of the University President's Council of the Higher Education Partnership

Mr. Don Killingsworth, Chair of the Council of University Governmental Affairs  
Representatives

Mr. Gordon Stone, Executive Director of the Higher Education Partnership

In addition, there was a panel with Representative Jay Love talking about his support for higher education and the importance of having a PAC; and Economist Keivon Deravi, whose economic model has been used by several past administrations, explaining how complex the budget is and how simple decisions make significant changes.

**Old Business** – The 2010-11 Faculty Life Committee submitted a proposal to the Provost requesting nine and twelve-month faculty be treated the same regarding maternity leave. After a review of other SEC peer institutions and local businesses practices the Provost's decision was faculty with nine and twelve month appointments should not be treated the same regarding

maternity leave. The maternity leave proposal was a modified version of the proposal composed by the Deans a couple of years ago. A sub-committee composed of three female Deans will review the Faculty Life's proposal to determine if they have any questions and will be getting back to the Faculty Life Committee.

There was further discussion of the relocation of the Faculty Senate meetings. The Capstone College of Nursing building is new. They have received so many requests for meeting space that a policy was put in place limiting those having access to the building. The Faculty Senate did not fall into that category. The Faculty Senate will be meeting in #110 AIME building beginning August 23 at 3:30 P.M. The Faculty Senate Steering Committee will continue to meet in #2002 Shelby Hall at 3:00 P.M. for 2011-12.

Faculty Senate Past President Karen Steckol was not present but was acknowledged as a very exceptional and active President of the Faculty Senate. She will be honored at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned 4:35 P.M.