

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
MARCH 23, 2010 – 3:30 PM - #33 CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

ABSENT WITHOUT ALTERNATE: John Vincent, Sheila Black, Mike Dugan, Jim Hall, Lonnie Strickland, Karen Burgess, Brent Hardin, Miguel Mantero, Marci Daugherty, David Arnold, Kevin Chou, Cassandra Simon

ABSENT WITH ALTERNATE: Rasma Lasda/Priscilla Davis, Harold Stowell/Jeff Tick, Margaret Garner/Pam Foster, Clark Midkiff/Keith Woodbury, Jeanette VanderMeer/Ann Graves, Thad Ulzen/Nelle Williams

GUESTS: Cresandra Smothers, Dialog

The minutes of the February 16, 2010 Faculty Senate meeting were approved with one correction.

Officer elections were held with Faculty and Senate Governance Committee Chair Michael Martone conducting the process. Karen Steckol, Faculty Senate President; Clark Midkiff, Vice President; and Jeanette VanderMeer, Faculty Senate Secretary were elected for 2010-11 by acclamation.

Teresa Shreve, Director of the University Supply Store and Bernadette Chavira-Trull, Associate Book Department Director, addressed the Faculty Senate meeting. Director Shreve began by stating eighty percent of summer **course information** has been submitted enabling the book store to timely buy and stock books. The goal is to help stretch the educational dollar. Part of that effort is seeking and purchasing used textbooks. Course information supplied by the book store will be posted on the registrar's class schedule website giving students accurate information for class pre-registration and registration. This information will include retail price, ISBN number, author and title as required by the Higher Education Opportunity Act. Fall course material information is due April 15th. The book store has strong used and buyback book programs along with many other book formats. The UA book store piloted a textbook rental program in 2009. The textbook rental program requires a two-year adoption agreement. New books will be used to insure quality, courses should be offered in fall and spring semesters, and core class textbooks are preferred.

As of July 1, 2010 **textbook publishers** will be required by the Higher Education Opportunity Act to disclose to faculty and staff certain course material information including the wholesale price, book store price, price for students and format options. By Federal mandate the publisher will also be required to disclose copyright dates of the three previous editions and what changes have been made in each edition. The publisher will be required to offer unbundled course materials with pricing information, unless they are bound by third-party contract, customs or if the materials are designed solely as integrated materials. Publishers are not required to keep particular editions in print. Discussion included ordering textbooks, current editions, communicating book order information and status with faculty members, used book markets, book rental policies,

textbook cost (example, \$100 new, \$75 used, \$45 rental fee) and book exchange programs.

The College of Communication announced Joe Scarborough will be at a meet & greet on April 9 from 8:30-9:30 AM. He will sign his book at that time.

President's Report – (*Karen Steckol*) President Steckol announced the allotment and location of 500 more faculty staff **football tickets** for the 2010 season by the Athletic Department.

Senators with terms ending April 2010 were recognized and appreciation was expressed for their service and dedication to the Faculty Senate.

Senator Jim Hall received the premier Bloom Award and Provost Judy Bonner received the Sullivan Award.

Vice President's Report – (*Clark Midkiff*) No report.

Secretary's Report - (*Jeanette VanderMeer*) Melondie Carter served in the absence of Jeanette VanderMeer. No report.

Academic Affairs – (*Marcia Barrett & John Vincent*) John Vincent and Marcia Barrett met with the **Core Curriculum Oversight Committee** to review the proposed prologue and learning goals for the core. The feedback from the committee agreed philosophically but not in the scope of the document. The document will be reworked to make it more a philosophical statement of undergraduate education.

Faculty Life – (*Lowell Baker & Deidre Leaver-Dunn*) The Faculty Life Committee will meet March 30th at 3:30 P.M.

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

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

Research & Service – (*Ed Stephenson & Harold Stowell*) The Research and Service Committee reviewed procedures to evaluate **internal proposals** and approval to go forward to obtain funding. Some concerns included lack of communication in grant selections and criteria, deadlines and feedback for those involved. Suggestions were made to Joe Benson, Vice President for Research, including the establishment of a web site to advertise proposal due dates and specific criteria concerning remitting a proposal. The suggestion was to include in the proposal two names of qualified people with expertise to judge and evaluate the merits of the proposal. Ed Stephenson will follow up to determine the suggestions that are now operational.

Faculty & Senate Governance – (*Michael Martone & Marci Daugherty*) Officer election was held with results as stated above.

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

Legislative Agenda – *(Margaret Garner)* A printed **Higher Education Day** report was made available to the senators. Higher Education Day was successful with approximately 3,000 students/faculty/staff in attendance. The University of Alabama had three buses of students attending.

The educational **PACT** fund is in disarray with institutions sharing the cost being proposed. Everyone was encouraged to contact their representatives and express their opinion.

Discussion included raises, UA system status and the financial situation of other Alabama higher education institutions.

The **CUC** will meet Wednesday, March 24 to make committee appointments.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.