

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 2010 – 3:30 PM – ROOM 1026 CAPSTONE COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**ABSENT WITHOUT ALTERNATE:** Priscilla Davis (sabbatical), James Hamilton, Rasma Lazda, Stevan Marcus, Maha Marouan, Donna Meester, Osiris Molina, Seth Panitch, Patricia Parmelee, Leslie Rissler, John Vincent, John Hill, Harold Elder, Lew Silver, Janis Edwards, Brent Hardin, Wayne Urban, Brian Gordon, Deidre Leaver-Dunn, Stuart Usdan, Charlotte Herrin.

**ABSENT WITH ALTERNATE:** Andreas Piepke/Ron Buta; Susan Burkett/Mike Freeman.

**GUESTS:** Linda Hill, Dialog.

Roll call and quorum check by Secretary Jeanette VanderMeer.

The minutes of the November 16<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

**President's Report** – (*Karen Steckol*) Gordon Stone was unable to attend the Faculty Senate meeting due to legislative activity in Montgomery.

The five-year report Dean's evaluation letters have been sent out. The faculty has concerns about the lack of specificity in the letters. The Provost will address this issue.

**Vice President's Report** – (*Clark Midkiff*) An email will be sent to the Faculty Senate with 2011 meeting dates.

**Secretary's Report** – (*Jeanette VanderMeer*) No report.

**Academic Affairs** – (*Marcia Barrett & John Vincent*) No report.

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

**Financial Affairs** – (*Katrina Ramonell & Steven Hobbs*) No report.

**Information Technology** – (*Jim Hall & Osiris Molina*) No report.

**Research & Service** – (*Ed Stephenson & Brian Gordon*) No report.

**Faculty & Senate Governance** – (*Rona Donahoe & Steve Emens*) No report.

**Student Affairs** – (*Melondie Carter & Seth Panitch*) The Student Affairs Committee has forwarded a report to Kathleen Cramer, Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, requesting the form used by faculty to request funds to entertain students be revised. Feedback received by the committee from faculty indicated that requiring students to complete an evaluation form after entertainment was counterproductive. The report to UA Student Affairs requested elimination of the evaluation component from this form.

A coat drive for some individual students is still being considered.

**Legislative Agenda** – (*Margaret Garner*) Senate Bill #2(SB2) eliminating AEA payroll deduction to politically active groups is controversial. The language in this bill would not affect support of the Higher Education Education Partnership which exists for educational purposes only. Those interested in learning more about the three ethics bills currently under consideration in the legislature may go to the Alabama Government web page: <http://governor.alabama.gov/issues/ethics.aspx>.

**Reports from other committees –**

Rona Donahoe reports that three issues will be brought up before the Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee at their next meeting. The first issue is the lack of availability of a prescription/generic maintenance drug list on the UA Human Resources website; second is the requirement to apply for family leave after three days absence for illness; and third is the disproportionate health care premium increase this coming year for family coverage when both husband and wife are UA employees.

President Robert Witt will speak to the Faculty Senate at the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. President Karen Steckol will give the same speech given to the UA Board of Trustees.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 P.M.