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**March 21, 2012 - Faculty Club - 3:00 pm
MINUTES**

Call to order: 3:05 pm

Present: Adams, Carr, Connors, Dardeau, Fisher, Guzy, Husain, Jackson, Lunceford, Marshall, Moore, Shaw, Benko, Feinstein, Langan, Bru, Davidson-Shivers, Turnipseed, P., Finley, Nero, Rachek, Retzlaff-Roberts, Tunripleed, D., Keasler, Meyer, Minchew, Quiett

Excused absence: Gubler, Smith, T., Spector, Hillman, Byrd, Martin, Norrell, Donovan, Britton, Burnham, Bown, Walls

Unexcused absence: Marin, Picket, Powers, Green, Grishko, Falkos, Rizk, Rusyniak

Approval of minutes: February 2012 meeting approved with no edits.

Approval of agenda: Approved with note that Dr. Busta will address the April meeting

Guests: Chris Cannon, Kathi Gradle & Andy Lightbourne from Academic Computing

- Discussion was held regarding the roll out of the new Google Apps email system for the University. Questions were asked and addressed regarding concerns on authentication and potential issues regarding data-mining. The Senate was assured regarding these issues as being under protection by the enterprise contract with Google Apps.
- Students will need to set up their new email . This process will be well-advertised and promoted with several kick-off events in the coming months.
- Faculty will be assisted in the transition from Groupwise or Jaguar1 to the new Jagmail by September 2012.
- There will be no advertisements on the Google apps
- A new app for USA is available at the APP store of iPhone and Ipad devices – Kathi Gradle demonstrated the app.
- Jagmail will have its own logo as will the USA Google Apps
- USA Google Apps will include, chat, messaging, document sharing, etc.
- Archived Groupwise data will be migrated for faculty and departments by Academic Computing Services
- Email digest coming soon – will package all the general announcements from clubs, etc. into one email and sent weekly to faculty.
- Security and safety events will not be included in the email digest packaged email
- New students will be assigned Jagmail email accounts

President's Report – will be delivered at April meeting

Old Business

Tom Meyer initiated discussion regarding usage of the Faculty Club and encouraged all faculty senators to encourage use of the facility. There was discussion regarding the University dining survey and the consensus was that not many faculty were aware that the survey had any bearing on the use of the faculty club. It was requested that Tom take the information back to administration and request that they re-send the survey but to please make it clear that it has bearing on the faculty club usage.

Planning and Development Committee report regarding Faculty Senate Awards, 2012

Award Categories:

Outstanding Research Partner - providing direct support to the research mission of USA faculty through financial, in-kind, personnel, expertise, office space, consulting, or other means

Outstanding Teaching Partner - providing direct support to the teaching mission of USA faculty, broadly defined, by providing a setting and/or skilled supervision for USA students. This partner enhances the educational mission of the USA faculty by providing internship/externship/field placement to USA students

Outstanding Community Partner - for an organization/agency that works with USA faculty to address needs of the greater Mobile community through collaborative research and/or service delivery

We received 8 nominations, 5 for Teaching Partner, 3 for Community Partner. Committee met March 6 to review the nominations and would like to present the following four organizations for Senate approval:

Community Partner

- 1) Victory Health Partners – faith based medical facility for working poor and uninsured in Mobile area. Provides clinical rotations, location for faculty practice, research opportunities

Teaching Partner

- 1) Mobile Symphony Orchestra – provides performance opportunities for instrumental and choral students unobtainable elsewhere; members and guest artists teach masterclasses and workshops; seven music business interns; hired four alumni as staff
- 2) Jim McDill (Premier Audiology) – supervised hundreds of students at graduate/doctoral level from Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology; encourages student clinicians; hired countless graduates
- 3) Mobile Area Water and Sewer System – provide facility tours to USA Science and Engineering students; funded several research projects for engineering students; MAWSS staff trained students in a multidisciplinary USA Civil Engineering Course Fall 2011

Senate vote was unanimous to approve the award nominees. Awards will be delivered at the April 20th Senate Banquet.

Announcements:

- Gayle Davidson-Shivers reported that the University Emeritus Committee met and are working on streamlining the emeritus process.

New Business

Phil Carr reported that the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Implementation Team is working on a Team Based Learning Model which will be piloted this fall in a limited number of courses with

fuller implementation over the next five years. A separate committee is conducting a search for a QEP Director.

Committee Reports

- Academic Development and Mentoring (Thomas Shaw) No report.
- Environmental Quality (Doug Marshall) as part of the 50th anniversary celebration the EQ committee is working with administration on making USA a sustainable campus. Plastic recycling will begin in March with HUMB, Admin & ILB buildings and expanded throughout campus during summer term. Also at the next phase of the Jag Bike program is in planning stages with a rental type program being made available to students. There is an ad hoc committee formed that is working on a plan to present to administration that identifies areas of campus that should be environmentally protected and also areas that have already been damaged by expansion that they are asking to be restored. This ad hoc committee will work closely with the EQC on these issues.
- Evaluation (Patsy Turnipseed) Annual evaluation form is under revision and will go out in April 2012..
- Planning and Development (Laura Moore) see above Policies and Faculty Handbook (Sam Fisher) Sam Fisher reported that the University is in process of revising and updating the Faculty Handbook and they are looking at the commencement attendance issues. Salary and Benefits (David Turnipseed) Two issues were addressed with administration: 1) Repayment of up to 5 hours of tuition for faculty was meant to cover 1 course with up to 5 hours for the course. G. Dardeau asked if the issue could be taken back to administration and asked if the hours could be increased to 6 to accommodate those faculty who take 2 courses per term. 2) Summer contract issue was discussed where faculty who are under contract for summer term to teach one course are being asked by chairs to conduct advising when that isn't covered under the contract. The issue was taken to the VP of Academic Affairs and Deans and the result is that summer contracts are being amended to include advising. Tom Meyer and Phil Carr noted that it was those faculty who were not under contract but who were required to conduct summer advising anyway. This will be taken back to administration for consideration.
- Technology Utilization (Donna Retzlaff-Roberts) reported that she met with Angelia Bendolph (University Web Services) and the Senate web page new version is available for viewing at www.southalabama.edu/fsenatetest It will be launched April 2012.

Caucus Reports

- Allied Health (Mike Spector) No report
- Arts and Sciences (Laura Moore) Caucus meeting Wed.2/22/12 at 3:00 pm and will be meeting with the Dean
- Continuing Education (Stephen Bru) No report
- Computer and Information Sciences (David Feinstein) CIS School name has been changed to "School of Computing"
- Education (Gayle Davidson-Shivers)
- Engineering (Francis Donovan) No report
- Library (Vera Finley) No report
- Mitchell College of Business (Ellen Madden) No report

- Medicine (Ludymila Rachek) Elections held and 2 new senators will attend orientation
- Nursing (Leigh Minchew) No report