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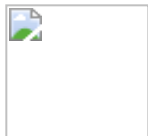
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Faculty Senate 2007-08

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 2007-2008  
 July 18, 2007  
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### Approved Minutes

Present: Aliabadi, Amare, Aucoin, Baggett, Britt, Brown, Burnham, Carnahan, Crumb, Estis, Green, Haas, Hamilton, Heins, Irion, Johnsten, Z. Khan, King, Kinniburgh, Lauderdale, Li, Morris, Prendergast, Prokhorov, Sachs, Santoli, Tate, Woodford, Tony Wright, Tootie Wright

Excused: Bru, Carter, Dardeau, Doran, Douglass, Engin, Falkos, Fresne, Loomis, Perez-Pineda, Pettyjohn, Porter, Prescott, Robinson, Rowell, Shamburger, Simpson, Teplick, Vrettos

Unexcused: Allison, I. Khan, Major, McNair, Phelan, Rego, Rivers, Sherman

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:01 P.M. by Chair Tate.

A question was raised regarding the use of proxies for those excused from general caucus meetings. Chair Tate stated that this was possible as long as we post the minutes on the computer beforehand.

Lacking a quorum, the approval of the minutes was tabled and Chair Tate asked that we change the order of the agenda to allow our guest speaker to talk to the Senate. Meeting proceeded to agenda item 5: "Presentation by Shannon Shelley-Tremblay, Program Manager of the USA Youth Violence Prevention Program."

After the presentation and having achieved a quorum at 3:13, Chair Tate returned to agenda item 2: "Approval of Minutes."

2. Approval of Minutes: June.

- Motion by Chair to approve minutes for the June 20 meeting; seconded by Steve Morris; no changes or suggestions; approved.

3. Chair's Report (written report online). Chair Tate summarized points from the written report:

- Highlights of recent meetings:

○ Executive Committee (EC) met

-Promotion & Tenure (P&T) issues were discussed. It was noted that faculty do not receive feedback as to why s/he did not get promotion nor tenure.

-Chair Tate wants to have some Town Meetings. Possible topics were discussed. She wants to provide an avenue for faculty to come and talk directly with the Senate.

-It was noted that there are still difficulties in electing a Chair for the Planning & Development Committee.

-Changes have been made to the webpage. If you have something that needs to be posted and/or changed, let Chair Tate know.

-- Q: Jim Aucoin (A&S) asked why the Executive Committee is handling the question of P&T instead of the Handbook Committee.

The issue has been sent to the Faculty Senate Handbook Committee for further consideration of the issues.

#### 4. Old Business.

- Resolution Endorsing a Modification to the Late Course Withdrawal Policy

After much discussion, Kelly Woodford (MCOB) offered that the idea be tabled until the next meeting. Idea was seconded. In favor of tabling: 19; against: 6; abstain: 1.

Chair Tate is sending this back to the committee requesting more detail in the proposal. Secretary Britt is to send out the new draft and early comments can be made to Eric Loomis. The proposal will be brought up again as a new issue at the September meeting even though it is old business.

#### 5. New Business.

- Presentation by Shannon Shelley-Tremblay, Program Manager of the USA Youth Violence Prevention Program This program is designed to bring faculty and staff together who are concerned about violence related issues. Program is scheduled for Friday, September 7, 1:00-3:00 P.M. in the Student Center Ballroom and all are invited to attend. Chief of USA Police and the USA legal office are scheduled to speak. Others will be there to let people know what related resources we have. Registration is required to attend.

Contact her and/or see the website for more information: <http://www.southalabama.edu/vpa/>

#### 6. Committee Reports.

- Academic Development and Mentoring (Steve Morris): No report.
- Environmental Quality (Susan Santoli):  
Santoli met with the new Director of Facilities Management, Chris Willis, to discuss the status of recycling and energy conservation on campus, as well as to discuss some of his ideas for the campus. The EQ committee met on 7/18 to hear the results of the meeting with Willis and to set and prioritize goals for the year. Results and goals will be presented to the Senate at a later date.
- Evaluation (Tom Johnsten):  
The Faculty Senate Evaluation Committee met on Monday, July 16th, to outline its agenda for the upcoming year. The committee agreed to the following:
  - Distribute the 20th Annual USA Faculty Survey (Spring 2008)
  - Collect and analyze data from the survey
  - Investigate confidentiality issues related to the survey
  - Investigate content of survey questions to determine if they are appropriate for use by the Faculty Senate
- Planning and Development (*TBD*): No report.
- Policies and Faculty Handbook (Eric Loomis): No report.
- Salary and Benefits (Jean Irion):  
The committee will meet in the beginning of the fall semester to discuss the concern brought forth by a Salary and Fringe Benefits committee member regarding the process of equity and merit pay raise.
- Technology Utilization (Jie Li):  
The committee met on June 20 and discussed the ongoing issues passed down from the 2006-2007 Technology Utilization Committee:
  - Working with the Academic Computing Committee in web inaccessibility problems on University webpages.
  - Looking into iTunes University.
  - Faculty technology fair.
  - Suggesting that the paper document of the annual faculty/staff directory be made accessible online.
  - Q: Jean Irion (AHP): Have textbook companies been included/invited to the Technology Fair
  - Q: Anita King (NURS): Has information been distributed about it yet?
  - A: Jie Li: The committee is still in the process of gathering information from the different colleges.

## 7. Caucus Leader Reports.

- Allied Health (Zari Aliabadi)- No report.
- Arts and Sciences (Tony Wright)- Met with Dean Johnson regarding decisions of non-reappointment of faculty prior to a tenure review. Dean Johnson communicated that the decision to support a Department Chair's recommendation to deny tenure or not to re-appoint an untenured faculty is among the most difficult and serious his position requires him to make. He assured Wright that a thorough review of all aspects of any such decision is well considered and is ultimately his to make. He also welcomes constructive questions or comments from any member of A&S; senate communication does not have to just come through the Caucus Leader.
- Continuing Education (Elliott Lauderdale)- Searching for Director of International Programs.
- Computer and Information Sciences (Michael Doran): No report.
- Education (Leah Kinniburgh): No report.
- Engineering (*TBD*): No report.
- Library (Amy Prendergrast): No report.
- Mitchell College of Business (Greg Prescott): No report.
- Medicine (Kevin Green): No report.
- Nursing (Karen Hamilton)—new members Tootie Wright and Anita King.

Chair Tate announced that there are still 4 Senate vacancies and hopefully they will be filled by September.

## 8. Meeting adjourned at 3:56 P.M.

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