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## Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes - November 2006

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**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA  
FACULTY SENATE  
2006-2007**

November 15, 2006  
University Library, Rm. 110

Approved MINUTES

The meeting began at 3: 04 pm with Chair Irene McIntosh presiding. A quorum was not present.

Present: Amare, Britt, Crumb, Dardeau, Douglass, Dupree Taylor, Farmer, Flynn, Loomis, Major, Prokhorov, Wright, Doran, Hain, Bru, Lauderdale, McIntosh, Sachs, Santoli, Irion, Li, Tate, Carnahan, Molokhia, Pettyjohn, Porter, Phelen, Joseph, Prescott, Swofford, Robinson.

Excused: Beverly, Brick, Brown, Engin, Ficici, Fresne, Guion, Hubbard, Khan, King, Moore, Sylvester, Vrettos, Wright

Unexcused: Burckhardt, J.E. Carter, Costello, Heins, McNair, Phelen, Porter, Rego, Rivers, Sherman, Harrison, Varner

Guests: No guests were present

Minutes: Not approved due to lack of quorum

**Chair's Report:**

- Meetings:

Academic Affairs Policy Committee- good information exchange

Ongoing Search Committee for the Vice-President of Research

Attended meeting with USA Foundation Board meeting with departmental chairs and faculty

- Consulted with Dr. Covey on two issues related to Academic Affairs Policy Committee
- Reserved the President's Box for the February 24 th basketball game with President Moulton

**Old Business:**

Grade Replacement policy-Senate discussion included:

- Route of Senate Recommendation to return to Dr. Covey's Office, Dean's Council
- Expected to be approved by spring term

**New Business: No quorum.**

**Reports from standing committees:**

**Academic Development and Mentoring (B. Beverly):** No report.

**Academic Policy and Faculty Handbook (I.Z. Brown):** Met and reported on the Grade Grievance Policy and the University Library proposal.

**Environmental Quality (S. Santoli):** The October Clean up was a success and the Port City Pacers Fundraiser reported \$3,000, with the Silent Auction \$1,800. Reviewing: campus recycling efforts main campus and

Fairhope campus. Propose a recycling center on campus, increase collaborative efforts between USA, Springhill, and Sierra Club.

### **Evaluation (T. Hain):**

- Need to update “yellow form” -Affirmative Action Policy form.
- Review questions from faculty survey
- Increase return of faculty response
- Address privacy issues with administration and faculty

**Planning & Development (N.Flynn): Proposal:** Move committee from Faculty Senate committee to a university committee

### **Rational:**

- Increase fundraising efforts
- Greater possibility of staffing, maintenance, day-to-day operations
- Ability to belong to consortium thus increasing benefits to traveling USA Administration, Faculty and Staff
- More inclusive of Administration, Faculty and Staff

### **Salary & Fringe Benefits (Michael Doran):**

- J. Irion attended Blue Cross/ Blue Shield Conference. Report: Wellness program to be introduced to USA. 80% of health care costs related to preventable illnesses. Formally asked Jean Irion to serve on committee. [www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com) given for review.
- Questions: Student program? Faculty on the committee for Recreation Center? If not, then want faculty member to serve.

### **Technology Utilization (Kristy Britt):**

- Reviewing email issues
- Discussed online directory issues: need to update and seem to be flawed
- Professional development on web
- Continue to work on Personal Response Systems university-wide; would like faculty input

### **Caucus Leaders Reports**

Allied Health (Bob Moore): No report

Arts & Sciences (Tony Wright): No report.

Computer & Information Sciences (T. Hain): No report

Continuing Education (Stephen Bru): New person in development: Cheryl Stratton.

Education (John Sachs): No report.

Engineering (Nicholas Sylvester): No report.

Library (Dennis Guion): V. Tate. Reported flooding in the University library-3rd and 4 th floors. Minimal damage and no damage to Faculty Senate materials.

Medicine (Gary Carnahan): Stan K. Hammack appointed Vice-President Health Services.

Mitchell College of Business (Matthew Joseph): No report.

Nursing (Karen Hamilton): No report.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.