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

October 18, 2006
University Library, Rm. 110

Approved MINUTES

The meeting began at 3: 10 pm with Chair Irene McIntosh presiding. A quorum was present.

Present: Beverly, Moore, Vrettos, Amare, Brick, Britt, Crumb, Dardeau, Dupree Taylor, Farmer, Fresne, Khan, Loomis, Major, Prokhorov, Wright, Hain, Doran, Bru, Hubbard, Sachs, Santoli, Engin, Sylvester, Tate, Carnahan, Porter ,Phelen, Joseph, Prescott, Swofford.

Excused: Brown, Douglas, Guion, Irion, King, Lauderdale, Pettyjohn, Robinson

Unexcused: Flynn, Ficici, Bullard, Jie Li, Costello, Burckhartt, Costello, Molokhia, Sherman, Williams, Elliot, Heins, McNair, Rego, Rivers, Harrison, Robinson, Varner, Hamilton, Shamburger

Guests: No guests were present

Minutes: The Minutes of the September meeting were approved with amendments.

Chair's Report:

- Chaired meeting of the Academic Affairs Policy Committee -
- Attended two meetings of the 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
- Concerns included policy "did not read" like a policy with the Senate being assured by the Chair and Academic Policy and Handbook noting the final copy should look different. Additional concerns were voiced as to other universities policies, publication in The Lowdown, Financial Affairs and Veteran's Aid. Discussion ensued.
- Senate requested "any grade B or lower" be included in the proposed amendment
- The amendment passed the Senate with 26 approving, 4 opposed and 1 abstention
- Policy was approved 25, 3 and 2.

Nature Trail Faculty Senate Work Day proposed (November 11 th) by Susan Santoli, Environmental Quality Chair. Proposal passed with 23 for, 1 opposed and no abstentions.

New Business:

- Proposal for change in USA Faculty Handbook regarding years in rank at the associate level before being eligible for promotion to senior level for the library faculty at the University Library.

Current wording in Faculty handbook indicates **five years** whereas the current wording in the Promotion and Tenure Handbook for University Library indicates **three years**. Proposal will go to Academic Policy and Handbook for review, V. Tate indicated she would research copy.

- Illumination for increased lighting for newly constructed walkways, Jag Tran-to go to University Committee

Reports from standing committees:

Academic Development and Mentoring (B. Beverly): Reviewing New Faculty and Orientation

Academic Policy and Faculty Handbook (I.Z. Brown): Meeting and will report next month concerning Grade Replacement Policy and possibly 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

Evaluation (T. Hain):

Planning & Development (N.Flynn) :

Salary & Fringe Benefits (Michael Doran): J. Irion attending Blue Cross/ Blue Shield Conference. Report next month.

Technology Utilization (Kristy Britt): Working on Personal Response Systems university-wide

Caucus Leaders Reports

Allied Health (Bob Moore):

Arts & Sciences (Tony Wright): No report.

Computer & Information Sciences (T. Hain): Would like chair to address parking issues near Miesler Hall; revocation of faculty parking fees.

Continuing Education (Stephen Bru): No report.

Education (Daphne Hubbard): No report.

Engineering (Nicholas Sylvester): New Dean of Engineering arriving in January from The Florida State University

Library (Dennis Guion): No report.

Medicine (Gary Carnahan): No report.

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.