

FACULTY SENATE CALLED MEETING

APRIL 23, 2019 – 5:30-7:00 P.M. - #110 AIME

APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Sheila Black, Silas Blackstock, Tony Buhr, Julia Cartwright, Ibrahim Cemen, Jeremy Crawford, Diana Dolliver, Rona Donahoe, Ellary Draper, Andrea Glenn, Heather Gunn, Luvada Harrison, Conor Henderson, Jolene Hubbs, (Alternate) Chris Jordan for Christopher Lynn, Preethi Nair, Kelly Shannon-Henderson, Vaia Touna, John Vincent, John Yoder, Todd DeZoort, Diana Gomez, Chapman Greer, Matthew Hudnall, Jason Parton, Robert Gaines, Leah LeFebvre, (Alternate) Miriam Sweeney for Steven Yates, Nelle Williams, Stephanie Buckner, (Alternate) Becky Atkinson for Joy Burnham, Andre Denham, (Alternate) Cindy Ann Kilgo for Kelly Guyotte, Latrise Johnson, John Petrovic, Margaret Rice, Sriram Aaleti, (Alternate) Kaylan Srinivasan for Sundar Krishnan, (Alternate) Paul Puzinauskas for Patrick Kung, Shuhui Li, Edward Sazonov, (Alternate) Marci Daugherty for Jennifer Duckworth, John Latta, Carla Blakey, Wanda Burton, Barbara Davis, Jeri Zemke, Courtney Cross, Barbara Dahlbach, Mark Siciliano, Michael Callihan, Sara Kaylor, Rebecca Owings, Teresa Welch, Leah Cheatham, Amy Traylor, Parliamentarian Robert Riter.

ABSENT: Michael Altman, Seth Bordner, Jenni Cox, Adam Hauser, Donna Meester, Kabe Moen, Osiris Molina, Regina Range, Ignacio Rodeno, Rainer, Schad, Jenny Shaw, Sarah Steinbock Pratt, Greg Cottrell, Lexi Lowe Edwards, Ruth Ann Hall, Alan Tidwell, Bharat Mehra, Dan Meissner, LouAnne Friend, Cecil Robinson, Ray Stewart, Janie Hubbard, Ajay Agrawal, Sushma Kotru, Keith Williams, Lori Turner, Mirit Eyal-Cohn, Allyson Gold.

Guests: PSA Representative Jackie Northrup, UA Strategic Communications Cresandra Smothers, The Tuscaloosa News Representative.

The Faculty Senate Secretary, Barb Dahlbach, called roll and declared a quorum was present.

President Rona Donahoe called for any motions to be brought before the Faculty Senate group. A senator stated the concern of senators was the lack of a national search or advertising for the vacant position of the UA System Chancellor. There was an advertisement for the position placed on the UA System web site but was difficult to locate. Part of the concern was the method of hiring and possible effect on the Southern Association College and Schools (SUGS) accreditation. SACSCOC Doc. 4.2B was cited addressing the line between a governing board and the administration of the institution. The motion made to address the method of placing a UA Board of Trustees member (seat vacated) in the position of chancellor and requesting President Bell to take whatever steps necessary to assure the accreditation of The University of Alabama was not in jeopardy was not passed by the senators.

By which process should the chancellor selection be made is a question to consider. The selection of a UA System Board of Trustees member as Chancellor is unprecedented even though the Board seat was vacated following the selection as Interim Chancellor. The Board did not seek anyone with an academic background or academic experience to fill the position.

The consensus of the Faculty Senate attendees was to monitor the separation of power and responsibilities between the Chancellor and institutional operations assuring the lines are not blurred.

President Rona Donahoe will invite President Stuart Bell and Provost Kevin Whitaker to speak to the Faculty Senate in August and Chancellor Finis St. John and President pro tempore Ron Gray to speak to the Faculty September meeting.