

FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

3:00 PM - #213 AIME

APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDING: Barb Dahlbach, Rona Donahoe, Chapman Greer, John Vincent, Andre Denham, Mirit Eyal-Cohen, Latrisse Johnson, Jenni Cox, Andrea Glenn, Rob Riter (Parliamentarian), Christopher Lynn, Rainer Schad, Matthew Hudnall, Dan Meissner, Ajay Agrawal, Si Blackstock, Kabe Moen, Amy Traylor, Donna Meester (Past-President).

ABSENT: Joy Burnham, Steven Yates, Ibrahim Cemen, Janie Hubbard.

GUESTS: Cresandra Smothers, Strategic Communications; Ed Enoch, Tuscaloosa News; Madison McLean, Crimson White.

Roll call and Quorum Check – *(Barb Dahlbach)*

Approval/Corrections to the Minutes for August 13, 2019 *(Barb Dahlbach)*

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – (Rona Donahoe) In early August UA’s Parking and Transportation Department announced the removal of over 60 parking spaces in the lower Ferguson parking lot. Pay stations have been added to the lot.

President Rona Donahoe proposed the agenda for today’s meeting and the agenda for the full Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday, September 17th, be set aside to discuss the circumstances regarding Dr. Jamie Riley’s resignation by mutual agreement from his position of Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students at The University of Alabama.

The Faculty and Staff Benefits Office will make a presentation at next week’s Faculty Senate meeting. A photo of the Senate will be taken at 4:00 P.M. The remainder of the meeting will focus on the circumstances of Dr. Riley’s departure. President Donahoe requested committee co-chairs submit their reports in writing to preserve time for discussion of the issue. The Steering Committee approved these changes.

President Donahoe called for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and the Student Life Committee to meet and develop a statement or resolution related to the resignation to be considered at today’s Steering Committee meeting and possibly go forward to the full Faculty Senate meeting next week for discussion and possible action. A draft of the confidential statement from the committee meeting was distributed for discussion.

Michael Altman of Religious Studies is soliciting faculty input through social media and will share those comments with the Faculty Senate.

The motion was made and seconded for the Faculty Senate Steering Committee meeting to move into Executive Session. One 'no' vote from Dan Meissner cited the State of Alabama's open meeting law.

Following the completion of discussion and editing of the statement and a motion and second, the Steering Committee voted to move from Executive Session into open meeting. The vote to accept the document as amended was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 5:06 P.M.