The Faculty Senate called meeting
April 23, 2019 – 5:30-7:00 P.M. - #110 AIME

Approved minutes


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.