

**FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2007 – 206F SHELBY HALL – 3:00 PM**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**ATTENDING:** John Vincent, Karen Steckol, Clark Midkiff, Lowell Baker, Marcia Barrett, Margaret Garner, Martin Evans, John Mason, Steve Shepard, Shane Street, Mathew Winston

Roll call and quorum check by Clark Midkiff.

The minutes of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee meeting held February 13, 2007 were approved.

**President's Report** – (*John Vincent*) Higher Education Day in Montgomery and the UA Board of Trustees are meeting in Huntsville on the same day in April causing scheduling conflicts for those wishing to attend. Improving campus evacuation in the event of severe weather was discussed in a meeting with the Provost. Student services and housing for increased student enrollment is a specific concern of the Faculty Senate. The SGA will make recommendations to the University administration concerning priority seating for football games. Discussion points included the structure and oversight of the SGA election process. A suggestion was made to request various departments make presentations of future plans to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee. It was also suggested to invite Margaret King to speak to the Steering Committee. Mathew Winston will represent The University of Alabama Faculty Senate at the Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics meeting in Palo Alto, California held May 18-20, 2007. The Tenure Clock Resolution was approved by the Provost. The committees were encouraged to meet to determine priorities and issues for the Faculty Senate. The timing, status and composition of the Evaluation of Deans and Chairs Review were discussed.

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

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

**Reports from Senate Committees –**

**Academic Affairs** – (*Marcia Barrett & Martin Evans*) A task force committee has been formed with Rob Ingram as chair to address the faculty dismissal process. The task force committee will draw up a document clarifying the procedure to follow. The core curriculum will be reviewed this fall. Two authors were on campus to make a presentation about the book the Provost recommended.

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

**Financial Affairs** – (*David Arnold & Jeanette Vandermeer*) No report.

**Research & Service** – (*Shane Street & Clark Midkiff*) The Academic Misconduct Policy and the Conflict of Interest documents are being reviewed by the Research Advisory Committee. The mechanism of reporting, process of appeal, federal guidelines and document language are among the items being reviewed. The committee has obtained model policies from other institutions to study and evaluate.

**Student Affairs** – (*Carolyn Cassady & Karen Burgess*) The Student/Faculty Week proposed by the SGA was held with one event. The SGA and Faculty Senate had a joint meeting at the Law School. The “Books for Baghdad” project will be brought up again to the SGA.

**Faculty & Senate Governance** – (*John Mason & Douglas Lightfoot*) John Vincent, President; Karen Steckol, Vice President; and Clark Midkiff, Secretary are the three nominees for Faculty Senate officers. Three faculty members are needed for membership on the CUC. Nominations may be made from the floor at the Faculty Senate meeting. Gordon Coleman and Ken Wright are the nominees for Ombudsperson. An email reminder to vote will be sent to the faculty. Officer elections will be the first item on the Faculty Senate agenda following roll call. Arts & Sciences will vote next fall on the proposal to stagger their Faculty Senate representation according to the size of the college. Senator elections for the Faculty Senate are underway.

**Legislative Agenda** – (*Margaret Garner*) The State Legislature is in the process of working on the budget. Higher Education Partnership Day will be held in Montgomery on the same day the Board of Trustees meets causing scheduling conflicts for those planning to attend.

Meeting adjourned 4:50 PM