

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
January 19, 2010 – 3:30 pm - #33 THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

APPROVED MINUTES

ABSENT WITHOUT ALTERNATE: Jim Hall, Rasma Lazda, Tsun-Zee Mai, Katrina Ramonell, Karen Steckol, Ray White, Mike Dugan, Chapman Greer, Laurie Bonnici, David Arnold, Marcia Barrett, Jill Grogg

ABSENT WITH ALTERNATE: Michael Martone/Rona Donahoe, Harold Stowell/Andrew Goodlif, Thad Ulzen/Pam Foster, Janis Edwards/Steve Miller, Jeanette VanderMeer/Ann Graves

GUESTS: Cresandra Smothers, Dialog; Adam Jones, Tuscaloosa News

The minutes of the December 8, 2009 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

Vice President's Report – (*Clark Midkiff*) Vice President Clark Midkiff gave the President's Report in the absence of President Karen Steckol.

The plans for **Foster Auditorium renovation** will be discussed in the meeting with the Provost on Thursday.

A Ph.D. student (Amber Stegelin-Fallucca) composing a **dissertation** entitled “Faculty Senate Knowledge and Perceptions of Intercollegiate Athletics – A Conference Level Perspective” would like to email a survey to all faculty senators on January 20, 2010. Everyone was encouraged to complete the survey.

Seth Appiah-Opoku, Diane Sekeres, and Donna Meester volunteered to serve on the Faculty Alumni Student Awards Committee which will meet on Friday, January 29 at 11:00 AM in Alumni Hall.

Secretary's Report – (*Jeanette VanderMeer*) Melondie Carter serving in the absence of Jeanette VanderMeer had no report.

Academic Affairs – (*John Vincent & Marcia Barrett*) The Academic Affairs Committee has submitted a draft resolution addressing learning goals and prologue to the **Core Curriculum Committee**. A response has not been received.

The University of California-Berkley Faculty Senate has composed a resolution protesting the \$160 million dollar athletic budget deficit covered by the academic side of the budget. They are petitioning other institutions to join by signing the resolution.

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

Financial Affairs – (*Katrina Ramonell & Steven Hobbs*) Dr. Lynda Gilbert gave a budget report presentation at the Steering Committee last week. A copy is available online.

Information Technology – (*Ray White & Jim Hall*) No report.

Research & Service – (*Ed Stephenson & Harold Stowell*) The Research and Service Committee presented to the Faculty Senate meeting on December 8, 2009 an overview of the proposed “**Policies and Procedures for Responding to Allegations of Misconduct in Research and/or Scholarship**” document. The suggestions made have been integrated into the proposed policy and more than satisfies fulfilling those suggestions. Discussion included the proper procedure for the document to move forward, should there be a faculty-wide vote, proper channels to direct complaints and adherence to Federal requirements and guidelines. The Faculty Senate unanimously approved accepting the newly revised policy.

Faculty & Senate Governance – (*Marci Daugherty & Michael Martone*) No report.

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

Legislative Agenda – (*Margaret Garner*) Applications to join the **Higher Education Partnership** were distributed. There are different levels of membership beginning at \$12.00 per year up to Life Time Membership for a one time payment of \$1,000. The Partnership is an advocacy group for higher education. Better visibility of higher education will assist in retaining students and promoting industry in our state. Different levels of membership benefits include professional liability insurance, eye care and other discounts. Higher Education Day will be March 4 in Montgomery, Alabama.

Reports from Other Committees--

The **Capstone Creed** will be changed to address individual accountability.

The **Premier Awards Committee** has met and the award recipients were announced.

The **Intercollegiate Athletics Committee** will be reviewing the process for faculty/staff to order football tickets.

New Business – John Vincent suggested writing a congratulatory letter to the administration for the Bryce property purchase.

There was discussion of the photocopy fees charged by the Supply Store. This issue was assigned to the Student Affairs Committee. It was suggested to invite a Supply Store representative to speak to the Faculty Senate concerning this issue.

A follow-up will be done concerning the problem with double-booking through Astra.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 PM.