

FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

June 11, 2019 – 3:00 PM - #213 AIME

APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Barb Dahlbach, Rona Donahoe, Chapman Greer, Andre Denham, Joy Burnham, Osiris Molina, Jenni Cox, Andrea Glenn, Rainer Schad, Matthew Hudnall, Dan Meissner, Ajay Agrawal, Amy Traylor.

ABSENT: John Vincent, Steven Yates, Mirit Eyal-Cohen, Ibrahim Cemen, Janie Hubbard, Christopher Lynn, Si Blackstock, Kabe Moen, Past president Donna Meester.

GUESTS: Cresandra Smothers, Strategic Communications.

The Faculty Senate Steering Committee meeting minutes of April 9, 2019 were approved.

Roll call and quorum check by Faculty Senate Secretary Barb Dahlbach.

President's Report – (Rona Donahoe)

- Board of Trustee meeting announcements
 - Final approval for new degree programs were approved in:
 - Hospitality Management (MS)
 - Other new degree programs in various stages of approval
 - The budget for Bryant-Denny Stadium renovation has increased, as has the budget for the Mal Moore Athletic Facility Renovation
 - The budget for Rhoads softball stadium remains the same for the additional concession stand and the Umpire locker room
 - The appropriations from the State have increased by 8.63 %
- President Donahoe is participating in the State-wide Faculty Senate Presidents' Association
 - Articulation remains a concern as to what classes are transferable
 - More faculty input is needed in degree expansion
 - As degrees expand, few are eliminated. Degree proliferation is a concern of all
- Governor's Workforce Development
 - Requires that any new degrees will support this initiative
 - Attempts to keep out-of-state students in Alabama to contribute to the economy
- Third-Grade Literacy Program
 - New initiative out of the Governor's office
- The Faculty Senate website is under review and reorganization to meet Accessibility standards
 - Sarah Miesse, Olivia McMurrey (Strategic Communications), and Rona Donahoe are working on this project
 - Most files will be moving to UA Box
- The HEP STARS conference will be August 7-9 in Destin, Florida
- Speakers for the August Senate meeting will be UA President Stuart Bell and Provost Kevin Whitaker

Vice President's Report – (Chapman Greer)

- Attended the Institute on General Education & Assessment in Vermont
 - Over 50 Institutions were in attendance
 - The R (Reasoning) E (Expression) A (Analysis) L (Learning) Education Model from Radford University was of particular interest
- Issues faced by UA include:
 - 800 Core classes available
 - We don't know the number of students in each class
 - UA requires 53 General Education credit hours when SACS requires just 30 – most schools have just 30-40 required General Education credit hours
- The UA Gen Ed Task Force has identified 16 learning outcomes, but these need to be reduced to 4-7
- Students will be involved in the fall of 2019 to help with creating an understanding of why Gen Ed classes are necessary to the overall curriculum
- The Task Force is not including online courses in their evaluation at this time
- The current Core Curriculum requirements were created in 1982. In 1992, there was a review of the requirements, but recommended measures failed to get adopted

Secretary's Report – (Barb Dahlbach)

- The Secretary thanked the members of the committee who contributed to the composition of the 3 proposals for the Capital Campaign
 - *UA Childcare Facility Proposal*-written primarily by Jenni Cox
 - *Graduate Student Fellowship Proposal*-Written primarily by Amy Traylor, Sara Kaylor, Leah Cheatham and Carla Blakey
 - *Research Equipment and Instrumentation Proposal*-written by Ajay Agrawal, Si Blackstock and Rona Donahoe
 - And thanks to those who made comments and edits

Academic Affairs – (John Vincent & Andre Denham) - No Report

Community & Legislative Affairs – (Joy Burnham & Steven Yates) - No Report

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – (Mirit Eyal-Cohen & Ozzy Molina) - No Report

Faculty Life – (Jenni Cox & Andrea Glenn) - No Report

Faculty & Senate Governance – (Ibrahim Cemen & Janie Hubbard)

- A call for nominees to the Mediation Committee has been made. The position will become empty August 15th. The preferable candidate is from the College of Business.

Financial Affairs – (Christopher Lynn & Rainer Schad)

- Insurance rates will be increasing in January, though the exact amounts have not been determined
- The group with the highest insurance expenses are spouses. The premiums for the groups that include spouses may increase more than that for others

IT & Strategic Communications – (Matthew Hudnall & Dan Meissner)

- Web page development/creation will revert to the use of WordPress
- There will be specific standards (shells) for web pages
- The use of UA Logos on certain types of materials will need approval
- The committee members found nothing objectionable about the new standards

Research & Service – (Ajay Agrawal & Si Blackstock)

- The final report on the 2018 Research Survey has been completed and will be posted on the Senate web page

Student Life – (Kabe Moen & Amy Traylor)

- A short description of the REACH Amazon wish list will be written and distributed to the Steering Committee to be used on social media