FACULTY SENATE MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

To: Donna Meester, Rona Donahoe, Linda Knowles

From: Chapman Greer

Date: 10.17.17

Re: Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes for 10.17.17

**Attending with alternate:** John McDonald/Anne Halli-Tierney; Carol Mills/Steven Yates; Mike Kreger/Keith Williams; Michele Montgomery/Leslie Cole.

**Absent without alternate:** Steve Bunker, Bill Martin, Charlye Adams, Daniel Bachrach, Tom Lopez, Nelle Williams, Janie Hubbard, Shuhui Li, Kym Reddoch Charlotte Herrin.

**Guests:** Cresandra Smothers, Strategic Communications.

**Chancellor Hayes**:

**2019 = 50th Anniversary of UA System** (UAB / UAH added in 1969)

* 68,500 students System-wide
* 35,000+ Faculty and Staff System-wide
* 15,000 degrees awarded last year = 43% of degrees awarded for the State
* $10,255,000,000 = economic impact of the UA System

**Opportunities**

* School of Social Work announced $8,000,000 collaboration with Mental Health dealing with Behavioral Health / Mental Health / Substance Abuse issues in West Alabama
* SAFE Program center opening / collaborating with other agencies across the State

Chancellor’s Office will fund an initiative to create opportunities for collaboration and relationship-building across the System

**President’s Report**: Donna Meester:

* Kathleen Cramer is leading the SAFE Program Initiative
* The Registrar’s Office donated Regalia (12 gowns and tams) for graduation
* December Faculty Senate Meeting will be held in The Forum in Ferguson Center

**Vice President’s Report**: Rona Donahoe:

No Senate Report

All faculty should have received an open enrollment form. Note: premiums and co-pays are increased incrementally, as are deductibles.

**Faculty & Senate Governance Report**: Steve Miller:

* Ibrahim Cemen as new co-chair (with Angela Benson)
* Vote called for by-laws changes:
  + re: committee meeting attendance – unanimously approved
  + Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness Committee – unanimously approved

Angela Benson:

Election of 2017-2018 Commencement Marshalls

* Electronic votes due by noon M 10.23.17

**Student Life Report**: Amy Traylor:

* Student-led initiative to create a Health and Well-being Endowment – $1M = goal
* REACH gift card drive, providing gift cards for foster / homeless / emancipated students
  + Can give cards to Amy Traylor / Charlye Adams or directly to REACH (Lloyd Hall or REACH.ua.edu)

**Academic Affairs Report**: John Vincent:

* Vote called for change to language in Appendix B of the Faculty Handbook
  + re: time period – approved (3 “no” votes; 9 abstentions)

**Research and Service Report**: Ajay Agrawal: Faculty hiring and research survey analysis update. Using previous Faculty Satisfaction survey, created 3 lines of inquiry:

* What investments have been made?
* What documentation exists on the new hires?
* Where do we go from here?

**Information Technology and Strategic Communication Report**: Barbara Dahlbach

* Meeting with VP Bonnin re: the new CMS system (behind-the-scenes communication system) for the UA website
  + Goal = get all UA web pages into the new management system in18-24 months

**Faculty Life Report**: Julia Cartwright as new co-chair (with James Gilbreath)

Julia Cartwright:

* Daycare: problem for faculty with young children
* Parental Leave: desire to ensure gender neutrality and compliance with new guidelines
* Housing: initiative for potential new hires (temporary housing)
* Survey of new faculty for general experience of having moved here / creation of website with general information to help with the transition
* Re: Chancellor Hayes’ charge: collaborate w/other committees (e.g., Research & Service)

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness Report**: Ozzy Molina: Thank you to the Senate

**Community Affairs**: No Report

**Financial Affairs**: No Report

**No Liaison Reports**

**Old Business**: NTRC Policy Approval – President Meester will check with the Provost