

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**APRIL 20, 2010 - #33 THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER – 3:30 PM**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**ABSENT WITHOUT ALTERNATE:** Rasma Lazda, Stevan Marcus, Maha Marouan, Patricia Parmelee, Todd DeZoort, Chapman Greer, Lew Silver, Brent Hardin, Wesley Church

**ABSENT WITH ALTERNATE:** Steve Katsinas/Angela Benson; Bruce Kim/Ajay Agrawal; Stuart Usdan/Carolyn Foster

**GUESTS:** Cresandra Smothers, Dialog; Jill Beville, Professional Staff Assembly; Adam Jones, Tuscaloosa News

The minutes of the March 23, 2010 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

President Karen Steckol extended a welcome to those serving as new Faculty Senators while thanking and welcoming those senators coming back for a second term.

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Faculty Senate Standing Committees elected co-chairs as follows:

Academic Affairs	Marcia Barrett John Vincent
Faculty & Senate Governance	Steve Emens Rona Donahoe
Financial Affairs	Steven Hobbs Katrina Ramonell
Faculty Life	Lowell Baker Deidre Leaver-Dunn
Information Technology	Jim Hall Osiris Molina
Legislative Agenda	Margaret Garner
Research & Service	Brian Gordon Ed Stephenson
Student Affairs	Melondie Carter Seth Panitch

A full committee list is attached.

The Faculty Senate voted unanimously to accept the committee and co-chairs list. The Parliamentarian will be elected in the August 24 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

**President's Report** – (*Karen Steckol*) The reserved/gated **parking issue** at Foster Auditorium was addressed in a Faculty Senate Steering Committee meeting with Gina Johnson, Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services. Gated parking was a funding contingency for the Foster Auditorium renovation and other reasonable parking spaces have been made available. This policy is also in place for the Science Research Building area. It was felt by the Steering Committee that these are reasonable accommodations.

There is a technical problem with the **Evaluation of Deans** survey since forwarding the evaluation to someone allows that person to change the answers. The **Chair evaluation** should come out next week.

The Faculty Senate representatives on University Committees should report any committee activities during the Faculty Senate meeting. It should also be reported if the committee is not meeting.

President Steckol announced the allotment and location of 500 more faculty/staff **football tickets** for the 2010 football season.

**Vice President's Report** – (*Clark Midkiff*) Vice President Midkiff attended the Board of Trustees meeting in Huntsville in the absence of President Steckol. The meeting began with speakers addressing the UAH campus shooting and loss of faculty members and others.

The Science and Engineering Phase Complex III building has been approved by the Board of Trustees and preparing the site is underway. South toward the river will be the site of the Science and Engineering Complex Phase IV that was approved for programming by the BOT.

Salary increases for faculty and staff continues to be a priority for President Witt.

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

**Academic Affairs** – (*John Vincent & Marcia Barrett*) The Academic Affairs Committee brought forward a draft of a proposed “Resolution on the Philosophy for the Baccalaureate Degree of a UA Graduate” read by John Vincent. Concern was expressed about any possible impact on evaluations, assessments and learning goals. Wording changes suggested were “the aims of the baccalaureate degree are” and “this degree is designed”. These were accepted as friendly amendments (attached). A motion was made to table this resolution. Discussion included the point that this proposed resolution would open dialog, discussion and input to determine the composition and publication of such a statement. The motion to table was defeated. President Steckol will present the draft resolution to Provost Bonner with the Faculty Senate recommendation to seek input, discussion and feedback.

**Faculty Life** – (*Lowell Baker & Deidre Leaver-Dunn*) The Faculty Life Committee is working on the maternity leave policy document and will meet in two weeks.

