

**FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING  
MAY 8, 2007 – 3:00 PM – 206F SHELBY HALL**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**ATTENDING:** John Vincent, Karen Steckol, Clark Midkiff, Lowell Baker, Marcia Barrett, Melondie Carter, Carolyn Cassady, Margaret Garner, Deidre Leaver-Dunn, Jenice “Dee” Goldston, Roy Maize, John Mason, Shane Street

**GUEST:** Cresandra Smothers, Dialog

Roll call and quorum check by Secretary Clark Midkiff.

The Faculty Senate Steering Committee minutes of April 10, 2007 were approved.

**President’s Report** – (*John Vincent*) The Professional Staff Assembly has forwarded a copy of their resolution requesting an evaluation of their current **annual review process**, review process training for supervisors and a direct annual review connection to pay increases and promotions. Discussion of annual reviews included specific situations in different colleges/schools. The SGA has passed a resolution requesting UA administration and faculty members give students a late-to-class grace period pertaining to any delays in the use of the new **transit system**. A formal notification from the Faculty Senate will be sent to the entire faculty before the fall semester begins. Twelve executive orders from R. B. Walker, President of the **SGA**, are available for review. President Walker made a SGA officer the representative to the Faculty Senate. A SGA representative was not present at the Faculty Senate meeting. The Division One **Athletic Certification** self-study is now finished and online. The email address to access the report is <http://provost.ua.edu/ncaa>. A table in the athletic section of the report addresses the special admittance policy for athletes. The policy allows application to a committee for special admittance for those with below standard ACT/SAT scores. A sanction policy is in place for those institutions falling below the graduation/academic progress standards set by the NCAA. Athletes wishing to change their major face serious consequences concerning maintaining academic progress toward a degree. The **archaeological** excavations around Toumey Hall have been postponed indefinitely. A draft of the proposed **strategic diversity plan** is before the Steering Committee for discussion over the summer. Points discussed were the goal of the plan, pool of applicants, funding, lack of qualified applicants in certain fields, and compliance. Meeting dates for the summer and fall were discussed.

**Vice President’s Report** – (*Karen Steckol*) It is rumored that a 400-bed for profit student dorm has been proposed for a downtown location. City zoning laws would have to be considered. Resident oversight, mandatory freshmen campus residence, advantages and disadvantages of such a dorm/apartment structure were points discussed.

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

**Academic Affairs** – (*Marcia Barrett & Rona Donahue*) No report.

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

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

**Research & Service** – (*Shane Street & Ed Stephenson*) A letter is being generated by the chair of the **Research Advisory Committee** indicating displeasure with the proposed draft of the Academic Misconduct Document and the Conflict of Interest documents. A replacement is needed for the IRB non-medical Senate representative.

**Faculty & Senate Governance** – (*John Mason & Roy Maize*) Roy Maize has accepted the co-chair position of this committee.

**Student Affairs** – (*Carolyn Cassady & Melondie Carter*) No report.

**Legislative Agenda** – (*Margaret Garner*) The state budget is still in the approval process in the Legislature.

The SGA has revisited their **resolution on smoking** that did not pass. A new resolution passed agreeing with the resolutions passed by the Faculty Senate and the Professional Staff Assembly.

A report by the Wellness Director and the seven student health teams will be on the Senate agenda this fall. A report on the restructuring of the Student Affairs Office will be given this fall. A request will be sent to Dr. Witt to speak to the first meeting of the Senate this fall.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 PM.