

**FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2010 – 3:30 PM – 2002 SHELBY HALL**

APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Karen Steckol, Clark Midkiff, Jeanette VanderMeer, Marcia Barrett, John Vincent, Rona Donahoe, Steve Emens, Lowell Baker, Deidre Leaver-Dunn, Steven Hobbs, Margaret Garner, Ed Stephenson, Melondie Carter, DoVeanna Minor (Parliamentarian)

ABSENT: Katrina Ramonell, Jim Hall, Osiris Molina, Brian Gordon, Seth Panitch

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

Roll call and quorum check by Secretary Jeanette VanderMeer.

The Faculty Senate Steering Committee meeting minutes of April 13, 2010 were approved.

President's Report – A list of new section numbers was distributed to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee as an information item.

The new Parliamentarian, DoVeanna Minor, was introduced to the Steering Committee.

Dr. Lucinda Lee Roff has been named interim dean for the School of Social Work. Improvement in communication from administration concerning the Leadership Review process was discussed.

The University of Alabama's enrollment continues to increase.

The student philosophy statement has been sent to the deans for approval.

UA has 1,700 girls out for rush this year.

Vice President's Report – (*Clark Midkiff*) A complaint was lodged concerning the sale of water at graduation ceremonies in Coleman Coliseum.

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

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

Faculty Life – (*Deidre Leaver-Dunn & Lowell Baker*) This committee continues to research the health insurance and maternity leave issues.

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*) Anastasia Tatiana Summers and Ken Wright are the 2010-2011 Ombudspersons with one ombudsperson to be elected. An email will be sent to the entire faculty requesting nominations for this vacancy.

Student Affairs – (*Melondie Carter & Seth Panitch*) No report.

Legislative Agenda – (*Margaret Garner*) Margaret Garner reported a very successful Stars Retreat and Alumni Advocacy meeting in Sandestin August 8 through 11 with approximately 120 faculty/staff/administrators/students from the thirteen state institutions attending. The purpose of this annual meeting is to help students understand citizenry from an advocacy and informative standpoint with a special emphasis on higher education. Higher Education Day will be held Thursday, April 7, 2011 in Montgomery, Alabama. The alumni meeting will be held the night before. Questions will be drafted to be presented to key legislators.

The issue of UA membership in the Higher Education Partnership was discussed. Other institutions have a higher membership percentage than UA. Methods discussed to increase membership included a picnic in the park, senators presenting membership information to their colleagues/faculty meetings, presenting information in person to individual colleges/schools, distributing flyers, email link to HEP membership application form, and liability insurance benefits at different membership levels. An announcement will be made at the August 24 Faculty Senate meeting. The Professional Staff Assembly and the Non-professional Staff group will be addressed concerning HEP membership.

The Student Government Associations of The University of Alabama and Auburn University will sponsor/support a gubernatorial candidate debate.

Old Business – Letters from the University concerning committee appointments should have been received.

New Business – The full Faculty Senate meeting this fall will be held in Room 1026 in the Capstone College of Nursing building. It is a new building and everyone was encouraged to abide by the rules and help keep it clean. There will be no food inside the meeting space. Food will be available in the hallway outside the room. There will be parking available and the Capstone Ride blue line has a stop right at the building.

Other discussion included student reviews of instructors, electronic evaluation reviews, database security and parking and reserved parking spaces for State vehicles.

Meeting adjourned 4:50 P.M.