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

**Information Technology** – *(Ray White & Jim Hall)* Technical assistance will now be available after hours.

**Research & Service** – *(Ed Stephenson & Harold Stowell)* The Research and Service Committee has been reviewing the procedures used to evaluate and forward internal grant proposals. After submitting the proposal to the head of their department the proposal goes to a committee set up by the Vice President of Research. This committee would decide which proposals would go forward to the appropriate agency. The Faculty Senate Research and Service Committee made recommendations to the Vice President of Research, Joe Benson, including communicating specific grant criteria, deadlines and feedback concerning remitting a proposal. A web site has been established making information available. The other issue was the lack of feedback to the submitter. A recommendation was made to notify the submitter in a customized manner whether the proposal was approved or denied. Ed Stephenson will forward to Joe Benson the suggestion to add foundations to the information on the web site.

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

**Student Affairs** – *(Melondie Carter & Carolyn Cassady)* A rumor concerning the relocation of student football seats was checked on by this committee and found to be incorrect.

**Legislative Agenda** – *(Margaret Garner)* Margaret Garner encouraged everyone to read an editorial in the Tuscaloosa News concerning higher education. The PACT issue affects ten percent of the student population leaving the other ninety percent to bear the burden of any financial changes possibly put in place. The State budget going forward at this time has level funding according to what we have received this year. Alabama law requires a balanced budget for the State. Auburn University has announced a fourteen percent increase in tuition.

Everyone was encouraged to join the Higher Education Partnership to give a voice of advocacy for higher education. Staying informed about the issues and voting are critical to bringing about positive results for higher education.

The University Committee on Committees has completed committee assignments. Notification to appointees will be sent out in August.

Meeting adjourned 4:45 P.M.

## **FACULTY SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES 2010-2011**

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

\*Marcia Barrett  
Leslie Rissler  
Margaret Garner  
Bruce Kim  
William Petty  
Patricia Parmelee  
Steve Thoma

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Susan Burkett  
\*Jim Hall  
Shuhui Li  
\*Osiris Molina  
Stuart Usdan  
Steven Marcus  
Brad Hodges

\*John Vincent  
Liza Wilson  
Tom Zeiler  
Chapman Greer

**FACULTY & SENATE GOVERNANCE**

Donna Meester  
\*Steve Emens  
Brent Hardin  
Luke Niiler  
James Wang  
Lew Silver  
\*Rona Donahoe

**LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

Margaret Garner

**FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

Ed Back  
Dwight Hooper  
John Blitz  
Priscilla Davis  
Mindy Nancarrow  
Steve Katsinas  
Todd DeZoort  
\*Steven Hobbs  
Wilson Lowrey  
Harold Elder  
\*Katrina Ramonell

**RESEARCH & SERVICE**

Rasma Lazda  
Andreas Piepke  
Maha Marouan  
\*Brian Gordon  
Clark Midkiff  
\*Ed Stephenson  
Jason Battle

**FACULTY LIFE**

\*Lowell Baker  
Steve Burch  
Wesley Church  
Janis Edwards  
John Hill  
\*Deidre Leaver-Dunn  
Jill Grogg  
Steve Miller  
Wayne Urban

**STUDENT AFFAIRS**

\*Melondie Carter  
Carolyn Cassady  
\*Seth Panitch  
Stacy Morgan  
Vijaya Sundar  
Cassandra Simon  
James Hamilton

**Draft**

**Resolution on the Philosophy for the Baccalaureate Degree of a UA Graduate**

*The Resolution*

Whereas the faculty desire to have a philosophical underpinning of the University's baccalaureate degree,

The Faculty Senate thus proposes the following be adopted subject to approval by a vote of the faculty and published on the Academic Affairs website and in the Undergraduate Catalog:

*Philosophy of an Undergraduate Education at The University of Alabama*

The University of Alabama offers a comprehensive range of baccalaureate programs in the arts and humanities and in social, scientific, pre-professional, and professional fields for students of all ages. The aims of the baccalaureate degree are to develop skills required for each graduate to acquire, analyze, synthesize, evaluate, create, and apply interdisciplinary knowledge. Such skills include effective communication, recognizing and appreciating diversity, and ethical approaches to problem solving. This degree is designed to cultivate life-long learning, critical thinking, and intellectual growth and also to provide a foundation for a healthful life and for active citizenship in a complex, diverse, and global society. The core curriculum is an essential component in achieving these aims, as it establishes a common foundation toward these goals.