

FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

August 18, 2020

3:00 PM – ZOOM Meeting:

Speakers: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama
Dr. James Dalton, Provost and Executive Vice President
General Education Taskforce Update - Co-Chairs: Drs. Andre Denham,
Chapman Greer and Erik Peterson

Roll Call and Quorum Check - (*Barb Dahlbach*)

Approval/Corrections to the Minutes for April 21st – (*Barb Dahlbach*)

President's Report – (*Rona Donahoe*)

- BOT Meeting
- Building Renaming Survey
- ELI Instructors Update
- COVID Concerns
- Co-Chair Meetings and Standing Committee Meetings

Vice President's Report – (*Chapman Greer*) – No Report

Secretary's Report – (*Barb Dahlbach*) – No Report

Senate Committee Reports:

- **Academic Affairs** – (*John Vincent & Andre Denham*)
 - COVID Syllabus Statement
 - Faculty Handbook Revision Requested by Graduate School:

Appendix J: Qualifications for the Graduate Faculty of The University of Alabama

Original Text:

Only members of the graduate faculty may teach courses numbered 500 or above, and only members of the graduate faculty may chair thesis and examining committees. Only full members may chair dissertation committees.

Proposed Revision (sent with April meeting agenda):

Only members of the Graduate Faculty may teach courses numbered 500 or above, and only members of the Graduate Faculty may chair thesis and examining committees. Dissertation committees must be chaired by full members of the Graduate Faculty. Committees for final projects of professional-practice doctorates may be chaired by affiliate members of the Graduate Faculty who meet all of the following qualifications:

- (a) hold an appropriate doctoral degree;
- (b) have the appropriate professional qualifications; and,
- (c) hold the rank of at least assistant professor in a full-time position at UA.

New Wording (to be considered and voted upon today):

Only members of the Graduate Faculty may teach courses numbered 500 or above, and only members of the Graduate Faculty may chair thesis and examining committees. Dissertation committees must be chaired by full members of the Graduate Faculty. Committees for final projects of professional-practice doctorates may be chaired by **full or associate members or** affiliate members of the Graduate Faculty who meet all of the following qualifications:

- (a) hold an appropriate doctoral degree;
- (b) have the appropriate professional qualifications; and,
- (c) hold the rank of at least assistant professor in a full-time position at UA.

- **Faculty & Senate Governance** – (*Ibrahim Çemen & Jeri Zemke*)
 - Fall 2020 Elections and Planned Activities
- **Research & Service** – (*Ajay Agrawal & Kelly Shannon-Henderson*)
- **Faculty Life** – (*Susan Appel & Christopher Lynn*)
 - COVID-19 Resolution
- **Community & Legislative Affairs** – (*Joy Burnham & Steven Yates*) - No Report
- **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion** – (*Mirit Eyal-Cohen & Ignacio Rodeno*) – No Report
- **Financial Affairs** – (*Rainer Schad & Mary Stone*) - No Report
- **IT & Strategic Communications** – (*Matthew Hudnall & Patrick Kung*) - No Report
- **Student Life** – (*Jennifer Dempsey & Ruth Ann Hall*) - No Report

Reports from Other Committees

Old Business

New Business

Reminders

- **Next meeting: September 13th (ZOOM)**