

FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 12, 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, Rona Donahoe, Deidre Leaver-Dunn, Jenice “Dee” Goldston, John Mason, Jeanette Vandermeer

GUEST: Cresandra Smothers, Dialog

Roll call and quorum check by Secretary Clark Midkiff.

The Faculty Senate Steering Committee minutes of May 8, 2007 were approved.

President’s Report – (*John Vincent*) The University of Alabama **Faculty Survey** results were given out to the Steering Committee members. John Dew, Director of **Continuous Quality Improvement** will be leaving the University to accept a position as Vice President of Troy University. The Provost presented the **budget** model at the last meeting with the Steering Committee. The UA Board of Trustees meets June 14 and 15, 2007 to consider a **tuition increase**. **Salary increases** for faculty and staff were discussed. During construction for bus stops for the new transportation system, based on historical records of their locations, the remains of the two oldest buildings on the UA campus were excavated by UA archaeologists. Due to requests by the Faculty Senate, efforts are underway to preserve those finds. Hobson Bryan will be the **Ombudsperson** replacement serving until the next election. Linda Enders is the Faculty Senate representative for the **IRB** non-medical committee. Lisa Scherff is the Faculty Senate representative for the IRB medical committee. The **diversity** plan was not discussed in the meeting with Provost Bonner. Dr. Robert Witt, President of The University of Alabama, will speak at the first fall meeting of the Faculty Senate. The **COIA** report has been forwarded to the Steering Committee.

According to regulations and stipulations in the Faculty Handbook, a Tribunal is being established in the event it is needed. A panel of randomly selected tenured faculty members is chosen. The Tribunal consists of five members following choices by each party; strikes, members choosing to recuse themselves, and the elimination of administrators. If agreement is not reached through the Mediation Committee or other means, a Tribunal hearing is available to aggrieved faculty. The hearing is administrative and the proceedings are informal. The findings and recommendations of the Tribunal are reported to the President of the University with the final decision being made by the President. All procedures are recorded in Appendix B of the Faculty Handbook.

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

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

The agenda for the Faculty Senate Steering Committee on July 17th will be emailed prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 3:25 PM

