

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**APRIL 15, 2014 – 3:30 PM - #110 AIME**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**ABSENT WITHOUT ALTERNATE:** Nikhil Bilwakesh, Steve Bunker, Richard Fording, Merinda Simmons, Theodore Trost, Anup Agrawal, Tom Downs, Lenka Nolan, Dan Albertson, Meredith Bagley, Glenn Tootle, John Van Zee, Brad Tuggle, Meredith Render, Charlotte Herrin.

**ABSENT WITH ALTERNATE:** Silas Blackstock/Carolyn Cassady, Walt Robbins/Jullet Davis, Eyun-Jung Ki/Danny Wallace, Pamela Melton/Amy Traylor.

**GUESTS:** John McGowan, Scott Montgomery, OIT; Cresandra Smothers, Dialog; Ed Enoch, Tuscaloosa News; Katherine Bir, PSA representative.

Roll call and quorum check by Faculty Senate Secretary Rona Donahoe.

The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting on March 18, 2014 were approved.

A new senator orientation was held at 2:45 with President Steve Miller, Vice President Donna Meester and Secretary Rona Donahoe conducting the meeting. An overview of the Faculty Senate and new senator responsibilities were presented.

**President's Report** – *(Steve Miller)* President Miller began the meeting with a warm welcome to the new senators.

President Miller met with UA President Judy Bonner on Monday and spoke to the Faculty/Staff meeting. The new SGA president spoke at the meeting and had some positive comments. The SGA approved a resolution supporting the full integration of UA's fraternities and sororities. This is of the highest priority of the Faculty Senate working through the Faculty Senate Task Force for Excellence in Equity, Inclusion and Citizenship. Recommendations from this committee will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

**Academic Affairs** – *(John Vincent & Patricia Parmelee)* Provost Joe Benson has requested eight to ten names of those teaching classes of one hundred or more to be assigned to a classroom design committee. Five from Arts & Sciences have been nominated leaving a need for nominees outside this college as soon as possible.

Dr. Bob Riter was re-elected unanimously to continue as Faculty Senate Parliamentarian.

**Vice President's Report** – *(Donna Meester)* Vice President Donna Meester welcomed those senators continuing for another term and the senators just elected to serve in the Faculty Senate.

**Secretary's Report** – (*Rona Donahoe*) The 2014-15 Faculty Senate roster, Faculty Senate Standing Committee list and the UA Standing Committee liaison list was distributed. Secretary Donahoe requested the senators review the list and let her know of any corrections. A few committee vacancies need to be filled.

Due to Dr. Margaret Garner assuming administrative duties, the Legislative Agenda Committee chaired by Dr. Garner will have a vacancy. In the meantime Dr. Garner will continue to keep the Faculty Senate informed of legislative issues.

The Faculty Senate voted to approve the Standing Committee list with the addition of Marilyn Handley to the Faculty & Senate Governance Committee.

The Faculty & Senate Governance Committee conducted the Ombudsperson election. Dr. Ellen Csikai was nominated with the stipulation that Dee Goldston could serve in that position until August when Dr. Csikai could assume those duties. Dr. Csikai was elected unanimously with that stipulation.

Secretary Donahoe reviewed the schedule and responsibilities of the CUC. Donna Meester was elected to the CUC.

**Legislative Agenda** – (*Margaret Garner*) The Legislative session is over with the proposed “changing of the age of majority” bill for freshmen to participate in research dying before being passed by the Legislature. It will need to be resubmitted next year. Dr. Garner will monitor this issue and make certain the information is made known to the Faculty Senate.

**Academic Affairs** – (*John Vincent & Pat Parmelee*) The Academic Affairs Committee continues to address the finalization of the Faculty Handbook, definition of clinical faculty, classroom design committee and the desegregation of fraternities and sororities.

**Student Affairs** – (*Joanne Hale & Melondie Carter*) The Student Affairs Committee continues to focus on ways to improve the student experience considering any issues from faculty or students. The gift card project to help with expenses of needy students was a priority this past year. This received strong support and was successful. A student group has developed software to match eligible students with available scholarship aid. The creation of a governing body for graduate students separate from the SGA is an issue for the new senate year.

**Financial Affairs** – (*Reuben Cook & Rainer Schad*) The State budget provided level funding this last year. Overall the University budget is based on the enrollment last year. If enrollment increases, there is \$12 to \$18 million dollars more than what was budgeted. The concern is if enrollment levels or decreases how the budget will be adjusted.

**Information Technology** – (*Clark Midkiff & Mangala Krishnamurthy*) The committee met with John McGowan and Cathy Rainey and determined the University does have a site license to Ref Works (bibliographic software) but not to Endnotes. These products

are expensive and the faculty interest should be determined to see what software is desirable for the largest number when the RefWorks site license term expires.

**Research & Service** – (*Ed Stephenson & Steve Burch*) The Research and Service Committee met with Vice President for Research, Dr. Carl Pinkert. The committee received a series of rubrics and has contacted all the groups that went through the procedure to determine if there were any glitches and if the rubrics were workable. When that information is received and completed it will be brought back to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee.

John McGowan, Vice Provost of Information Technology, presented an Office of Information Technology update. Handouts were distributed. The topics discussed began with the retirement of BamaMail which is inefficient and minimally used. Email security is a primary concern. There is an ongoing effort to simplify and standardize domains making management and security easier. There is potential for MS Office 365 if domain landscapes are simplified. This component will be free to students and faculty but will cost hundreds of thousand dollars for licensing. The policy of the University prohibits forwarding email to non-UA addresses. Separation of work and personal correspondence is a professional benefit. The network topics include 1,464 components such as switches/routers, security appliances, etc. with a total value of \$25 million. The access layer of the core network is aging. There is approved funding for modernization later in 2014. There are 3,840 wireless access points deployed with a total value of \$4.2 million dollars. As technology rapidly progresses replacements are necessary due to advanced technology and age. Efforts are being made to increase high-density coverage. There are limitations such as cost and impossible implementation. The current security service has firewalls, intrusion detection/intrusion prevention devices, encryption, filtering for spam and malicious codes among other services in place. Future Security Services will include security event information management, network access control, security operations center in trial with Secure Works in Atlanta, network malicious anomaly detection, web proxy content scanning and mobile device management. The emphasis of information technology is the improvement and update of the infrastructure of the University.

The committees convened in separate areas to elect co-chairs as follows:

Academic Affairs	Patricia Paramelee & John Vincent
Faculty Life	Pamela Payne-Foster & Ed Stephenson
Faculty & Senate Governance	Charlotte Herrin & Marilyn Handley
Financial Affairs	Reuben Cook & Rainer Schad
Information Technology	Mangala Krishnamurthy & Clark Midkiff
Research & Service	Steve Burch & Andreas Piepke
Student Affairs	Joanne Hale & Joann Oliver

Meeting adjourned 5:00 P.M.

