

MEMORANDUM

Sept. 30, 1998

To: Dean Judy L. Bonner
Dean John P. Dolly

From: Academic Affairs Committee
UA Faculty Senate
Marion Paris, Co-Chair, for the Committee (is that stylistically correct?)

Thanks to good timing, the Academic Affairs Committee received your joint memo yesterday afternoon as we were about to conclude our meeting.

I am writing on behalf of the Committee to seek clarification of the following matters:

1. Has the sum of money that will be transferred to the College of Education from Health Studies' Distance Education line been quantified and allocated?
Will all of the start-up costs associated with Education's DE masters program be covered by the agreed-upon reimbursement? Is there a contingency plan for additional funding in the event of a shortfall? Would Education absorb further costs?
2. Has the reimbursement process been clarified for those staff at the operational level who will actually be responsible for carrying out the transfer?
3. Has consideration been given to a long-range plan to protect HS/AT faculty lines and staff positions in the event that those become vacant?
4. Will budgeting and subsequent reconciliation of budgeted monies be made retroactive to October 1?
5. Will the faculty review process, in addition to promotion and tenure, be congruent with CHES practices retroactive to October 1? Similarly, will grandfathering of students be necessary for any reason? If either of the above situations obtains, will policies be made clear?

6. Will centrality to the University's mission continue to be a sticking point for HS/AT after the administrative transfer? Is ACHE viability in question?

Committee members concur that the administrative transfer of HS/AT to the College of Human Environmental Sciences is a sensible decision reflecting a further evolving affinity that would appear to benefit faculty collaboration, students' interests, and long-term vitality of The University of Alabama.